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- ✦ Dynamic **Senior Editor** with 25 years of experience in high-pressure environments, specializing in narrative development and on-time delivery of complex multimedia projects.
- ✦ **Content Creator** and **Videographer** of live musical performance, advertisements, social content, and corporate videos.
- ✦ **Experienced Storyteller** for a wide range of genres including reality, musical, crime, paranormal, documentary, history, promotional, commercial and comedy.
- ✦ Trusted **Manager** and **Collaborator** who works with writers, producers, and network executives from creation to finalization of captivating, award-winning work.
- ✦ **Team-player** who excels at relationships with a wide variety of personalities, while maintaining a positive, productive attitude. Also excels at working independently.
- ✦ Expert in **Avid Media Composer**. Skilled in **Adobe Premiere Pro** and **Final Cut Pro X**.
- ✦ Proficient in using **AI Tools & Design** for creating professional images, pitch decks, and presentations: **Higgsfield AI, Kling AI, ChatGPT, Gemini, Nano Banana, Flow, Google Slides**.

## TELEVISION SERIES & PILOT EDITOR

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**“Chopped” / “Chopped Junior” / “Chopped Sweets”**: 2012 - Present  
(Food Network, Warner Bros. Discovery Networks)

- ✦ **Managed** and **led** the post-production workflow as a **Predictor** on hundreds of **episodes**, ensuring adherence to strict deadlines and network mandates.
- ✦ **Mentored** and **supervised** a team of junior editors.
- ✦ Contributed to the series' success, which earned **multiple awards**, including **James Beard Awards** and **Critics Choice Award nominations**.

**“Hip Hop World” pilot episode** (Live Nation/Amazon Studios): 2023

- ✦ **Lead Development Producer/Editor**. Collaborated to create the new series with Executive Producers and superstar talent DJ Khaled.

**“American Dynasty: Season 2”** (Fox Nation): 2023 - 2024

**“In Pursuit with John Walsh”** (Discovery Network): 2021

**“Great Soul Food Cook Off”** (Food Network, OWN, Discovery+): 2020

**“American Pickers”** (History Channel, A&E Television): 2011 - 2012

**“The Haunted”** (Animal Planet): 2009 - 2011

- ✦ **Managed** post-production for **26 episodes**, ensuring adherence to network notes and achieving picture lock on deadline.
- ✦ **Mentored** and **supervised** a team of junior editors, fostering a high-quality, collaborative production environment.

**“Ca\$h Cab”** (Discovery Channel): 2009 - 2010

**“Baseball’s Golden Age”** (Fox Sports Network): 2008

*"I Love: The '90s," "The '80s," "The '70s"* (MTV/VH1 Networks): 2004 - 2006

*"American Eats"* (History Channel): 2005

*"The Bravest"* (CBS): 2001

*"Room Raiders" pilot episodes* (MTV Networks): 2000

## VIDEOGRAPHER

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*"IDX Ideal Exchange" corporate video* (social media platforms): 2025

*"Cambridge Power Washing" corporate video* (social media platforms): 2025

*"Pluck & Rail" live performance videos* (social media platforms): 2025

*"SKYFACTOR: Making of the Album"* (social media platforms): 2025

*"SKYFACTOR: Energy Over Me"* Official music video (social media platforms): 2025

*"Oldplay"* live performances & music videos (social media platforms): 2025

*"Reverse Course" pilot proof of concept* (Stick Figure Productions): 2022

- ✦ **Lead Development Producer/Writer/Editor**, spearheading a team of 10 to deliver within aggressive timelines and limited resources.

*"John Sebastian & Arlen Roth: Lovin' That Spoonful!"* Kickstarter video: 2017

## SHORT FILM EDITOR

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*"A Day"* - a day in vacant NYC during covid closures (1157 Productions): 2021 - 2023

*"Mamita"* - an original HD short film (Live-In Theater Productions): 2022

*"The Tool"* - an original HD short film (Phisto Industries): 2002

- ✦ **Winner:** Pioneer Film Slam 2003
- ✦ **Best Film:** Arlene's Grocery Picture Show 2003
- ✦ **Official Selection:** LA Int'l Short Film Festival & SlamDunk Film Festival

*"Fly Trap"* - an original 35mm short film (Phisto Industries): 2000

- ✦ **Winner:** Int'l Cinematographers Guild Short Film Showcase 2001
- ✦ **Best Short:** SlamDunk Film Festival 2001
- ✦ **Bronze Prize:** Canadian Int'l Film Festival 2001
- ✦ **Official Selection:** Cannes Int'l Film Festival & Avignon Film Festival

## DOCUMENTARY EDITOR

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*"Girls First"* - gala fundraiser (WorldBeing/CorStone, Inc): 2023

*"Young Artist"* - Washington Opera youth program (A.D.O. Entertainment): 2005 - 2006

*"Sik'em, The Nez Perce Horse"* - film fundraiser (Sik'em Productions): 2000

## COMMERCIAL / STAFF EDITOR

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**Coca Cola:** *“Where’s the Coke?”* (Berlin Cameron, D: Andrew Christou): 2003

**Mastercard Spec:** *“Young Frankenstein”* (McCann Erickson, CD: Chris Dealy): 2001

**Winter X-Games:** *“Safety First”* (Wieden+Kennedy, P: Tony Stearns): 2000

**Rolling Rock:** *“Unbottle It: Diablo”* (McCann Erickson, D: Todd Phillips): 2000

**ESPN Classic:** *“Are You Old School? feat. Dr. J”* and *“feat. Ali”*: 1999  
(Wieden+Kennedy, D: Nick Cassavettes)

## EDUCATION

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Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, minor in Classics (Boston University)