# **JAMES HAPPY**

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## **PROFILE**

Experienced Videographer with a passion for creating energetic and engaging video content. Enthusiastic about developing and realizing cohesive vision with each project. Analytical and creative with strong verbal and written communication abilities. Professional in managing project timelines while organizing the logistics for video shoots. Talented at maximizing features of video equipment and post-production technology to deliver effective and impactful videos.

## **CORE SKILLS**

- Directing
- Screenwriting
- Preparing Sets
- Video Journalism
- Team Leadership

- Camera Operation
- Attention to Detail
- Creative Problem Solving
- Digital Content Development
- Beginning-to-end Media Production

## **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- BA in Communication with an emphasis in Film Production with 7 years of professional experience as a filmmaker, director, screenwriter, photographer, and media content creator
- Passion for video production with up-to-date knowledge of cutting-edge production equipment
- · Effectively communicates ongoing project status with the production team and key stakeholders
- Illustrates a willingness to learn about new industries to develop accurate and effective content
- Experienced at operating or coordinating operation of lights, audio, and camera support equipment
- Proven ability to prioritize responsibilities, delegate tasks, and efficiently manage time in fast paced environments
- Demonstrates knowledge in all areas of video production, including storyboarding, lighting, sound, cinematography, editing, color correction, and publishing

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Freelance Filmmaker, Photographer, James Happy Photography, 2015 to Present
- Assistant Camera (AC), Hart and Soul Entertainment, 2021
- Assistant Director/Production Coordinator, Mountaineer Media (MM), 2019 to 2021
- Paid Shoot Assistant, ACC Professor, Kelly West, 2016
- Production Assistant, Milton Verret's Rock N' Roll Car Museum, 2013 to 2014

#### SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Served as an AC operator for a series of successful music videos, Hart and Soul Entertainment, 2021
- Mountaineer Media 48 Hour Film Festival Fall 2020 "Best of Fest" award for film Prey, Fall 2020
- Recognized for directing Horrorfest film, No Escape, 2019
- Distinguished Selection (1st place) in Photojournalism section of ACC's Fall Semester Photo Show, Dec 2016
- Developed a passion for the outdoors by hiking over 1200 Miles of the Appalachian Trail, 2012
- Passion for learning new industries proven by discovering how to restore classic cars at McPherson College, 2007 to 2009

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- Facebook, Instagram, WordPress, Vimeo, Video Conferencing Software
- Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Audition, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom
- Digital Video Cameras: Black Magic Ursa Mini and the Black Magic Pocket Cinema 6K
- · Demonstrates industry knowledge regarding film developing, DSLR photography, microphones, lenses, and lighting

## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts: Communication, Film Production | Western Colorado University, Graduated Cum Laude

Pursued Associate of Arts: Photography Program | Austin Community College (Transferred to Western Colorado University for BA)