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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

• A Lucky Day	Dir. Laura Checkoway	feature documentary	HDV	-in progress
• Mnemosyne Rising	Dir. Miguel Alvarez	narrative	35mm	2009
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund Grant</i> (Austin Film Society)				
• Danzak	Dir. Gabriela Yepes	narrative	s16mm	2008
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Best Student Short Film</i> , Emerging Filmmakers Showcase (Short Film Corner), Cannes Film Festival * <i>Television Rumana de Craiova International Award</i> , Film Festival at Slatioara, Romania * <i>Narrative Student Short Award Winner</i> , Austin Film Festival * <i>Best Short Film Award Award</i> , CONACINE (Consejo Nacional de la Cinematografia Peruana) The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, National Geographic U-Frame International Academic Film Festival, Portugal Festival Internacional de Cortometrajes Kinoforum de Sao Paulo University of Texas Hollywood Showcase Siena International Short Film Festival Program Rencontres Cinémas d'Amérique Latine de Toulouse Chicago Latino Film Festival AFI Dallas Film Fest Cine Las Americas Film Festival Clermont Ferrand Film Market East End Film Festival, UK Festival di Cinema e Letteratura Latinoamericana, Festival del CINEMA LATINO AMERICANO a Trieste International Short Film Festival, Sao Paulo San Diego Latino Film Festival Sin Fronteras Film Festival Tiburon Film Festival				
• Martha	Dir. Katja Straub	narrative	s16mm	2008
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Student Academy Award Semi-Finalist</i> * <i>Best Narrative</i> , Gate City Women's Film Festival Austin Film Festival Dallas VideoFest Berlin Talent Campus, Berlinale DC Independent Film Festival Carolina Film & Video Festival				
• Uprush	Dir. Kimberly Hall	narrative	s16mm	2008
<u>Screenings:</u> SXSW Film Festival CineVegas				
• The Last American Freakshow	Dir. Richard Butchins	feature documentary	DV	2008
<u>Screenings:</u> London International Documentary Film Festival Boston Underground Film Festival				
• The Halfway	Dir. Gaia Bonsignore	narrative	HD	2008
<u>Screenings:</u> Clip Film Festival Fresno Reel Pride Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Sicilian Film Festival				
• Kid	Dir. Miguel Alvarez	narrative	s16mm	2007
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Limelight Award</i> , Ojai Film Festival * <i>Directors' Guild of America Student Award</i> * <i>Special Mention Award</i> , Tirana International Film Festival Tribeca Film Festival SXSW Film Festival New York International Latino Film Festival Cine Las Americas Film Festival CineSol Film Festival Cape May New Jersey State Film Festival San Joaquin International Film Festival				
• Capture Claus	Dir. Chris McInroy	narrative	s16mm	2007
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Best Short Film</i> , Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival. * <i>1st Place Family/Children Film</i> , Indie Short Film Competition. AFI Dallas International Film Festival Hermosa Shorts Film Festival DC Shorts Film Festival				

<u>Screenings (cont'd):</u> San Francisco Bay Area International Children's Film Festival Deadcenter Film Festival Delray Beach Film Festival Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival Phoenix Film Festival					
• The Funeral Singer	Dir. Jenn Garrison	narrative	HD	2007	
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Honorable Mention</i> , The Indie Gathering Film Festival Austin Film Festival Palm Springs ShortFest - Film Market. The West Hollywood International Film Festival (WHIFF) The Indie Gathering Film Festival - Westlake, Ohio Chashama - New York City SXSW - Austin Film Society Showcase Michigan Womyn's Festival					
• Clouded	Dir. Ajae Clearway	narrative	s16mm	2007	
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Best Short Student Award</i> , Hamptons International Film Festival * <i>Honorable Mention</i> , 56th Annual Columbus International Film Festival * <i>Directors Choice Award</i> , Black Maria Film & Video Festival Broadcast on MTV-LOGO RainDance Frameline aGLIFF Vancouver Queer Film Festival Seattle Lesbian Gay Film Festival					
• I Want to See My Skirt	Dir. Cauleen Smith	experimental installation	s8mm	2006	
<u>Exhibitions:</u> testsite, Austin, TX					
• The Negative	Dir. Cruz Angeles	narrative	s16mm	2006	
• Iris Moon	Dir. Iskra Valtcheva	narrative	s16mm	2006	
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Outstanding Director Award</i> , Global Art Film Festival Tour * <i>Silver Remi Award</i> , WorldFest Houston * <i>Texas Filmmakers Production Fund Grant</i> (Austin Film Society) Aarhus Festival of Independent Arts, Denmark Oxford International Film Festival DC Independent Film Festival SXSW - Austin Film Society Showcase Imaginaria Film Festival, Conversano, Italy Nueva Onda Movie Nights 24fps Short Film Festival International Short Film Festival IN THE PALACE, Bulgaria Festival Internacional de Curtas-Metragens de Sao Paulo					
• Tadpoles	Dir. Miguel Alvarez	narrative	16mm	2005	
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Best Graduate Student Film</i> , Hampton's International Film Festival Nudge Film Festival Big Bear Lake International Film Festival Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival San Francisco Bay Area 9th International Latino Film Festival WESTfest 2005 Cinefestival Global Peace Film Festival					
• The Show	Dir. Cruz Angeles	narrative	16mm/DV	2003	
<u>Awards & Screenings:</u> * <i>Best Student Short</i> , Woodstock Film Festival * <i>Best Short Screenplay</i> , Festival du Cinema de Paris * <i>Fiction Bronze Award</i> , The New York Expo * <i>Premio Mesquite: Best Experimental Film</i> , CineFestival Film Festival * <i>Best Experimental Short</i> , Deep Ellum Film Festival * <i>Best Art Direction</i> , Festival De Cinema De Bruxelles * <i>BAFTA Best Short Film Finalist</i> , Taos Talking Pictures * <i>Festival Director's Award</i> , The Black Man Film Festival * <i>Honorable Jury Choice for Best Narrative</i> , Cine Las Americas International Film Festival Festival de Cine Internacional de Barcelona, Spain Festival de Court Metrage de Lyon, France Atlanta Film Festival San Francisco Indie Festival Festival De Cinema De Bruxelles Santa Barbara International Film Festival CineFestival The DC Independent Film Festival First Look Student Film Festival Cinequest Film Festival Toronto Latino International Film Festival, Canada Cine Latino! The San Francisco Latino Film Festival					

