

AMBIKA LEIGH

(She/Her)

PRODUCTION RESUME

OVERVIEW

15-year film and media professional with a diverse background (development through post) and comprehensive skill set (technical, logistical, creative) that adds extraordinary value to any project. The more complex the better.

SOFT SKILLS

Deeply resourceful, independent, versatile, fun-loving, passionate. Extrovert, empath, meticulous, efficient, master juggler of moving pieces, quick study, forward-thinking, and determined to communicate as clearly as possible. Robust network of contacts, very comfortable with high-profile talent, clients & collaborators, yet not afraid to get hands dirty. Dependable, detail-obsessed, epic work ethic.

HARD SKILLS

- Research + Outreach + Interview Prep
- Treatments + Pitch Decks (writing + design)
- Script Notes + Breakdowns
- Scheduling + Logistics
- Budgeting (scripted + unscripted, up to 2.75M)
- Contracting Crew & Vendors
- Location Scouting
- Production Insurance
- Call Sheets & Production Reports
- Talent Paperwork (SAG + non-union)
- Shot Lists / Overhead Diagrams / Lined Scripts
- Kick-Ass Spreadsheets for Any Need
- Highly Tech & Computer Savvy (Mac + PC)
- Very familiar with basic camera/audio/lighting setups and operation

SOFTWARE

ADVANCED: Movie Magic, Final Draft, Frame.io, Google Sheets, Excel, StudioBinder, Canva, Premiere (Certified), REDCineX, Shot Lister

INTERMEDIATE: Photoshop, After Effects, AVID, ProTools, Shot Designer

LANGUAGES

- Native English
- Intermediate Spanish
- Advanced BS Reader

LET'S GET TO WORK:

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Based in Los Angeles

Willing to Travel (*valid passport, experienced international traveler*)

SAMPLES/REFERENCES ALWAYS AVAILABLE

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Designed/Supervised/Taught 5-week Film School for over 40 int'l participants at the largest film studio in Eastern Europe, owned by Millennium Films founder Avi Lerner
- Produced 12-week live internet broadcast with over 30 Emmy-nominated actors for Gold Derby and Sony Pictures Entertainment
- Head of Development & Production for Stephen Gyllenhaal's Upstream Pictures
- Development Executive for Oscar-winning Producer Mark R. Harris
- Produced & Directed over 70 multicamera sit-down interviews for various projects
- Produced & Directed over 40 hours of cinematic yoga and fitness content
- Chosen to direct a 3D film for DirecTV, Panasonic, and Technicolor
- Designed/Executed the new role of Continuity Coordinator for 4 major Apple commercials; kept meticulous track of every detail of the shoot for future recreations
- Produced a music video for India.Arie featuring Malcolm-Jamal Warner*
- Co-produced a national PBS special featuring Will.I.Am at the Nokia Theater (LA)

SELECTED PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director

THE MAKING OF DRIVEN (17m, doc) • Universal Pictures • Featuring Jason Sudeikis, Judy Greer, Lee Pace • *Screened at the 2018 Venice International Film Festival*
BEFORE SHE GO (10m, dark comedy) • Writer/Actress Bri Giger • Prod. Mary Bonney
BAR TRICKS (98m, drama) • Nu Boyana Film Studio • Prod. Yariv Lerner
FETCH (8m, 3D comedy) • DirecTV • Prod. Thomai Hatsios
HAPPY HOUR (12m, comedy) • Prod. Christina Gray

Producer/Director

GOLD DERBY Emmy Series (12 eps, live show) • Sony Pictures Entertainment
RUDE (10m, comedy) • Exec Prod. We Make Movies
THE AUDITION (12m quirky drama) • Exec Prod. Leilani Wyatt
DON'T ASK NANCY (14 eps, comedy series) • Co-Prod. Coél Mahal
SWITCHBOARD (17m, quirky drama) • Co-Prod. Brenna Howe
Numerous Other Sketches, Promotional & Corporate Projects for Various Clients

Production

AP: UNCHARITABLE (90m, doc) • Prod/Dirs. Stephen Gyllenhaal & Dan Pallota
AP: MOMENTS IN TIME (doc series) • Prod. Elia Locardi, Dir. Valentina Vee
AP: RAISE YOUR HAND (94m, drama) • Dir. Jessica Rae • Prod. Evan Allen-Gessesse
PM: HYPHEN STUDIOS (Multiple Commercials) • Prods. Silvana Perez & Alex Sobol
PM: THELMA (short) • Starring Mageina Tovah & Hale Appleman • Prod. Elan Swanson
PC: ION NETWORK (commercial) • Spark Creative • Dir. Elaine Cantwell
PC: TELLURIDE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (feature doc) • Music Link • Dir. Michael Drumm
Multiple Commercials & Music Videos • YTC Productions • Dir. James Wwinner

AD Department

1st AD: NIKE (docuseries) • Spring Hill Entertainment • Dir. Christian Hansen
1st AD: WILLPOWER (feature) • Dir. Dilia Alshina • Prod. Alex Sparrow & Ksenia Boisvert
1st AD: LOCK IT IN Superbowl Spoofs (TV) • FOX Sports • Dir. Dan Schwachter
1st AD: SELL/BUY/DATE (feature) • Dir. Sarah Jones • Exec Prod. Meryl Streep
1st AD: EMK COSMETICS (multiple commercials) • Dir. T.J. Misny
1st AD: BIRTHING VENUS (series) • Prods/Dirs. Gabrielle Anwar & Catherine Oxenberg
1st AD: CONNECTIONS (short) • Prod./Dir. Carl Hansen
1st AD: THELMA (short) • Dir. Mageina Tovah • Starring Mageina Tovah & Hale Appleman
1st AD: Commons Clinic (educational) • Dir. T.J. Misny
2nd AD: 2099 (music video) • Charli XCX • York Productions • Dir. Bradley & Pablo
2nd AD: BE THE CHANGE (music video) • Gina Rene • Dir. Dave Dean
2nd AD: ADIDAS "Change is a Team Sport" (commercial) • Smuggler • Dir. Jonah Hill
Extras PA: CATCH & RELEASE (feature) • Columbia Pictures • Dir. Susannah Grant

EDUCATION

Los Angeles Film School A.A. FILM, FOCUS ON DIRECTING - 2010
Naropa University B.A. MUSIC, FOCUS ON RECORDING - 2006