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VOLUNTEER

Behavioral Health Board , Humboldt County - Chair	Aug. 2021 - 3 year term
Producer: Sentencing Mitigation Video , Humboldt County Public Defender	Aug. - Sept. 2022
CASA of Humboldt , Court Appointed Special Advocate	Sworn in April 2022
Eureka Police Dept. CSET trained volunteer	Oct. 2021 - present
Arcata Police Dept. Public Safety Committee	Sept. 2021 - May 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

Public Information Officer/Homeless Liaison - Eureka Police Dept. CSET	Oct. 2022 - present
Assists with facilitation and development of critical components of CSETs programs; acts as a liaison with various community agencies; establishes and maintains effective working relationships with all individuals contacted in the course of work; provides outreach referrals for those in need; and performs any related work as required. Duties of Public Information Officer assigned Dec. 2023.	
Community Ambassador - Arcata Police Dept.	Sept. 2022 - May 2023
This program is intended to provide a helpful presence in neighborhoods or districts through activities such as litter and graffiti abatement, providing directions to visitors, outreach referrals for those in need, safety escorts and promoting the events and activities of the area to the residents, businesses, workers and visitors.	
Director/Facilitator - Redwood Poetry Project	Aug. 2019 - March. 2020
Facilitate weekly poetry classes in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility with spoken word artist Wil Gibson - Eureka's Poet Laureate. Went cell-to-cell, as well as to dorms (9 different units) delivering prompts, reading, writing and editing writing. Correctional Officers were also invited to write to prompts. A book is published with writings anonymously entered. Our goal is to fund this ongoing project with book sales.	
Producer/Director - Documentary "Addicts Among Us" for KEET	Oct. 2018 - Oct. 2019
Independent producer for KEET PBS Northcoast on 60 minute doc. about ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and addiction in Humboldt County. Project included over 54 interviews, multiple crews and shooting B-roll. AWARDS: 2020 Telly Awards: Social Impact - Bronze, Doc. Individual - Silver; Broadcast & Communication Long Form Feature Award 2020; The Communicator Awards 2021- Award of Excellence.	
Founder - Video Content Producer Bright Spark Media Collective, Arcata, CA	2014 - 2020
Working with various groups of youth and others to create informative, beautiful and humorous video content for YouTube, showcasing the natural wonder, beauty and talent of the local area.	
Casting Director	
Redwood Curtain Casting, Arcata, CA	2012 - Present
Casting Director includes casting speaking roles as well as background actors for feature films, major star music videos, local and national commercials, student films and YouTube videos.	
Owner - Game Store - NuGames Card and Role-Playing games, Tabletop	Arcata 2007-2017 & Eureka 2015 - 2020
Game store selling products & holding events for Magic the Gathering, Pokemon, Yugioh, D&D and many other card, tabletop and role-playing games. Business was started with my 3 teen children who created & ran the store. Event coordination primary focus 2015 to present	
Owner - Marketing/Publishing/Public Relations	
Creative Type Productions, Arcata, CA	1990 - present
Publisher of Poetry, Local History and Social Justice Children's books.	
Design and production of advertising/marketing material for retail and service industry clients.	
Supervise/coordinate subcontractors including: videography, editing, fine artists, photographers, and printers through the production process. Specialize in book publication, short documentary videography, and short video series produced for local commercials, Access TV, PBS and YouTube channels.	

