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FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

Lakota Films, LLC
May 2006 – Present

Founded, established and developed **Lakota Films, LLC** business plan. Develop and write scripts for production, hire cast and crew, negotiate SAG and Non-Union contracts, negotiate rental rates, arrange travel, food and lodging, product placement, scout locations, create shooting schedules and shot lists, design storyboards, edit on FCP, Live type, Compressor, FTP upload, and loose ends wrangler.

- **Writer:** *Winner* of **Pitchapalooza** for **Faust's Big Day!** A poison dart frog befriends critically endangered animals along his way to deliver an urgent message to the Green Cat of Bangladesh. Children's book completed. Screenplay in process of development for animated feature film.
- **Sound/ Set Production Assistant:** **The Place Beyond the Pines** - Directed by **Derek Cianfrance**, Starring **Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendez, Ray Liotta** - Produced by **Hunting Lane Films, Siverwood Films, and Sidney Kimmel Entertainment**. Set up roadblocks, held/released traffic and pedestrians during filming, equipment set up and breakdown scene-to-scene as instructed, communicated via walkie with cast and crew as needed, wrangled, assembled, and organized 100+ extras for filming specific scenes, obtained signature release forms, and more.
- **Tour Marketer:** **Action Jackson** – Directed by Darrel Miller - **Storm Show Studios** – Adrenalized mountain films born and bred in Jackson Hole, WY. Contacted colleges to set up a film tour to help raise money for their ski and snowboard clubs.
- **Writer/Producer:** **It's All Relative** – Official Selection at **Woods Hole Film Festival 2010**. Wrote the script, created the budget, raised funds, arranged auditions, hired cast and crew, scheduled travel, obtained lodging, locations, hired catering, negotiated rates for equipment rentals, provided rough cut edit on FCP, obtained clearance rights for music, hired composer, and more.
- **Director/Video Travel Ambassador:** **APN Media** - Collected and documented stories at 14 national parks creating a historical archive benefiting the **National Parks Conservation Association**. Interviewed park visitors, filmed wildlife and scenery, equipment setup and breakdown for events and transport.
- **Writer/Director/Producer/FCP Editor:** **Free to Good Home** – Recipient of **Honorable Mention Award** at **Twin Rivers Media Festival 2007**. Wrote the script, created the budget and shooting schedule, hired cast and crew, drew up storyboard, obtained signature release forms, secured necessary filming permits, locations, auditioned and hired dogs, negotiated equipment rental rates, edited on FCP.
- **Post Production Coordinator/Director's Assistant:** **The Alphabet Killer** – Directed by **Rob Schmidt**, Starring **Eliza Dushku, Timothy Hutton, Carey Elwes, and Michael Ironside** – Produced by **New Films International**. Post production scheduling, created still images for post-production storyboard, researched music for specific scenes, read and wrote coverage on scripts for Director's consideration, basic accounting and budgeting, administrative tasks, dog-wrangler.
- **FCP Editor/Production Coordinator:** Edited several episodes of **Real Moms, Real Stories, Real Savvy** – **Morphogenix** and **PBS** broadcast – Received **Telly Award 2006** for episode, **Fertile Hope**. Scheduled interviews with professionals and mothers for each episode, handled petty cash, obtained necessary filming permits, edited for PBS broadcast on FCP, added graphics, etc.
- **Writer:** **God's Guarantee** - Top 10 screenplay at **Filmmakers Collective, Filmcontest.com** and **Empire Screenwriting**. Stage reading at **AngelCiti Film Festival**. **Rachel Miner** of **Californication** says, *"It is beautifully written and quite a heart wrenching story."*
- **Writer/Developing Producer:** **Wild World** – Documentary on endangered species and effects on habitats, **The Good, The Bad, The Ugly** – Documentary about animal behavior and healthcare, **The Three Musketeers** – Re-enactment of the first three women to thru-hike the Long Trail in 1929.
- **Writer/Producer/FCP Editor:** **Icarus Fool** – Feature Film Trailer produced as fundraising teaser.
- **1st AD:** **Stick** – Directed by **Craig E. Young**. Communicated needs of Director to rest of crew, slated, created budget, arranged travel and meals, called breaks.
- **FCP Editor:** **Her Kind - NYC Fringe Festival 2007**. Edited 1950's – 1970's images for section specific moment demonstrating historical events taking place during the life of **Anne Sexton**.
- **FCP Editor:** **Canyon Ranch** - Edited health and nutritional expert interviews for online resource.

