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FILMOGRAPHY:

The Lion (Post production)

starring Judith Roberts

(Hi Def)

Producer Weird Sisters

AUGUST 2024

Instagram @thelionshortfilm

Icarus stops for Breakfast

(Hi Def)

Producer: weird sisters & Below the belt

March 2019

Instagram @IcarusBreakfast

Awards:

Best American Short – Wallachia Int FF 2020

Best Director Short Film – Hunter Mountain FF 2020

Best Short Film – Aasha FF, India 2020

Best Short Film – Andromeda FF, Turkey

Best Director Experimental Film – Brazil Int FF

Best Short – andromeda FF 2020

Best Experimental Film – LA Independent Channel FF2020

Best comedy monthly Nominee – Assurdo FF

Best Comedy Honorable mention – PimFF 2020

Winner comedy Short – Kosice International Monthly Film Festival

Best Experimental Film – Sicily Indie Film Awards 2020

Best Experimental Film – Toronto short film Channel FF 2020

Remi Award Winner – Best Dark comedy - WORLDFFEST HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO FF '20

Honorable Mention Winner – Katra summer Series 2020

Honorable Mention Winner – Athens International Art FF, Greece 2020

Best Women film – Calcutta International Cult FF 2019

Best Dark Comedy – Hollywood Blood Horror Festival 2019

Audience Award winner – Director Circle Festival of Shorts 2019

Semi Finalist – Night of Comedy shorts, Italy 2020

Finalist - Lonely Wolf int FF 2020

Finalist – Vesuvius FF 2020

Semifinalist - Venice Shorts 2020

Semifinalist - Dumbo FF 2020

Go Indi Film, NYWIFT SHORTS FF - Runner Up Best Fantasy, Best Actress Catherine Curtain

Festival Selection:

Maryland International FF, Maine International FF, Rainier Independent FF, Calcutta International Cult FF, Hollywood blood Horror Festival, Bali International FF, YoFiFest Yonkers FF, Director circle festival of shorts, Short film Movie Club FF (unfiltered Cinema section) Belarus, NYWIFT SHORTS FF, NY WORLDFFEST HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM AND VIDEO FF, Montreal Indie FF, After Hour FF, Kesari Movie awards, Monthly Indie Awards, The Long Island international Film Expo, LA short Film Channel FF, Prague International Monthly FF, Kosice Int monthly FF, Venice shorts FF, Toronto short film channel, Assurdo Film Festival, Andromeda FF, Katra summer series, Hunter Mountain FF, Vesuvius FF, Sicily Independent film awards, 4th Dimension Ind FF, Bali, FilmHaus FF Berlin, Jellyfest Season 6

Single Rules

(Television Episodic)

Season 1, Episodes 3,4,5

September 2018

Mary & Louise

(Hi Def)

Producer: Weird Sisters & Staatsfactory

October 2014

Awards:

Best short film screenplay – La comedy FILM festival, June 2012

best teaser - Britt penrod Audience award 2014

Award of Merit special Mention: Women Filmmakers - Accolade Global Film competition

Best Composer Score- Garden state FF 2015

Best International short Film - Video Festival imperia, Italy 2016

Finalist - short film sharer 2016

Best Film – Bedford Falls FF 2019

Festival Selection:

New York City international FF, Cayman international FF, Mount Rainier International FF, Accolade Global Film Competition, Maine International FF, TMFF (online), Garden State FF, endless Mountain FF, Video Festival imperia italy, Festival Internazionale del Cinema d'Arte Italy, Jahorina Film Festival, short film sharer, silver dollar ff, Ekurhuleni International Film Festival, Tif video challenge, Ozark short FF, Indiewise virtual Festival, Lady Parts FF, 31st, international short film festival berlin, Fanboy Film Festival, Bedford Falls FF, Oshkosh FF