YOUTH PROJECTS

Youth Documentary Workshops	2016 - 2020
Week long and monthly workshops with teens to nurture content production.	
"The Oohs and Aahs of the Arcata Plaza" history of the Plaza	Oct. 2016
"The Cultural Phenomenon of Pokemon Go", societal viewpoints	Sept. 2016
Youth Media Program Co-Director, Del Norte County	Jan.-Aug. 2015
California Endowment Grant through Building Healthy Communities for Video Media Training. \$25,000. Weekly training to mentor youth in interviews, storyboarding, shooting, editing local issues relevant to youth.	
"Here Is What I Have to Say", Humboldt County Youth	Aug., 2013
Short documentary featuring Humboldt County youth who have dropped out of High School and their reasons why. Students worked on this project in confidentiality, interviewing their peers.	
Guest Artist, CSU Summer Arts, Fresno State University, Fresno, CA	July 2012
Creative Producer, Live Television Production: Role Camera... Speed and Action	
Taught all areas of live TV production - producing, camera, lighting, sound and production design using selective realism & multi-camera techniques. Workshop culminated in live-to-tape Evening of Scenes in front of a studio audience.	
"Art Is... " - Arcata Arts Institute, Arcata High School, Arcata, CA	April 2011
Worked with students on video without words, showing what art means to them. Finished product was shown to a live audience during a Michelle Shocked concert.	
"Flow: Documentary of a Fashion Show", Arcata Arts Inst., Arcata HS, Arcata, CA	Aug. 2011
Mentored students in production of a documentary revealing the unique magnate school end of year Fashion Show. Worked with students on shot list, storyboarding, log and capture of footage and camera basics.	
"Zane Survival Guide", Zane Junior High, Eureka, CA	May 2011
Worked with 22 students to write, storyboard, rehearse, and shoot the school's written student guide. Produced a 12min. video to be used for all new students, that was also aired on local Public Access Education Channel.	

CURATOR/PRODUCER

"TEDxHumboldtBay" - Local TED event 2 hours, live audience	March. 2019
"TEDxHumboldtBay" - Local TED event 4 hour livestream, 300 live audience	Dec. 2017
"TEDxHumboldtBay" - Local TED event 4 hour livestream, 200 live audience	May 2016
"TEDxHumboldtBay" - Local TED event 5 hour livestream, 300 live audience	Dec. 2014
"TEDx Youth@HumboldtBay" - Local TED event 4 hour livestream, live audience	Nov. 2013
"Random Acts of Comedy"- Monthly Improv Comedy, Arcata Theatre Lounge	2009 - 2015
"North Coast Perspectives" - PBS-KEET TV, Local business series	2013 - 2014
"TEDx Eureka" - Local TED event 4 hour livestream, 100 attendee live audience	Dec. 2012

Talent

"Willow Creek" - Found Footage Film, Director, Bobcat Goldthwait	2013
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Casting Feature and Extras

"The Sky is Everywhere" casting over 500 extras/3 speaking roles during pandemic	Sept-Nov, 2020
"Legendary Locations, Season 2" casting 2 roles and 1 Bigfoot actor	2018
"Redwood Empire" Casting for trailer pitch for Amazon Prime	May, 2019
"Murder Mountain" Netflix series, casting and set PA, locations	Jan. - May 2018
"The Path", 3Scape, Canada, Alzheimer short doc. Casting, set PA	Aug. 2017
"She's in Portland" Indie feature, casting, set PA	June 2017
"An Evening with Beverly Luff Linn (2018)" - Feature, Local Casting, Talent PA	Jan., 2017
"KSHMR and BASSJACKERS ft SIRAH - Memories (Official Music Video) Casting	July, 2015
"Woodshock" - Feature Film, Kota Films, A24, Local Casting, Talent PA	August, 2015
"Swiss Army Man" - Feature Film, Cold Iron Pictures, Los Angeles	August, 2015

Production Assistant, Camera Operator, Floor Director

“Annual Rhodie Parade” - PBS-KEET TV, Local live on-site event	Apr., 2012 - 2015
“North Coast Perspectives” - PBS-KEET TV, Local business series	2013 - 2014
“Very Bad Men aka Villains”- MakeBelieveMedia, Inc., Vancouver, BC	February 2012
“Homework Hotline”- PBS-KEET TV, Live call-in show twice weekly	Oct. - May, 2014
“Semi-Annual Auctions”- PBS-KEET TV, Live week long show	May, 2010 - 2019
“Kinetic Sculpture Race”- Live coverage for local NBC affiliate of 3 day race	2010 - 2015
“Election Candidate Forums”- PBS-KEET TV, Live call-in show	2011 - 2015
“Election Night Coverage”- 4 hour Live coverage on Access Channel	November, 2010

AFFILIATIONS

Eureka Volunteer Police Patrol	2021 - present
Redwood Spark Institute, 501c3 Board Member, Educating under-advantaged youth	2017- 2019
Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise, Member	2012 – 2019
Mattole Valley Charter School Board, Board Member,	2006 - 2018
Redwood Curtain Theater, Board of Directors,	2011 - 2017
Kiwanis of Henderson Center, Asst. Secretary, 2010 Kiwanian of the Year	2008 - 2010
North Coast Repertory Theater, Board of Directors	2007 - 2011