



KJ EDWARDS

Filmmaker & Freelance Production

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BIOGRAPHY

I'm a filmmaker of Kanien'keha:ka and mixed settler ancestry. My family is wolf clan from Kahnawá:ke and from Longueuil. I was born and raised in Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory. I currently work at Pride in Art Society (Queer Arts Festival) in Vancouver, on unceded Coast Salish Territory .

EDUCATION

- 2023** Master of Fine Arts | Interdisciplinary Studies | Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Thesis Supervisor: Lindsay McIntyre | Vancouver, Canada
- 2020** Bachelor of Fine Arts | Film Production | Toronto Metropolitan University | Toronto, Canada | *Degree Awarded with Distinction

SKILLS, SOFTWARE & PRESS

- Premiere Pro, After Effects, Pro Tools, Final Cut Pro, Wordpress, Final Draft
- Scheduling, budgeting, grant writing, research, mentoring and advising
- Vancouver International Women in Film Festival Awards: <https://tinyurl.com/yc28f6uh>
- Vancouver Is Awesome, Response: Polygon Gallery: <https://tinyurl.com/4mzws6m2>

DIGITAL PRODUCTION WORK

- 2021 | Meet The Sky | Narrative Short | Writer/Director/Sound Designer**
 - Premiere: American Indian Film Festival, 2021. Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/507140191>
 - 2023 Vancouver International Women in Film Festival Short Film Impact Award, Best of BC
- 2021 | X University Virtual Pow Wow | Production Coordinator/Education Week Editor**
 - Info: <https://www.torontomu.ca/powwow/> | Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2dc6z6uf>
- 2020 | University Virtual Pow Wow | Pow Wow & Education Week Lead Editor**
 - Info: <https://www.torontomu.ca/powwow/> | Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6cs3dh>
- 2019 | Something Along Those Lines | Documentary Short | Producer/Director/Sound Design**
 - Screenings: TMU Aboriginal Student Services Indigenous People's Day Event, 2019.
 - X University Pow Wow, (TMU), 2019. Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/360456779>
- 2019 | Mni Wiconi: Mitakuyelo | Documentary Short | Producer/Editor/Prod Sound Mixer**
 - Director: Victoria Anderson-Gardner, Company: Moontime Productions
 - 2019 imagineNATIVE/CSV Residency recipient. Trailer: <https://tinyurl.com/hew49ece>
- 2019 | Toronto Hides Itself | Digital Installation | Clip Editor/Post Sound Mixer**
 - Creators: Dave Kemp & Alex Anderson | TIFF Bell Lightbox Film Reference Library

ANALOGUE-DIGITAL HYBRID PRODUCTION WORK

2023 | future ready: cusp [16mm film] | Filmmaker | Excerpt Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yeypkvca>

2023 | future ready: cusp [16mm installation] Artist | Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5h3j7jve>

2023 | istén:'a [16mm film] | Filmmaker | Trailer: <https://tinyurl.com/yc59mjfa>

2021 | (the) untethering [16mm film] | Filmmaker | Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8pxhm5>

2017 | Glad Day [16mm film] | Co-Creator | Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y6zejjmu>

EXHIBITIONS

2023 | The Show: Graduate Exhibition | future ready: cusp [16mm film], 2023

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2023 | biometaphysicalmateria: MFA Thesis Exhibition | future ready: cusp [16mm installation]

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2023 | Response: Resonance | Polygon Gallery | istén:'a [16mm film] | Vancouver, Canada

2023 | Sacred Fires Exhibit | Aboriginal Gathering Place | future ready [16mm film], 2023

Emily Carr University of Art + Design | Vancouver, Canada

2022 | Currents Exhibit | Aboriginal Gathering Place | (the) untethering [16mm film], 2021

Emily Carr University of Art + Design | Vancouver, Canada

RESIDENCIES & MENTORSHIPS

2023-24 | Women in Post Cohort | Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television | Canada

