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Journalist/VR Producer

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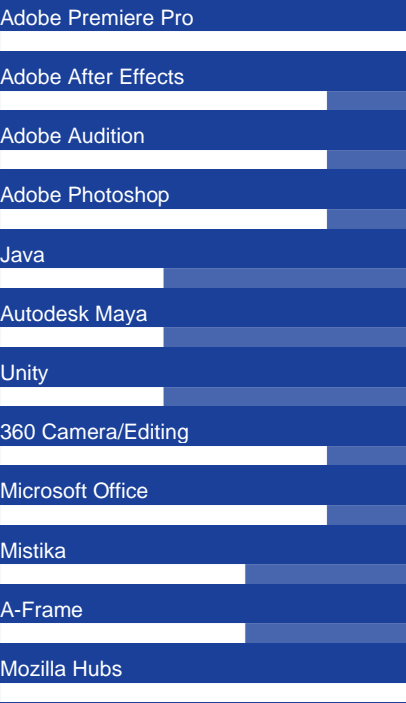
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Skills



Languages

Fluent in English

Proficient in Hebrew

Conversational in Spanish

An extensively traveled video journalist with an international upbringing hoping to provide an outlet for those who need a voice. A quick learner with the desire to continually improve in all aspects of production and journalism. A graduate from the University of Southern California with a master's in journalism.

Work History

February 2023 – Present	Video Journalist/Producer <i>DailyMail</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Produces dozens of videos a day for internationally-broadcast news storiesHandles multiple video projects at once on tight deadlines in a fast-paced newsroom
November 2022 – Present	Production Coordinator <i>Very Cavaliere Productions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted with casting talent for VR film <i>Reimagined</i>Strategized expenses to ensure all payments were allocated properly and within budgetPlanned, optimized, and executed social media posts to increase brand visibility
September 2022 – Present	Production Coordinator – XR Dept. <i>Games for Change, New York, NY</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensured smooth operations by integrating automated functions into company workflowConducted VR screenings of Emmy-nominated VR documentaryFacilitated impact campaign partnership with company in Taiwan and researched local businesses to contract for design materials
August 2018 – July 2022	Social Media Producer <i>Aaron Branch World, Los Angeles, CA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Produced social media videos for comedian and TV star Aaron Branch and increased Instagram activity and visibilityCollaborated to plan and produce a world of interconnected YouTube content
February 2021 – August 2021	Editor/Camera Utility <i>Associated Television International, Burbank, CA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Edited shows for network television and assisted camera department on CW shows including Daytime EmmysImplemented organizational strategy that increased accessibility to archival footage
January 2019 – April 2020	Video Editor/Production Assistant <i>Green Glow Films, Los Angeles, CA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Edited music videos and films on tight deadlines and worked on set ensuring smooth operations of crewInitially hired to assist and increase productivity for contemporary dance film commissioned by a difficult client

Works

Bnei Sakhnin (2023). Short Documentary. Currently finishing up a project I produced, shot, and edited about the top Arab soccer team in the Israeli Premier League.

Reflections of the L.A. Uprising (2022). Mixed Reality series. Produced, shot, and edited 360 video and created AR Snapchat lens about L.A. Uprising's ground zero. Created a virtual reality Room Scale of a human library of those involved in the riots. Published on front page of LA Times.

World Championship Hoop Dancing Contest (2022). Mixed Reality story. Shot 360 video covering the Native American World Hoop Dancing Contest for the Arizona Republic.

Lives Unlocked (2022). Mixed Reality series. Produced, shot, and edited 360 video about man who spent his childhood in and out of juvenile detention centers and now focuses on finding alternative outlets for at-risk youth in the school-to-prison pipeline.

Tell Your Story (2020). PSA. Edited a sexual assault PSA that premiered at Hollywood's TCL Chinese Theatre.

Project Bucket (2017). Feature-length documentary. Created animations and motion graphics that introduce characters and segments throughout the film.

Pretty Faces (2017). Indie Rock song. Produced, mixed, and mastered tracks and got the song aired on iHeartMedia's 95x.

SHRINC (2017). PC game. Designed a game in Unity to assist UNC medical students in learning psychology.

Education

June 2021 – September 2022	Master of Arts: Specialized Journalism <i>University of Southern California - Los Angeles, CA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Documentary Journalism Track, Mixed Reality Journalism
August 2013 – May 2017	Bachelor of Arts: Media & Film Production <i>University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill, NC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-Medicine track, Neuroscience and Chemistry Minors, Honor's College, Dean's List