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## *profile*

I am an award-winning, innovative film and visual artist. I make highly saturated hybrid films that stimulate the senses.

## *education*

BFA in Film + Video from University of the Arts (2021)

## *films*

OURIKA! - writer/director/editor	2022
Penetration - painter/artist	2022
A Few Things I'm Beginning to Understand - writer/director/producer/ production designer/cinematographer/actress	2021
Good Blood - writer/director/producer/cinematographer	2020
Stroke - writer/director/producer/cinematographer	2020

## *festivals*

### OURIKA!

New Orleans Film Festival - Official Selection	2023
Oak Cliff Film Festival - Official Selection	2023
◆ Atlanta Film Festival - Official Selection	2023
Images Film Festival - Official Selection	2023
◆ Sundance Film Festival - Official Selection	2023
◆ Blackstar Film Festival - Official Selection	2022
Indie Memphis Film Festival - Official Selection	2022

### A FEW THINGS I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND

NFFTY - Official Selection + Jury Award Nominee for Best Student Doc	2022
◆ Slamdance Film Festival - Official Selection	2022

Denton Black Film Festival - Official Selection	2022
Houston Cinema Arts Festival - Official Selection, Competition	2021
Indie Memphis Film Festival - Official Selection in Departures Shorts Competition, Best Departures Short Jury Award, Best Departures Short Audience Award	2021
Topaz Film Festival - Official Selection	2021
Black Femme Supremacy Film Festival - Official Selection	2021

## *jobs*

### COMMUNICATIONS

BlackStar Projects, Communications Coordinator	◇ Philly, Current
Serious Productions, Social Media Assistant	Philly 2021
@EditorialBLK, featured artist	Virtual 2021

### VIDEO EDITOR

Hollywood Does Abortion, Asst. Editor	Philly 2023
All Ages Productions, Savannah Bananas, Asst. Editor	Philly 2022
Paperlyte, Dallas Morning News, Asst. Editor	Dallas 2021
Paperlyte, International Pokemon Tournament, Editor	Dallas 2021
Folk Arts Cultural Treasures, Editor	Philly 2020-21

### HAIR/MAKEUP

Hollywood Does Abortion, Hair + Makeup	NYC 2022
Serious Productions, Makeup	Philly 2022
The Beck Group x DFW Airport, Makeup/PA	Dallas 2021

### LOCATIONS

Eternal Buzz, Locations Assistant	New Jersey, 2022
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### PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

Teatro Dallas, Promo Video, Producer/Director	Dallas 2021
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### PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

CBS, The Amazing Race, PA/Driver	Philly 2022
Neighborhood Film Co, Hot Chocolate Stand, PA/Driver	Philly 2022
HBO, Hill Freeman Academy. Documentary, PA	Philly 2022

### PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Assistant to Naima Ramos-Chapman	NYC/Philly 2022
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## GUEST ARTIST/ TEACHER

PhillyCAM, Adobe Premiere Instructor	2023
UPenn, Guest Artist	2023
UArts, Guest Artist	2023
Pegasus Media Project, Project Development	2022
UPenn, Artist Talk	2022

## FESTIVAL SCREENER

DocNYC, Tier 2 Features Screener	Virtual 2021
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## *press*

Filmmaker Magazine - [25 New Faces of Independent Film for 2022](#)  
cinéSPEAK - [Philadelphia Artist Spotlight](#)  
Deadline - [Blackstar Philadelphia Filmmaker Lab Press Release](#)  
Arts2Work Featured Artist

## *awards*

Indie Memphis Film Festival Jury Award - Jury award in the Departures block, for A Few Things I'm Beginning to Understand	2021
Indie Memphis Film Festival Audience Award - Audience award in the Departures block, for A Few Things I'm Beginning to Understand	2021
The Peter Rose Award - Awarded by the UArts Film department to one senior who shows innovative and dynamic techniques in filmmaking	2021
The Florence Whistler Fish Award for Student Excellence - Juried from students nominated within the College of Art, Media & Design at UArts, and recognizes one outstanding graduating senior	2021
The Shannon D. Moore Award - top prize for UArts senior film	2021

## *residencies/programs/other screenings*

COMMISSION: Ways of Seeing x BAM Screening	2023
Cinema Futura: Afrobeats Futura x Gotham Screening	2023
Big Picture Alliance - Big Pitch Judge	2023
Millenium Film Workshop - Artist talk and Screening	2023
cinéSPEAK Screening	2022
Metrograph x Indie Memphis Screening	2022
Blackstar Philadelphia Filmmaker Lab - Lab Fellow	2021

Indie Memphis Black Creators Forum - Speaker and participant	2021
Santa Barbara International Film Festival Film Studies Program - Participant	2020

*other education*

No Evil Eye AfroFuturism on Screen workshop course	Philly 2023
Pegasus Media Project (Arts2Work)- Apprentice	Dallas 2021