

AVA J. ZAGORIA

STUDENT, FILM MAKER, PHOTOGRAPHER



I'm not your run-of-the-mill student filmmaker. My passion for filmmaking has been blazing since childhood. Back then, I filmed everything under the sun: gaming, wacky challenges, interviews with family and friends, and the hilarious antics of my cat, Martha. Now, with a strong foundation in film creation, storytelling, and artistic vision, I orchestrate the various elements seamlessly, making it all look like second nature. My eye for detail isn't just about getting the job done—it's about infusing each frame with creativity.

While I can be a one-woman-show, writing, filming, and editing, I thrive on the collaborative spirit of filmmaking, adding a hearty "yes, and" to every brainstorming session. Beyond the world of film, I love Ultimate Frisbee, animals, travel, board sports, my friends, and my family.

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EDUCATION

2024 - 2028

FILM & TV PRODUCTION

Occidental College | Los Angeles

2016 - 2024

5TH THRU 12TH

The Paideia School | Atlanta

2010 - 2015

K THRU 4TH

Holy Innocents Episcopal School | Atlanta

TRAINING

2016-2021

CAMP FLIX

Film camps at Oglethorpe and Emory Universities

SUMMER 2023

NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Film Intensive Program at UCLA



VIDEO PRODUCTION & FILMMAKING EXPERIENCE

TRADITIONAL FILMMAKING

- **Original Short Films:** Created, directed, filmed, and edited numerous short films demonstrating a strong commitment to storytelling and visual creativity.
- **#WeStandTogether Social Cause:** Co-created, wrote and acted in 2016's Best Social Good Campaign on the fight against Child Abuse.

EVENT FILMING & PRODUCTION

- **Slamdance Film Festival**
Interned for Slamdance's production team, including filming sections of the event, setting up screenings, PA work, ticketing, and honestly anything that was needed of me.
- **Fundraiser for John Driskell Hopkins' Hop on a Cure featuring the Indigo Girls:**
Successfully coordinated and filmed a high-profile fundraising event, featuring the renowned Indigo Girls, to support the Hop on a Cure initiative. Managed all aspects of the production, including camera operation, lighting, and audio recording.
- **Brandi Carlile's Mothership Weekend Music Festival:** Ventured into uncharted territory, tasked with capturing the festival's vibrant spirit through live performances, candid behind-the-scenes, impromptu 'Mom on the Street' interviews, and essential B-roll footage. The experience was both thrilling and demanding. I had to think on my feet to engage festival-goers; be an attentive yet discreet observer and document the unscripted essence of the festival.
- **Musical Theatre Performances:** Recorded and edited numerous musical theatre performances, showcasing the talents of the performers.
- **Sports Highlight Reels:** Demonstrated expertise in sports videography by producing dynamic and engaging highlight reels for various sports events.
- **Academic Tutorials:** Applied videography and editing skills to create informative and engaging academic tutorials. Produced educational content that helped students grasp complex concepts and improve their learning experience.
- **Video Ads:** Produced a variety of captivating video ads for diverse clients, effectively promoting their products, services, and events.
- **Event Videography:** Documented memorable occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestone events. Created personalized videos that captured the emotions and highlights of each celebration.

SKILLS & STRENGTHS

- Communication | Problem Solving | Leadership | Collaboration | Decision Making
- Creativity | Writing | Cinematography | Editing | Lighting | Visual Effects | Directing
- Adobe Premier | After Effects | DaVinci | Photoshop | Black Magic & DSLR Cameras

INTERESTS



Ultimate



Animals



Concerts
& Festivals



Gardening



Fishing



Travel



Snow/Wake
Boarding