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Producer with Award-Winning News & Writing Background

❖ **Writer, Editor & Video Producer @ Buffalo Trails Multimedia Communications LLC**

(Federal Heights, Colorado) *June 2004 to present*

Company: Home-based business specializing in meeting the editorial and multimedia needs of a variety of clients including publishers, governments, school districts, nonprofits, etc.

Position: Writing and editing on assignment: magazine and news articles, promotional copy, etc. Producing and assisting on video projects. Developing web-based communications.

❖ **Producer, Director & Editor @ Go Green Party!**

(Denver, Colorado) *April 2010 to September 2010*

Company: A monthly, 30-minute TV show, featuring Green Party politics.

Position: Producing the show, lining up guests and crew, assisting on camera, lights and audio, handling technical direction in the studio, editing, etc.

❖ **Editor, Social Network & Blog Administrator @ Denver Urban Spectrum**

(Denver, Colorado) *May 2006 to May 2008*

Company: A 20 to 40-page monthly tabloid and news website about people of color, with ConnectMe – premier online sharing space for people of color and SpectrumTalk – a forum for ideas and issues relevant to people of color.

Position: Planning and editing feature articles. Administering the blog and social network web sites, including updating content, managing members, planning layout, promotion, etc.

❖ **Producer & Editor @ IN THE LOOP: Colorado Filmmaking**

(Denver, Colorado) *January 2009 to April 2010*

Company: A monthly, one-hour TV show, featuring Colorado filmmakers and films, on Denver Open Media public access TV station and Internet site.

Position: Producing the show, lining up guests and crew, assisting on camera, lights and audio, handling technical direction in the studio, editing, and building the promotional web site.

❖ **Staff Writer @ MetroNorth Newspapers**

(Thornton, Colorado) *October 2000 to May 2004*

Company: Publisher of three weekly newspapers, the Westminster Window, Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel and the Westsider (total circulation: ~24,000).

Position: Researching and writing articles on education, laws, companies, events, people, business, etc. Photographing. Planning, laying out and editing of special sections.

❖ **Manager/Co-Owner @ Buffalo Trails LLC**

(Colorado) *June 1994 to May 2004*

Company: Tour company bringing Japanese and international guests to Native American communities for cultural and adventure experiences.

Position: Managing the office, planning tours, maintaining customer relations, guiding, interpreting Japanese/English, etc. Also, promoting through writing articles and presenting lectures.

Completed TV/Film/Video Work & Screenplays

Denver Urban Spectrum Men of Distinction, Fathers of Wisdom Video - producing and interviewing talent for a 30-minute award banquet video (June 2014)

Chasing Rainbows - filming and editing a 40-minute music video of original keyboard compositions performed by J. Burl Ortega (November 2013)

Denver Urban Spectrum Timeless Legends - producing, filming and editing a 50-minute award banquet video plus a 5-minute video on the making of the awards (April 2012)

CNGA Owners & Managers Meeting Promotional Video - filming and editing a 2-minute web video to promote an event of the Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association (October 2011)

Senior Hub PSA - (still in production) producing and editing 15-minute public service announcement about senior services nonprofit organization (April - September 2011)

Center for Legal Inclusiveness: Unconscious Bias seminar - filmed and edited one-hour seminar with one lecturer (July 2011)

Shepherd of the Valley Spring Fling - filmed and edited four student productions and produced a 1.5 hour DVD keepsake for parents and community (April 2011)

Shepherd of the Valley Christmas Program - filmed and edited four student Christmas programs and produced two DVDs (December 2010)

Spectrum of Friendships Gala Video Presentations- filmed, directed, produced and edited three- to eight-minute interviews of honored guests and gala organizers (June 2010)

In the Loop: Colorado Filmmaking (1-hour TV talk show) produced 13 episodes; edited all, filmed on some, technical or assistant directed on all, acted as gaffer or camera on various field segments, etc. (April 2009-April 2010)

SPD Foundation 2009 Conference Video- coordinated crew & assisted in filming, setup and takedown (March 2009)

SPD Foundation E-Learning Series Introduction Video- coordinated crew and ran teleprompter (December 2008)

Lost (10-min. short film) wrote, filmed, produced, directed and edited, aired on Comcast (DOM), DVD available (2006)

Second Start (7-min. short documentary) filmed, produced and edited, aired on Comcast (DOM), DVD available (2006)