DIRECTOR

- **Love, Sadie** (2008) - s16mm, narrative. A nuanced & impressionistic look at isolation and adolescence.

Awards & Screenings:

* *Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund Grant* (Austin Film Society)
* *Student Academy Award Semi-Finalist*
* *Best Women's Short Film*, Cleveland International Film Festival
SXSW 2009 (Premiere)
AFI Dallas Film Festival
Atlanta Film Festival
Reel Women Film Festival (Los Angeles)
Sacramento Film & Music Festival

- **Luke** (2007) - s8mm/ DV, documentary. An intimate portrait of a young man and the failings of the criminal justice system.

Screenings:

Cinematexas Film Festival; Expresión en Corto, Festival Internacional de Cine (Mexico).

ADDITIONAL FILM / TV EXPERIENCE

• Manny	Camera Operator	feature documentary	HD	2009
• Lights	Gaffer	music video	HD	2009
• Today Now	Camera Operator	<i>Onion News Network Production</i>	DVCPro	2009
• OtherMusic Showcase @ SXSW	Camera Operator	<i>DigforFire.tv</i>	HD	2009
• The Fish	2 nd Assistant Camera / 2 nd Unit Cinematographer	narrative	s35mm	2008
• Tattooed Under Fire	Camera Operator	<i>PBS feature documentary</i>	DV	2008
• Red Wednesday	Gaffer	narrative	35mm	2007
• La Pared	Gaffer	narrative	HD DVCPro	2007
• The Raven	Gaffer	narrative	s16mm	2007
• The Grayed Escape	Gaffer	narrative	s16mm	2007
• The Aviatix	Key Grip	narrative	s35mm	2007
• The Edmond Bulldogs	Gaffer	<i>MTV series pilot</i>	DV	2006
• The Cassidy Kids	Assistant Editor	feature narrative	s16mm/HD	2006
• What Not to Wear	Grip/Electric	<i>HDTV series</i>	DigiBeta	2006
• Understanding Stella	2 nd Assistant Camera	narrative	HD	2005
• Nike Battlegrounds	Assistant Editor	<i>MTV / MTV2 series</i>	DV	2004
• Project 2050	Co-Director/Camera/Editor	documentary	DV	2004
• Dos Minutos-NY	Camera Operator & Editor	<i>Tutv series</i>	DV	2003
• Cuba Beside Us	Co-Director/Camera/Editor	documentary	DV	2003

MEDIA EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

Global Action Project (2000-2004) - Facilitated video production and media literacy workshops to underserved youth (ages 12-18) in NYC and abroad. Youth-produced video topics included: immigration, human rights, juvenile justice, homophobia, sexual health, and U.S.-Cuban relations.

EDUCATION

University of Texas Austin, M.F.A. Film Production (Cinematography Concentration)
Smith College, B.A., Latin American Studies
Miami-Dade College, A.A. English Literature
Study Abroad: Italy & Dominican Republic

AWARDS

Texas Filmmakers Production Fund Grant (Austin Film Society)
Student Academy Award Semi-Finalist
Best Women's Short Film, Cleveland International Film Festival
University Pre-emptive Fellowship, Graduate School, UT Austin
Foreign Language Study Scholarship (Italy), Miami-Dade College
Full-Tuition Scholarship, Honors Program, Miami-Dade College

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