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# Richard Karpala

## About me

Based in Los Angeles, I am passionate about storytelling in all forms. Whether it is advertising or filmmaking, I want to tell stories that move, and entertain.

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## Work Experience

### Remote Copywriter

#### Los Angeles, August 2018 - Present

- Pitch advertising campaigns and write treatments and copy for tech, semiconductor and aerospace industries including Arrow, Microchip, SiliconExperts, Gigadevice, and others
- Work closely with Executive Producers for digital advertising and other materials

### Screenwriter

#### "Tresor" Pilot | 2018

- Collaborated with James Manos Jr. ("Dexter") on a five season bible and a pilot script. Researched East Berlin and the fall of the Berlin Wall. Developed characters and broke a story arc over five seasons. Wrote the first draft of the pilot script. Producers UFA Fiction in Germany.

#### "AMOK" Feature Film | 2015 - 2017

- Wrote the feature film Amok. Received funding from the Polish Film Institute. Attached director Kasia Adamik ("Wataha"). Film premiered at Edinburgh International Film Festival in 2017, and screened at numerous film festivals. Released wide theatrically in Poland and is currently on SVOD and other streaming websites including Netflix.

### Showrunner's Assistant

#### ICE, Season One | DirecTV 2016-2017

- Supported Showrunner James Manos Jr in the writers' room with administrative support, breaking story ideas, and serving as a liason between James and executive producers at DirecTV and eOne Entertainment

### Filmmaker

#### Short Films | 2012 - 2019

- Wrote, directed, and produced the short films "Deadbox", "Iris", and "Murderabilia" that screened at numerous film festivals around the world. Festivals: Austin, Fantasia, Landshut, Imagine, Morbido, Frightfest UK, Beyond Fest, Telluride Horror
- Iris acquired by Canal+ and Indiecan Entertainment for horror anthology "Galaxy of Horrors" distributed on VOD (iTunes, Amazon and more) ; Murderabilia acquired by Troma Entertainment streaming on Troma Now!

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## Academic History

**University of Colorado at Boulder**  
**BFA Film Production | Boulder, CO**

Winner, Goldfarb and Grillo Awards for Excellence in filmmaking

## Skills

- Storytelling, dialogue
- Digital Marketing
- Advanced knowledge of semiconductor, aerospace industries
- Print, digital advertising
- Fluency in English and Polish

## Awards and recognition

- Best Short Film, Fantasia Film Festival
- Finalist, Universal Studios Emerging Writers' Program 2018
- Finalist, Frontieres Film Market 2019