# **Austin Kirk Blunk**

Multi-skilled performer, writer, and team member

# **PROJECTS**

Mature Eagle (Feature Length) - Writer

Quarter-Finalist, ScreenCraft Screenwriting Fellowship 2023

Girlsam (Short Film) - Producer/2nd AD

Shot and promoted narrative short; screened at HBO's NewFest, Oxford Film Fest Featured in San Fransisco Chronicle "Holiday Films that Center LGBTQ Stories" 2023

Shine (Feature Length Screenplay) - Co-Writer

Co-Wrote *Semi-Finalist* in Austin Film Festival's Screenwriting Competion 2023 Quarter-Finalist, ScreenCraft Screenwriting Fellowship 2023 Quarter-Finalist, Scriptation Showcase - Features & Shorts Category 2023

## **EXPERIENCE**

Actor's Theater of Louisville, Louisville, KY - Apprentice

August 2015 - May 2016

Active behind-the-scenes crew member for the main-stage season of a major regional theater. Our job was to work within the local community to promote Actor's Theater, as well as our own written work. We performed both creative and administrative tasks to put up our own fully-produced narrative/educational work with only minimum resource from the theater's overall budget. Worked with professional staff of the theater to produce and perform in the Humana Festival of New American Plays 2016. Worked with incarcerated individuals from a prison in nearby Lexington, KY to produce their theatrical monologues and scenes for them, and present them to the subscriber base of Actor's Theater of Lousiville.

Milkmade Tasting Room, Brooklyn, New York- Brand Ambassador/Barista

February 2017 - October 2019

Online social media promoter of a Brooklyn-local ice cream dairy plant and tasting room as well as, front of house server, and manager of recording product inventory. Produced narrative videos on Facebook/instagram to promote web traffic. Entered inventory data into official store ledger with care. Open and closed brick and mortar location with any shift.

ComforCare, New York City, NY - Elder Companion

May 2021 - May 2022

Cleaned the homes and took social care of various elder clients of staffing agency, ComforCare. Accompanied clients to gym and to the store to buy groceries. Reminded clients when to take medication and picked up prescriptions. Worked with clients on artistic and creative pursuits such as attending and patronizing art galleries, or helping them write stand-up comedy material or websites displaying their work. These clients had a wide range of late life mental conditions: Alzheimer's,dementia, diabetes, etc.

#### Chess At Three, New York City - Tutor

December 2023 - Currently

I tutor children ages 3-9 the fundamentals and tactics of chess through the Russian Method. The curriculum is story-based, and is inspired by the pieces on the chessboard (King, Queen, Knight, Bishop, etc.) I recite the curriculum to them and we apply the lessons of the story to practically learning the rules of chess. I am self-employed in this work, so I keep a client list with information that fluctuates based on the needs of the parent and child. All of my correspondence is direct to the parent of the student, and I tailor the entire course of the class based on the speed with which they learn, personal interest, and natural ability.

### **EDUCATION**

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA - Bachelor of Fine Arts

August 2010 - August 2014



# **SKILLS**

Adobe Premiere Final Cut Pro **Public Speaking** Creative/Essay Writing Joke Writing Screenwriting Customer Service Child Care Tutoring (Chess; Backgammon) Microsoft Office Suite Adobe Photoshop Final Draft Time Management Stand Up Comedy Improv Comedy Sketch Comedy Valid Driver's License

#### **LANGUAGES**

English, Spanish (conversational)