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WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

CONFIDENTIAL SCI-FI PROJECT Microdrama Sci-Fi Thriller (40 episodes)	Gammatime	2026	Writer
HOT PRIEST Microdrama Romantic Drama (45 episodes)	Gammatime	2026	Writer
THE BILLIONAIRE'S STAND-IN Vertical Romantic Thriller (80 episodes)	Sticky Series	2026	Writer
UNMUTED ep. 3 "FGM" Documentary // starring Constance Wu	Without Exception Films	2026	Director/Writer * **
UNMUTED ep. 2 "Acid Attacks" Documentary // starring Torrey Devitto	Without Exception Films	2025	Director/Writer **
UNMUTED ep. 1 "Child Marriage" Documentary // starring Maria Avgeropolous	Without Exception Films	2025	Director/Writer ** ***
* episode integrated into the Mayo Clinic's OB/GYN training			
** episodes selected as a Clinton Global Initiative Commitment to Action.			
*** episode screened at the 2026 UN Commission on the Status of Women			
WOMEN IN MOTION Feature Documentary	1 and 1 Productions	2025	Writer
MY MISSING SISTER Feature Film // Thriller // starring Mark Famiglietti, Grace Narducci	Cartel Films	2022	Writer
BART BAGELSBY AND THE GARBAGE GENIE Feature Film // Musical // dir. Basil Mironer // starring Kevin Farley, Creed Bratton	Mirage Studio	2021	Producer
ALGORITHM: BLISS Feature Film // Sci-Fi Thriller // starring Sean Faris, Sarah Roemer	Green Apple Films	2020	Director/Writer/Producer
THE SINISTER SURROGATE Feature Film // Thriller // starring Kelley Thiebaud, Brian Ames	Mar Vista Entertainment	2018	Director
THE TRIBE Feature Film // Thriller // dir. Roxy Shih // starring Anne Winters, Jessica Rothe	Terror Films	2017	Producer
ASCENT TO HELL Feature Film // Thriller Horror // starring Azura Skye, Bill Sage	Gravitas Ventures	2017	Director/Writer/Producer
STRANGE SEPTEMBERS	Z Machine Productions	2016	Producer

Documentary Feature // dir. The Finns // starring James Earl Jones, Peter Weller

PINATA Short // Horror Comedy	Eli Roth's Crypt TV	2016	Director/Producer
MIRROR Short // Horror	Eli Roth's Crypt TV	2016	Director/Writer/Producer
7-10 SPLAT Short // Horror	Eli Roth's Crypt TV	2016	Director/Producer
HAHAHA Short // Horror	Eli Roth's Crypt TV	2016	Director/Producer
RUMPERBUTTS Feature Film // Musical // dir. Marc Brener // starring Josh Brener, Arian Moayed	Global Digital Releasing	2015	Producer
THE PALADINS Documentary Feature	Drive Media	2014	Director/Writer
HOME RUN SHOWDOWN Feature Film // sports comedy // dir. Oz Scott // starring Matthew Lillard, Annabeth Gish	Image Entertainment	2014	Producer
OISHII – HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE Seasons 1-3 Television // animation – live action hybrid // created by Dan Dominguez	Smosh TV	2012-2014	Exec. Producer
A LITTLE HELP Feature Film // drama // dir. Michael Weithorn // starring Jenna Fisher, Chris O'Donnell	Freestyle Releasing	2011	Producer
DOWN FOR LIFE Feature Film // crime drama // dir. Alan Jacobs // starring Danny Glover, Snoop Dogg	Toronto Int'l Film Festival	2009	Co-Producer

REEL: <https://vimeo.com/149340720>

AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

DGA Director Diversity Initiative Semi-Finalist 2026

Blackmagic Collectic Episodic Directing Fellow 2026

WIF / Film Fatales / Alliance of Women Directors / Women in Media / DGA Director Member

- Board of Directors, Stanford in Entertainment 2006-2009, 2011-2014
- Board of Directors, Mobile Film Classroom 2011-2015
- Aspen Institute, Stanton Scholar 2009, Study on Media and Government
- Royal Film Commission - Jordan, Creative Consultant 2016-2017
- Talented New Director Award, Madrid - Finalist 2014

Licensed Drone Pilot

MEDIA COVERAGE

Buzzfeed Women Filmmakers on Gender and Representation

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/jarettwieselman/women-filmmakers-get-real-about-hollywoods>

Moviemaker Magazine: How They Did It

https://www.moviemaker.com/archives/series/how_they_did_it/ascent-to-hell-small-location-feel-large/

Interview with Hollywood Outsider <http://www.thehollywoodoutsider.com/interview-with-director-dena-hysell-ascent-to-hell/>

FILM REVIEWS – ASCENT TO HELL

Beneath the Underground: "...she has crafted a fine example of a classic ghost story."

<http://beneaththeunderground.com/film-review-ascent-hell2017/>

First Comic News : 4 out of 5 Stars. ""When the horror starts it is a slow build up leading to a terror that will have you watching intensely" <http://www.firstcomicsnews.com/rich-reviews-ascent-to-hell-movie-review/>

Spoiler Free Movie Sleuth : "Hysell takes the predictable into unexpected territory, the undeniable hallmark of this scrappy, architectural haunting" <http://www.spoilerfreemoviesleuth.com/2017/03/Ascent-To-Hell-Reviewed.html>

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