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Arts Education

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Science in Television Management, Aug 2006 - May 2008

Related Employment

Vervefilms, Durham, NC

Founder, Jun 2008 - Present

Owner of Vervefilms specializing in Films, Video and New Media.

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Professor, College of Media and Design, Jan 2008 - Mar 2008

Taught digital media course to senior students at Drexel University's College of Media and Design.

Pan Desi Network, Piscataway, NJ

Intern, Feb 2007 - April 2008

Worked on various pre-production tasks for the TV Show *Indie Film Showcase* which broadcasted various independent films from around the world. Led TV coverage at various film festivals including the prestigious New York Indian Film Festival attended by Salman Rushdie, Padma Lakshmi and Mira Nair.

Filmography

- Married to the Script (short), 2013 - Director of Photography, Editor
- Chasing The Unicorn (feature), 2012 - Co-Producer
- Duke University - Division of Student Affairs, Resource Administration (short), 2011 - Director of Photography, Director, Editor
- Singing Bee (short), 2011, Writer, Director
- The Saxapahaw Sessions with Jo Gore and the Alternative Band (music videos), 2010 - Director of Photography, Producer
- Live Sessions with Jo Gore and the Alternative (music videos), 2010 - Director of Photography, Editor, Producer
- The Priest and the Psychologist (short), 2010 - Director, Producer, Editor
- Male Impants (short), 2010 - Director of Photography, Co-Editor
- Zindagi (music videos), 2009 - Director of Photography, Editor
- Philadelphia WYBE MiND mini documentaries for television
 - Ukrainian Hour (4 September 2008) - Director, Producer
 - Kinofilm Project (10 September 2008) - Director, Producer
 - Interconnected (28 September 2008) - Director, Producer
 - PhillyArts with Nina Bilynsky (5 February 2009) - Director, Producer
 - PhillyArts with Roman Hasiuk (5 February 2009) - Director, Producer
 - PhillyArts with the Ukrainian League of Philadelphia and Dimitri Woznyj (5 February 2009) - Director, Producer
 - Japanese Calligraphy with Mayumi: Part 1 (7 May 2009) - Director, Producer
 - Japanese Calligraphy with Mayumi: Part 2 (7 May 2009) - Director, Producer
 - Japanese Calligraphy with Mayumi: Part 3 (7 May 2009) - Director, Producer
 - Japanese Calligraphy with Mayumi: Part 4 (7 May 2009) - Director, Producer
- Beide Seiten (short), 2008 - Writer, Director, Producer

Art Exhibitions

Distance by Time, Video Art, City Without Walls Urban Gallery, Newark, NJ, 2008

Distance by Time, Video Art, Video Dumbo, Brooklyn, NY, 2008

Distance by Time, Video Art, Kean University, Union, NJ, 2008

Video Installation for Artist Keiko Miyamori, Philadelphia's Asian Arts Initiative's Transplant Exhibition, 2008

Honors

Awarded Most Outstanding Masters Student in Arts and Humanities, Drexel University, 2009

The film *Singhing Bee* was screened at the following film festivals:

- Cucalorus Film Festival
- Seattle Asian American Film Festival
- Carolina Film and Video Festival
- North Carolina Indian and South Asian International Film Festival

Volunteer Work

Film Festival Organizer, Frosh Life-Student Film Festival, Duke University, 2010 & 2011

Volunteer, Full Frame Film Festival, Durham, 2010 & 2013

Volunteer, North Carolina Indian and South Asian International Film Festival, Durham, 2012