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Background

Born New York City, 1973

BA received Spring 1995, Hampshire College

Film and Video Work

SLEEP DEALER

USA/Mexico / Feature Fiction Film / 2008 / Writer, Director, Editor

Awards

- Sundance Film Festival *Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award & Alfred P. Sloan Award* - 2008
- Berlin International Film Festival *Amnesty International Award* - 2008
- Neuchatel International Fantasy Film Festival *Best of Festival* - 2008
- Gotham Awards, *Nominee*, *Breakthrough Director* - 2008
- Independent Spirit Awards, *Nominee* *Best First Feature* - 2008
- Sundance Film Festival *NHK Award, Best American Screenplay* - 2002

Selected Screenings

- New Directors / New Films, MoMA and Lincoln Center 2008
- San Francisco International Film Festival 2008
- San Sebastian Film Festival 2008
- Sarajevo Film Festival 2008
- SLEEP DEALER was released theatrically in 2009 in over 30 U.S. cities.
- International festival screenings have taken place in France, Japan, Russia, Ireland, Mexico, Korea, Brazil, Peru, and many others.

THE SIXTH SECTION

USA/Mexico / Documentary / 2003 / Director, Producer, Camera, Editor

Awards

- Morelia International Film Festival *Best Short Documentary* - 2003
- Black Maria Film Festival *Director's Citation* - 2003
- Guanajuato Film Festival *Best Documentary* - 2004
- UrbanWorld Film Festival *Best Documentary* - 2004

Selected Screenings

- Lincoln Center, Human Rights Watch Film Festival 2004
- San Francisco International Film Festival 2004

Broadcast

- National broadcast on POV in 2003

WHY CYBRACEROS?

USA / Mockumentary / 1997 / Director, Writer, Camera, Editor, Animation

Awards

- CineFestival *Best Experimental* - 1997

Selected Screenings

- International Center of Photography *Only Skin Deep* Exhibition 2003
- Guggenheim Museum *With Charlie Chaplin's 'Modern Times'* 2001
- Telluride Film Festival 1998
- Robert Flaherty Film Seminar: *Memory and Modernity* 1997

Broadcast

- National Broadcast on PBS, *Independent Lens*, 2003

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USA / Documentary / 1995 / Director, Writer, Camera, Editor

Awards

- Chicago Intercom Competition *Silver Hugo* - 1995
- New York Expo of Short Film and Video *Silver Award* - 1995
- Black Maria Film Festival *Director's Citation* - 1996

Selected Screenings

- The Museum of Modern Art, *New Documentaries*, 1996
- Museum of Contemporary Art, L.A., *L.A. Freewaves*, 1996
- Robert Flaherty Film Seminar, 1996
- Lincoln Center, *New America, New Americans*, 1996
- Guggenheim Museum, *Generation N*, NY and Bilbao, 2000

Broadcast

- PBS/WNET- Reel New York 1997
- Planete – European Broadcast 1997

Grants, Career Awards, Honors

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| USA Artists | Media Grantee | 2008 |
| <i>Variety</i> | 10 Directors to Watch | 2008 |
| Sundance Institute | Annenberg Film Fellow | 2004 |
| Rockefeller Foundation | Support for documentary work | 2003 |
| MacArthur Foundation | Support for documentary work | 2003 |
| International Documentary Association | Best Emerging Filmmaker | 2003 |
| Sundance Institute | Directing Fellow | 2001 |
| Creative Capital | New Media Grantee | 2000 |
| Jerome Foundation | Film / Video Grantee | 2000 |
| New York Foundation for the Arts | Media Arts Grantee | 1998 |
| Rockefeller Foundation | Media Fellowship | 1998 |

Recent Visiting Artist Work

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| Harvard University | Carpenter Center, Guest Artist | 2009 |
| Hunter College | Instructor "Master Class" | 2009 |
| University of Wisconsin, Madison | Guest Artist | 2009 |
| Bard College | Guest Artist | 2009 |
| University of California, Irvine | Guest Artist | 2009 |
| San Francisco Art Institute | Guest Artist | 2009 |

Recent Lectures, Panels, Juries

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| Lincoln Center | Latin Beat Panelist | 2009 |
| Film Independent | Director's Close-Up | 2009 |
| L.A. Museum of Contemporary Art | Guest Lecturer with OJO | 2009 |
| Bric Rotunda Gallery | The Border on Film, Panelist | 2009 |
| Sundance Film Festival | Science on Film, Panelist | 2009 |
| New York Latino Film Festival | Digital Media, Panelist | 2009 |
| Sundance Film Festival | Alfred P. Sloan Jury | 2009 |
| Los Angeles Independent Film Festival | Short Film Jury | 2009 |
| Morelia Film Festival, Mexico | Documentary Jury | 2009 |