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SKILLS

Creativity
Experienced Writer
Digital Marketing
Technical Proficiency
Spanish

Design and Production
Reliability
Analytical Skills
Canva

Project Management
Effective Communication
Microsoft 365
Organizational Skills

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Entertainment Business (B.S.)
Full Sail University, Winter Park FL, 32792

March 2025

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nana's Porch - Short Film

Role : Writer, Co-Creative Director, Casting Director
Produced by DanSan Creatives, Directed by Ashawnti Ford
Runtime: 30 Minutes

March 2023

Genre: Drama/Coming of Age

Premiered at Zeitgeist Zinema (March 2023), Emagine Theater (March 2023)

Screenings: Official Section for the Flowers Against Bullets Movie Festival (2023)

Awards: Nana's Porch Day Proclamation City of Duluth, MN (March 11th, 2023)

The story unfolds as a young man, Jerome "Rome" Ricard reflects on his childhood and the moments of joy, happiness, connection, and pain. This story speaks to a fraction of the black experience through the lens of relationships. Follow Rome on this journey

EXPERIENCE

Director - "The Ascension of Maxi"

Women In Theatre Festival - The Duluth Playhouse, Duluth, MN, 55802

April 2025 - June 2025

- Directed the production of "The Ascension of Maxi," overseeing all creative aspects from conceptualization to final performance
- Actively involved in casting, selecting a diverse ensemble to bring the characters to life and fostering a collaborative atmosphere during auditions and rehearsals

Website Content Manager Jordan Area Community Council- Remote

June 2024 - April 2025

- Revamped and modernizes company's website by updating it with relevant neighborhood opportunities
- Enhanced user experience and engagement while driving increased traffic and interest in local offerings

Creative Director - Internship

Rusty and The Crew- Remote

December 2023- April 2024

- Developed and executed a comprehensive content strategy for marketing initiatives across multiple channels, including social media platforms and company website
- Collaborated with the CEO to ensure alignment with branding and messaging standards, resulting in increased audience engagement and brand visibility

Nana's Porch film talk backs sessions
DANSAN Creatives- Remote - Zoom

March 2023 - November 2023

- Co-lead dynamic and insightful talkback sessions following group screenings of film "Nana's Porch"
- Collaborated with fellow participants to encourage diverse perspectives and enhance communal engagement, ensuring a rich dialogue supporting critical analysis and audience interaction
- Fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation of the film among attendees

Nana's Porch - Film Writer, Casting and Co-Creative Director
DANSAN Creatives - Minneapolis, MN

July 2021 - March 2023

- Developed and wrote an original short story inspired by personal experiences, crafted on my grandmother's porch, which served as the foundation for the film project
- Transformed the short story into a compelling screenplay, focusing on character development, dialogue, and thematic elements that resonate deeply with audiences
- Actively involved in the casting process, collaborating with directors and producers to select a talented ensemble that brought authenticity and depth to the characters
- Served as a co-creative director, working closely with the production team to ensure the vision for the film was realized, from initial concept to final cut, contributing to overall storytelling and visual aesthetics
- Facilitated collaborative brainstorming sessions with cast and crew, fostering a creative environment that encouraged input and innovation throughout the filmmaking process
- Played a key role in post-production by providing feedback during editing and sound design, ensuring the final product aligned with the narrative intent and emotional impact of the story

Youth Worker
Neighborhood Youth Services
310 West First Street- Duluth, MN, 55805

March 2019 - August 2019

- Actively assisted in the planning and execution of engaging educational and recreational activities for a diverse group of children, fostering a positive and inclusive environment
- Provided mentorship and guidance to youth, helping them navigate personal and academic challenges while promoting positive behavior and self-esteem
- Facilitated conflict resolution and encouraged teamwork and cooperation among participants, leading to improved interpersonal relationships and group dynamics

Assistant Stage Manager - "Anything Goes"
Denfeld Theatre Program - Duluth, MN, 55807

September 2018 - December 2018

- Developed and maintained prompt scripts, including detailed cues for sound, lighting, and set changes, which improved performance flow and execution
- Managed backstage operations during performances, supervising crew activities, and ensuring all pre-show preparations were completed timely
- Resolved on-the-spot challenges during performances, ensuring seamless transitions and uninterrupted performances, which enhanced overall audience experience.