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RELATED EXPERIENCE

- MTV Networks**
1515 Broadway
New York, NY
- Executive Assistant Floater:** Assisted *Tom Freston*, Former Co-President and COO of Viacom International; *Herb Scannell*, Former Chairman of MTVN; *John Sykes*, President of Network Development MTVN, *Alex Ferrari*, COO of MTVN International, *Christina Norman*, President of MTV, and many other executives. Maintained and respected privacy of contact lists, distribution lists, and calendars of high profiled clientele, coordinated and booked travel, generated expense reports, created databases, and accounting procedures.
- WXLE-FM 104.5**
Route 146
Albany Market, NY
- Radio Broadcaster:** Announced music and artist information according to station programming, abided by FCC rules and regulations, provided concert updates and Public Service Announcements, reported on the traffic and weather, and recorded VO for radio spots, abided by FCC rules and regulations.
- KLSX**
Los Angeles, CA
- Radio Broadcaster Guest:** *Look Mom, I'm On The Radio – with Dusty Street*, Created play list, announced music and artist information, interviewed Dusty Street for promo piece.
- KBCH-FM 96.3**
Huntington Beach, CA
- Production/On-Air Personality/News/Broadcaster:** Wrote, produced and announced music, news, weather and traffic. Gathered news off of the AP wire, edited content for news broadcasts, wrote and produced commercial spots, hired talent for voice-overs, abided by FCC rules and regulations.

NON - PROFIT

*Partial List

- Dorset Players**
Dorset, VT
- House Manager** – Organized and managed ushers, greeted patrons, cleaned café, ensured fire exits were cleared of any obstacles or potential hazards.
- Targhee Animal Shelter**
Driggs, ID
- Animal Care Technician/Foster** – Cared for dogs and cats – provided basic medical needs (fluids, vaccinations, antibiotics when needed), fed, walked, groomed, fostered dogs weekly, moved 14 dogs and 44 cats to other locations when shelter was forced to close due to financial duress.
- Merck Forest and Farmland**
Rupert, VT
- Customer Service/Animal Care** - greeted visitors, provided organization information and trail maps, safety awareness and animal awareness, administrative and accounting procedures, created a promotional video depicting the overall appeal of the farm and property.

EDUCATION

- Digital Film Academy**
630 9th Avenue
New York, NY
- Intensive filmmaking program from script-to-screen: Writing, producing, directing, camera, sound, lighting, editing, marketing, etc.
- The Edit Center**
150 West 22nd Street
New York, NY
- Intensive FCP editing program: importing footage, cutting, rendering, transitions, color correction, exporting, etc.
- Academy of Radio Broadcasting**
16052 Beach Boulevard
Huntington Beach, CA
- Intensive program: Developed radio station, obtained FCC license, news gathering and reporting, broadcast journalism, music programming for various station setup: CHR, AOR, AC, Alternative, Classic, etc., writing copy for commercials, PSA's, editing, etc.
- Berklee College of Music**
1140 Boylston Street
Boston, MA
- Piano playing, music theory, music composition and arrangement, ear training, etc.

INTERESTS & SKILLS

65 WPM, Final Draft, Final Cut Pro, MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Animal Handler/Rescue, Certified in Kripalu Danskinetics, CPR certified, Backwoods Experiences: *Mt. Whitney (summer and winter ascents)*, *Mt. San Geronio*, *Mt. Washington (winter)*, *Mt. Baldy (winter)*, *Palisades Glacier*, *Half Dome*, *The Narrows*, hundreds of miles and sections of the *PCT*, *AT*, and *LT*, *Mt. Fuji* and more, Practice Leave No Trace - a nationally recognized outdoors skills and ethics awareness program, Completed 2005 Ford NYC Triathlon - Olympic distance - to benefit those afflicted with Leukemia and Lymphoma, Supporting Member: *Defenders of Wildlife*, *Earthjustice*, *The Nature Conservancy*, *The Wilderness Society*, *Natural Resources Defense Council*, *NOW*, and others.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST