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Experience

Filmmaker, Playwright, Stage Producer

UNCANNY VALLEY GIRL DOCUMENTARY SERIES

The Uncanny Valley Girl documentary series explores a new narrative about neurovariance, autism, and conscious awareness with irreverent humor and a natural curiosity about the nature of human consciousness. Guests include New York Times bestselling authors Steve Silberman (Neurotribes) and John Elder Robison (Look Me in the Eye).

PINFEATHERS, 16MM SHORT FILM

Winner at the Chicago International Film Festival

Official AFI Selection included in the Tribeca Reframe AFI Collection (13 films)

Distributed by Dark's Art Parlour for gallery and horror/fantasy conventions

Reviews

The Stranger, Seattle, WA

New York Times

WHEN RENT IS DUE, A ONE-ACT PLAY

Minimalist comedy, New City Theater, Seattle, WA

SILENCE, 16MM SHORT FILM

Showcased

Directors Guild Theater, Los Angeles, CA

Screened

LA Film Forum, Los Angeles, CA

Seen Missing, A Night of Film and Video, benefit for the Foundation for Art Resources, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, CA

Screenwriter, Author

MY UNKNOWN AVENGER, SCREENPLAY

2021 Paris Film Festival Original Feature Screenplay nominee

ALL THE LEAVING, A NOVEL

English

Homeboys Industries, Los Angeles, CA

Vroman's Bookstore, Pasadena, CA

Spanish translation

12 bookstores in Mexico City and the Mexico City International Airport

Organizer, Facilitator, Trainer, Coach

ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE PROJECT (AVP) COORDINATOR AT HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES

Taught non-violent communication, oversaw, and facilitated, bi-monthly workshops, and kept weekly mini-workshops running, including purchasing and maintaining supplies.

PRISON COORDINATOR, FACILITATOR FOR AVP

Taught, trained, and coached inmates in non-violent communication. Kept the AVP program supplied and operational.

MEDIATOR, FACILITATOR, TRAINER, COACH AT LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY

Mediator for L.A. residents, training and coaching mediators at UCLA Law School and middle school peer mediators. Lead facilitator for several large public dialogues in L.A. involving city officials and community members.

Education

Film Directing, MFA
American Film Institute Conservatory

Entertainment Business

Digital Filmmaking, BS
Los Angeles Film School

Awards and Publications

THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD BRONZE MEDAL

Awarded by President Barak Obama and presented by the Los Angeles Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa

AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BROADCAST

Featured during the live CBS broadcast of the red-carpet event

MARY PICKFORD FOUNDATION GRANT

REMY MARTIN FOUNDATION GRANT

NEW YORK TIMES

Interviewed in the New York Times who reviewed original short film, *Pinfeathers*

AMERICAN FILM MAGAZINE

Interviewed in an article about New York vs. Los Angeles short films