2022 | Dawson Film Lab | Klondike Institute of Art & Culture | Analogue Film Practices Mentee

Mentor: Phil Hoffman | Dawson City, Canada | *September 3-11 2022

2022 | Diversity of Voices | Banff World Media Festival | Industry Mentee | Banff, Canada

2022 | Indigenous Screen Summit Pitch Forum | Banff World Media Festival | Pitch Program

Mentee | Mentor: Rebecca Gibson, Eagle Vision | Banff, Canada

2022 | Producer Accelerator | The Shine Network | Industry Mentee | Remote, Canada

2022 | Colour Reversal | Saskatchewan Filmpool Collective | Analogue Practices Mentee

Mentors: Lindsay McIntyre, Rhayne Vermette | Regina, Canada

2021 | Catalyst | Vancouver International Film Festival | Industry Mentee | Vancouver, Canada

2019 | Filmmaker Residency | imagineNATIVE Film Festival & Charles Street Video

Editing/Post Production Mentee | Toronto, Canada

ARTS PROGRAM JURIES

2022, 2023 | Indigenous Screen Office | Juror | Canada

2022, 2023 | Catalyst | Vancouver International Film Festival | Juror | Vancouver, Canada

RELATED EXPERIENCE

2022-2023 | Co-Curator | Canadian Filmmakers Distribution Centre | Remote, Canada

- Collaborator: TJ Cuthand | Shelley Niro Screening, Q&A 2023 in Toronto

2022 | Teaching Assistant | Emily Carr University of Art + Design | Vancouver, Canada

- Analogue Film Practices taught by Lindsay McIntyre

2021-22 | Research Assistant | Emily Carr University of Art + Design | Vancouver, Canada

- Skwxwú7mesh Language Project | Health Design Lab | Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School

2021 | Teaching Assistant | Emily Carr University of Art + Design | Vancouver, Canada

- Film & Screen Arts taught by Christine Stewart

2020-21 | Youth Mentor | Saagajiwe | Toronto Metropolitan University | Toronto, Canada

- Creative Native Project with Buffy Sainte-Marie. Taught youth how make films from concept to delivery, including Premiere Pro video editing instruction.

2020-21 | Production Coordinator | Made In Exile & Charles Street Video | Toronto, Canada

- Guided mentees through making their films from concept to delivery.

2020 | Workshop Instructor | Made In Exile | Toronto, Canada

- Led screenwriting & producing workshops for mentees of Made in Exile.

2020 | Production Sound Mixer, Dialogue Editor | Various Shorts | Toronto, Canada

- A list of 9 short film productions and links is available upon request.

2020 | Equipment Cage FOH | Toronto Metropolitan University | Toronto, Canada

- Loaning, returning & managing video and photography equipment in relation with Creative School students. I worked the front end software, did basic equipment cleaning & checks.

2019 | Research Assistant | Toronto Metropolitan University | Toronto, Canada

- Research, scheduling and video editing | Supervisors: Dave Kemp & Alex Anderson

2019 | Marketing Assistant | TMU Student's Union | Toronto, Canada

- Assisted the VP of Marketing, Victoria Anderson-Gardner, by managing schedules, assigning meetings, designing agendas, production sound mixing, editing and closed captioning for videos, writing text body and managing cross-platform social media posts.

2013-19 | Media Liaison & Administrator | Lower Ossington Theatre | Toronto, Canada

- Liaised with talent and media for auditions, attending performances and interviews. Created invoice templates and provided tax receipts for donors. Carried out general administrative duties and managed LCBO licensing.

2009-2023 | FOH Box Office, Usher, Bartender | Various, Canada

- Queer Arts Festival, Community Events Coordinator, Vancouver, 2023
- Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Venue Manager, Vancouver, 2023
- DOXA International Film Festival, Box Office, Vancouver, 2023
- Lower Ossington Theatre, All FOH roles and Bar, Toronto, 2011-2016
- Theatre Passe Muraille, All FOH roles and Bar, Toronto, 2009-2013