Here's what I like, RUSSIAN LIT! And now I'll Tell you why

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

Producer: staatsfactory

October 2011

Here's what I like, Fashion and flowers! And now I'll Tell you why

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

Producer: staatsfactory

November 2010

Festival selection:

Big Vision Empty Wallet's Comedy night NY, Brooklyn Girl festival, Chashama Festival NY, Garden state film festival, Hollywood Shorts Festival, La comedy film festival 2011, Trimedia film, winter film awards, Victoria Independent Film Festival TX,

Here's what I like, Fruit! and now I'll tell you why

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

Producer: staatsfactory

September 2009

Festival selection:

La comedy film festival 2010

Play Ball! A trilogy of baseball films

Fanfare For A Common Man

(35mm B/W)

Producer: Weird Sisters

Executive Producers: Robin O'Hara & Scott Macaulay

June 2006

Random Acts of Intimacy

(35mm B/W)

Producer: Weird Sisters

Executive Producers: Robin O'Hara & Scott Macaulay

June 2006

Caught In Time

(16 mm B/W)

Producer: Weird Sisters

Executive Producers: Robin O'Hara & Scott Macaulay

June 2001

Play Ball! Awards and festival selection:

1st prize - Best Director for Short Film MORE MAGAZINE/Women in Film, la

(Short film panel of judges; Jamie lee curtis, Gale ann Hurd, Amy Heckerling,

Susan Seidelman, Alison Janney, andie Macdowell and Catherine wylar)

Best Short Film (Drama)

Back East Picture Show

Best Experimental Short

Zoiefilm Festival

Best Experimental Film

Valleyfest Film Festival

Best Short Subject

Riverrun International Film Festival

Special Jury Award

Savannah Film and Video Festival

Finalist USA Film Festival
Nomination/Oscarz Award Ohio Independent Film Festival
Audience Award Short Film Runner Up Chashama Film Festival, ny
Shea Stadium Diamondtron Screenings at New York Mets Games, 2002 season

Play Ball! Festival selection:

Berlin International Film Festival – Panorama, Capalbio Cinema International Film Festival, Cannes directors fortnight, Chashama Festival ny, Durango Film Festival, Fic Brazilia Int Film Festival, Garden State Film festival, Greenwich Film Festival, Hollywood Shorts Festival, Humboldt International Film Festival, Lake Havasu Film Festival, National Russian Cinema Festival Moscow, Newport Int Film Festival, Pacific Palisades Film Festival, Seattle Int Film Festival, Sedona Int Film Festival, Hall of Fame Film Festival – Coopers Town, Garden State Film Festival - NJ, High Falls Film Festival, Queens International Film Festival, Sports Movies and TV – Mumbai International Ficts Festival, Sedona International Film Festival, San Fernando International Film Festival.

The Launch

(Digital)
Producer: Weird Sisters & Howard Productions
Jan 2009

Rhythm Locura – Dance promo ny Gay latino

(digital)
producer: David Maurice Sharpe
Nov 2007

Reverse Psycho - Music Video

Featuring Sherry
(Digital)
Producer: Weird Sisters
January 2002

Related experience:

* Director/Producer – Founder and president of weird sisters Film company – devoted to producing Films by Women

(1999 – Present)

* Academia –

Tisch School of the Arts - Graduate Film and TV Director Program,
New York University

(2013 – Present)

Professor – Head Of CASTING - ACTING Area Head

Courses: Directing the Actor III and Acting Craft i,ii

Columbia University – Graduate Film and TV Director Program

Courses: Directing the actor I,III

(2019 – Present)

DIRECTOR – CUFF FILM WORKS

(2022,23,24)

* Director - Sloan Works in Progress –Tribeca Film Festival + Institute

(2011 to 2015)

*member Life ensemble studio theatre

*Member Actors Studio Director/Playwright Unit

*Member of cinefemme

*Member NYWIFT

*Board Member LPTW

*Member of Women in Arts and Media (WAM)