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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

School of Cinematic Arts

BA, Film & Television Production

Awards: USC SCA Thesis Film Grant

Los Angeles, CA

Expected Graduation: May 2023

NOTABLE WORK

Sultana | Directed by Zaid Hassan | USC Thesis Film 2023

Historical Drama Inspired by a True Story

- After the great Sultan's untimely death, he appoints the entire kingdom to his one and only daughter, Razia. She must now navigate the unstable passage of power while coming into her own as the first Muslim queen of the Delhi Sultanate.

Jalapeño Bagel | Written & Directed by Zaid Hassan | USC Short Film 2022

Coming of Age Drama Based on a True Story

- A young boy is faced with terrible news from his father when coming to visit his brother in the hospital with some fresh bagels.

Monologue | Written & Directed by Zaid Hassan | USC Short Film 2022

Drama

- A man performs an extremely personal monologue at the annual monologue competition while his girlfriend re-examines their relationship

Zaid's Dead | Written & Directed by Zaid Hassan | USC Short Film 2021

Sci-Fi Thriller

- While Zaid watches TV, a new version of himself comes through the TV and tries to take his place.

Perception of Glass | Written & Directed by Zaid Hassan | Independent Short 2020

Psychological Thriller

- A man spirals out of control after finding a letter left to him by his girlfriend who passed away a month before.

WORK EXPERIENCE

MOSQUERS FILM FESTIVAL/THE HALAL GAP PODCAST

Production Coordinator

Remote

Sept 2022 - Present

- Manage a cross-functional team of 20+ employees to host the largest Muslim Film Festival in Canada
- Lead a team of 3 editors to create and produce The Halal Gap Podcast under the Mosquers Brand
- Develop short form content for TikTok, YouTube, and Facebook to increase user engagement

ADVANCED DIRECTING CLASS AT USC

Teacher's Assistant

Los Angeles, CA

May 2022 - Present

- Worked with students to develop and refine their directing skills through individual coaching and feedback
- Coordinate production of 15+ films per semester and assist in providing constructive feedback
- Assisted in providing hands-on instruction in various directing techniques, including blocking, stage movement, etc.

DESI STANDARD TIME PODCAST

Production Coordinator

San Jose, CA

Feb 2020 - Nov 2021

- Oversee all social media platforms, run brand awareness campaigns to drive 65% growth in followers and engagement
- Support editing for audio and video, managed all episode layouts and assisted producer on scheduling/distribution

SKILLS

- Video Editing: Avid, Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere, DaVinci Resolve
- Language: English, Urdu, Hindi
- Proficient in creating advertisements, narrative shorts, TV pilots, music videos, and content for social media platforms
- Seasoned operator of both Excel, Word, Powerpoint