BBS Sports Watch (12-min. short film) wrote, filmed, produced, directed and edited, aired on Comcast (DOM), DVD available (2006)

Without a Trace: Ancestral Ties (spec episode) wrote in 2004 (not yet produced)

Summer Leaves (full-length family drama screenplay) wrote 2003 (not yet filmed)

Education

- ❖ **Boulder Digital Arts**, Training in InDesign (beginning & intermediate), Fundamentals of Website Design, Wordpress for Beginners
- ❖ **Denver Open Media**, Certification in Final Cut Pro Editing, Studio Production, Field Production; training in Adobe Premier, Motion, Adobe Illustrator, Google Sites
- ❖ **Documentary Cinema Institute**, Documentary Filmmaking Workshop
- ❖ **Group 101**, six-month participation in filmmaking collective
- ❖ **University of Colorado- Boulder**, School of Mass Communication & Journalism: B.S. in Journalism, Public Relations Sequence. *Graduated May 1989.*

Skills and Expertise

SD/HD Camera Operation (studio & field): basic knowledge & experience (7 years, 25+ projects)

Movie editing: Final Cut Pro (8 years, 20 projects), Vegas Movie Studio (6 months, 5 projects), DVD Studio Pro (7 years, 10 projects), iMovie (3 years, 5 projects), Adobe Premier (2 years, 3 projects), Adobe Encore (1 year)

Technical direction (studio control room): Denver Open Media Studio A w/3 manual cameras, 2 robotic cameras, full audio board, lighting board, and Rushworks control system (5 year, 7 projects)

Gaffer skills (studio and field): basic light setup and operation of lavalier, handheld and boom microphones and equipment (7 years, 25+ projects)

Other computer skills: Basic (English & Japanese)- *MS Word, MS Excel, Pages, Numbers;* Publishing/presentations- *Quark Xpress, PageMaker, Power Point, InDesign;* Photography- *Adobe Photo Deluxe, PhotoShop, iPhoto;* Web content managers- *tripod.com, webstarts.com, wordpress, drupal;* Other- various web search engines, *Typepad.com, ning.com, b2evolution, various social networks.*

Language & cultural expertise: Japanese language (*advanced intermediate, 24 years of use*) and Japanese culture; French language (*advanced beginner, 5 years in secondary school and 2 years in college*); Native American arts and culture; Travel to 40 states in the U.S. and 10 countries including Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Poland, Japan, Korea and Thailand

Community & Professional Connections

- ❖ **Member @ Denver Film Society** – *October 2008 to present*
- ❖ **Board Member @ Open Media Foundation** – *July 2008 to present (currently President)*
- ❖ **Communications & Marketing Committee Member @ Denver Foundation Board** – *April 2008 to present*
- ❖ **Member @ Colorado Film & Video Association** – *February 2006 to present*
- ❖ **Member @ Colorado Actors & Screenwriters Assembly** – *Feb. 2005 to Feb. 2011*
- ❖ **Member @ Colorado Society of Professional Journalists** – *Oct. 2000 to present*
- ❖ **Member @ Colorado Press Association** – *October 2000 to present*

Film/TV-Related Awards and Honors

- June 2004.....Sundance Film Festival Screenwriting Competition**, Second Round Finalist (ranked in top 20% of entries; among top 400 out of 2,000 entries)
- July 2004.....Filmmaker Intl Screenwriting Awards**, First Round Winner (in top 425 entries)
- August 2004...Austin Film Festival Screenwriting Competition**, Second Round Finalist (ranked in top 12% of entries; among top 500 out of 4,000 entries)
- Dec. 2004.....Hollywood Nexus Screenwriting Contest**, Semi Finalist (in top 20 entries)
- Sept. 2004.....National Newspaper Association**, First Place for Agricultural Reporting, Second Place for Best Family Life/Living Section
- April 2005.....Worldfest Houston Screenwriting Contest**, Gold Remi (2nd Place) for Teleplays
- Sept. 2009.....Producer of the Month, Denver Open Media**, selected as outstanding TV show producer
- Oct. 2009.....Alliance of Community Media Western Region**, Finalist in the WAVE Awards for Informational Cultural Public Access TV Programs (producing, editing)
- Dec. 2011.....DOM Viewer's Choice Award**, Denver Open Media Arts & Entertainment Show
- July 2012.....Water World Mile High Flyer Video Contest Winner**

List of journalism awards, references, published clips, current publication list, and links to online videos available upon request.