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WRITING & PRODUCING CREDITS

LAME (Single-Cam Comedy Pilot)

- *Semifinalist (top 50)* in the Cinequest Screenwriting Contest
- *Quarterfinalist* in the WeScreenplay Diverse Voices Competition
- *Quarterfinalist* in the Stage 32 TV Comedy Screenwriting Contest
- *Second Round Selection* in the ISA Fast Track Fellowship

Derailed (Narrative Short Film) - released 2024

- *Winner* SUNDANCE Co//ab June Monthly Challenge
- *Winner* Best Female Filmmaker in the NJ Film Awards

Unlucky in Love (Narrative Short Film) - Co-Directed - released 2023

- *Winner* Best Writer Award in the Disability Film Challenge
- *Winner* Best Musical in the Southern Shorts Awards
- Screening at Heartland, Portland, Hollyshorts, NewFilmmakers LA and more

Andy & Kaliopé (Narrative Short Film) - released 2022

- *Winner* Best International Short Film Award in Focus on Ability Film Festival
- *Winner* Best Live Action Short Film in the Boston International Kids Film Festival
- *Winner* Best Family Short in the Garden State Film Festival
- Screening at Heartland, Portland, Reelabilities NY & LA and more
- Currently streaming on Planet Classroom

HOW MUCH AM I WORTH? (Documentary Short Film) - Co-Directed - released 2020

- *Winner* Best Awareness in the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge
- Screened at Slamdance, Heartland, Portland, Reelabilities NY & LA, Hollyshorts and more
- Over 112,000 views on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram
- Currently streaming on the Slamdance Channel and Mubi

Authentically Me (Documentary Short Film) - released 2019

- *Winner* "What's Your Reelability" Film Competition with Reelabilities Film Festival NYC
- Aired in NYC taxi cabs

Hope for the Holidays (Narrative Feature Film) - In Development

- *Semifinalist* in the ISA Emerging Screenwriters Family & Holiday Competition

The Vanished (Narrative Short Film) - Co-Directed - released 2019

- *Winner* Best Awareness in the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge
- Screened at Hollyshorts, Bentonville, Heartland, Newport Beach Film Festival and more

Committed (Narrative Short Film) - Co-Directed - released 2018

- *Winner* AT&T Underrepresented Filmmaker Award
- *Best Monthly Comedy* in the Changing Faces International Film Festival
- Currently streaming on the Slamdance Channel

TELEVISION

INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE	Recurring	AMC/Dir. Alan Taylor
NEW AMSTERDAM	Recurring	NBC/Dir. Michael Slovis
NCIS: NEW ORLEANS	Guest Star	CBS/Dir. Tessa Blake
BEST FOOT FORWARD	Co-Star	Apple/Dir. Anne Renton
BULL	Co-Star	CBS/Dir. Michael Smith
GOLIATH	Co-Star	Amazon/Dir. Dennie Gordon
LAW & ORDER: SVU	Co-Star	NBC/Dir. Michael Pressman

FILM (very partial selection)

THE UPSIDE (opp. Kevin Hart)	Supporting	The Weinstein Company/Dir. Neil Burger
SMOTHERED	Supporting	Indican Pictures/Dir. John Schneider
UNLUCKY IN LOVE <i>Best Writer**</i>	Lead	Adventure We Can/Dir. Catriona Stevens
COMMITTED <i>AT&T Filmmaker Award</i>	Lead	Adventure We Can/Dir. Crystal Arnette
THE HOUSEWARMING <i>Best Comedian*</i>	Lead	Magnalux Pictures, LLC/Dir. Adam Volerich
DISABILIDATES <i>Best Actor**</i>	Lead	Brilliant Mind Prod/Dir. Marques Cheney

**Easterseals Disability Film Challenge *Hollywood Hills Awards

NEW YORK THEATRE (selected)

THE LUCKY STAR	Dola/Vita u/s	59E59/Dir. Noah Himmelstein
ALICE BLISS <i>Reading</i>	Coach BD	Playwrights Horizons/Dir. Mark Brokaw
PARK PLAYS	Evelyn	Queens Theatre/ Dir. Brant Russell
INSPIRATION WHORE <i>Solo Show</i>	Rebecca	Tongue In Cheek Theatre/Dir. Illana Stein
RICHARD III	Lady Anne	Nicu's Spoon/Dir. Stephanie Barton-Farcas

REGIONAL THEATRE (selected)

COST OF LIVING	Ani	Philadelphia Theatre Co/Dir. Jeffrey Page
THE MUSIC MAN	Marian	Bucks County Playhouse/Dir. Stephen Casey
OKLAHOMA	Laurey	Bucks County Playhouse/Dir. Stephen Casey
CAMELOT	Morgan LeFay	Pocono Playhouse/Dir. Matt DiCarlo
THE SOUND OF MUSIC	Maria	Margate PAC/Dir. Sal Dupree

TRAINING

Bachelor of Music: Musical Theatre, Westminster Choir College

Writing Courses: Sundance Co//ab TV Writing: Core Elements; Industrial Scripts Online Screenwriting Certification Course

Labs & Workshops by application only: RespectAbility Entertainment Lab 2020; Blackmagic Collective: All Access 2021; 1in4 Coalition Writing Mentorship Program 2023

Scene Study: Rob McCaskill (ongoing); Doug Hall **On-Camera:** Bob Krakower; Heidi Marshall

Cold Reading: Andrew Leynse **Voice:** Katy Pfaffl (ongoing); Carolann Page; Kate Johnson; Louis Goldberg; Cris Frisco