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Experience - Reality/Docs & Comedies

SPIKE – ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS

Burbank, CA

- “1000 Ways to Lie” – **Supervising Producer**: Developed creative, Co-wrote scripts, Organized work-flow systems, Pre-produced shoots, 1st AD on set/locations for shoots.

MTV – 495 PRODUCTIONS

Los Angeles, CA

- “Disaster Date” – **Supervising Story Producer**: Managed story department, Organized work-flow systems, Supervised edits and responsible for addressing EP and network notes.

CRAZYLEGS PRODUCTIONS

Atlanta, GA / Patterson, NJ / Los Angeles, CA

- “TimeToImpact.com” - **Producer**: Working with acclaimed documentary director Tom Cappello whose previous doc “A Powerful Noise” premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival.

OMNIPOP - SILVERMEDIA

Los Angeles, CA

- “Trainwreck” - **Producer - Writer - Director**: Co-created a hybrid comedy reality show pilot-presentation starring Bil Dwyer, Mitch Silpa, Rachel Quaintance and Natasha Leggero. Pitched to execs at VH1, Bravo, A&E, Oxygen and Comedy Central.

TLC - ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS

Los Angeles, CA

- “Resolutionaries” - **Executive Consultant**: Worked with the Showrunner creating a reality series about resolutions. Brainstormed format, segment elements, graphic style and overall look. Drafted board breakdown & network proposal.

USA NETWORK - DALAKLIS-MCKEOWN ENTERTAINMENT

Los Angeles, CA

- “USA’s Ready for the Weekend Movie” and “USA’s Before & Afternoon Movie”
Supervising Post Producer: Concurrently supervised 20-person post for two series. Created segment ideas & wrote show beats. Supervised post & delivery.

USA NETWORK – REVEILLE

Phoenix, AZ & Los Angeles, CA

- “House Wars” - **Field Producer/Director**: Headed “Hasselbach Family” team for prepro & shoot (supervised 3 camera crews & 2 APs) & managed reality contestants.

FINE LIVING – RON ZISKIN PRODUCTIONS

Los Angeles, CA

- “Born American” **Producer/Director**: Traveled the nation shooting segments (interviews and b-roll). Wrote paper-cut scripts.

NBC - NASH ENTERTAINMENT

Los Angeles, CA

- “Meet My Folks” - **Segment/Field Producer**: Conducted contestant casting. Designed games and story beats. Wrote jokes. Preproduced and executed segment logistics.

HBO/WARNER BROTHERS TELEVISION WORKSPACE

Los Angeles, CA

- “The R.A.s” - **Writer - Director**: Pilot starring Jenna Fischer (before “The Office”)

E! ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION

Los Angeles, CA

- “Mysteries & Scandals” - **Writer-Producer**: Managed production, wrote & edited 13 documentaries, all under budget. (Lenny Bruce, Orson Welles etc.), interviewed celebrities, directed reenactments & host wraps with A.J. Benza.

Experience - Game Shows

E! ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION - CITYVIEW & FLUTIE Los Angeles, CA
• “E! Hollywood Hold'em” - **Senior Producer**: Led prep for shoots, directed game play, interviewed celebrities, wrote outlines, supervised editing, handled network notes.

THE TRAVEL CHANNEL - WPT Los Angeles, CA
• “The World Poker Tour”- Season 1 - **Post Producer/Writer**: Supervised 14 person team (Editors & Producers). Thirteen 2-hour episodes. Booked initial celebrity talent for the very first celebrity poker show. Co-created the WPT format (with Steve Lipscomb).

THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL - ROSS TELEVISION Las Vegas, NV
• “31st Annual World Series of Poker” - **Writer-Producer**: Led pre-production, directed the live event shoot, conducted interviews and research, wrote the script, and supervised post-production of the documentary (including: CG animation, original music & edit).

THE WB - BUCCIERI & WEISS Los Angeles, CA
• “Whatever You Want” - **Writer/Segment Producer**: Composed games and questions. Wrote banter and segments for the host Caroline Rhea and guest stars Greg Proops and Penn & Teller for the comedy-game show pilot.

Experience - Webisodes

ENDEMOL DIGITAL STUDIOS - THESMARTSHOW.BLIP.TV Los Angeles, CA
• “The Smart Show” - **Executive Producer**: Led creative team, made budgets & schedules, wrote & directed host wraps & interviews. Web series had 8.2MM+ viewers.

BODOGLIFE.NET / RIPTOWN MEDIA Vancouver, BC
• “Bif Naked Bride” - **Executive Producer / Director**: Reality series about punk rocker Bif Naked's wedding. Named an “Official Honoree” by the Webby Awards (2008).

Education

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI
School of Literature, Science & the Arts - Honors Program - B.A. in Psychology

Memberships & Interests

- Elected to the Producers Guild of America's AP Council Board of Delegates.
Produced the PGA seminar – “Preparing for the Infinite Channel Universe” at CBS Radford. Booked & Interviewed executives & creators of Broadcaster.com, Veoh.com, Break.com, Channel101.com, AskaNinja.com and Warner Premier.
- UMEC: Co-founder & co-wrote the UMEC Handbook
Produced and Moderated the Spring panel: <http://umec.la/sep09> (click on “bios”) featuring Bob Shaye (Founder of New Line Cinema), Peter Benedek (Co-Founder of UTA), Adam Herz (writer of American Pie), Rick Olshansky (EVP of NBC), Jon Glickman (President of Spyglass), David Paymer (Oscar Nominee) et al.
- Former Strategy Columnist for Card Player magazine (www.CardPlayer.com)
- Performed stand-up comedy many times at The Improv in Hollywood
- Trained through level 3 at both The Second City and The Groundlings
- I am an inventor (earned U.S. Patent # 5,652,603 and patent-pending on others)