



# RYAN BLITZER

## EXPERIENCE

### DIRECTOR / ASSISTANT DIRECTOR / FILMMAKER

2010 - Present

"Pieces" thesis short film - Director, Oct 2014 - Dec 2016  
"Reveal" short film (film festival selection) - Director, Mar 2014

Worked on over 20 features, shorts and commercials in a key capacity as a Director, 1st AD, 2nd AD, DP, Grip and PA.

### CREATIVE CONSULTANT / VP - TALENT ON REELS

2010 - Present

Work with clients through personal company to determine how creative video can fit into their needs as a company or non-profit organization. Coordinate and execute all creative client requests.

Clients: SMU, Kidlinks, mustangconsulting, Marketing Brainology, 411 Broward; EmergeBroward; KidSafe, Tribridge Inc.

### PHOTOGRAPHER

2011 - Present

Freelance photographer of portraits, landscapes and events.

### PHOTO EDITOR, ROTUNDA YEARBOOK

2014-2015 & 2016-Present

Coordinate photographers, edit photos, proof final yearbook for printing, sell yearbooks.

## INTERNSHIPS

### CHARLIEUNIFORMTANGO

January 2017 - Present - Dallas, TX

Assist in all stages of production (including on-set responsibilities and in post-production). Includes serving as a production assistant, assistant editor and more.

Clients: Texas Rangers, Raising Cane's, Mary Kay, Dr. Pepper

### COMPANY MAN STUDIOS

Summer 2016 - Tampa, FL

Assisted in all stages of production for commercial shoots including: tech scouts, shooting schedules, call sheets, syncing audio and choosing selects, etc. Served as PA/AC/DIT on set.

Clients: Achieva Credit Union, Schifino Lee Agency, Laser Locators, Tampa Bay Business Journal

### CANNES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

May 2014 - June 2014

Internship provided by the American Pavilion. Learned film business and film distribution through script analysis, scheduling of meetings with distributors, editing of film magazine, etc.

## SKILLS & SPECIALTIES

- **Directing** - story-driven, big-picture thinking
- **1st AD** - shooting schedules, shot lists, locations, budgets, safety, working on time-crunch
- **Resident Assistant** - experience in assisting with relationships, leadership, emergency protocol, violence prevention, etc.
- **Advertising** - commercial productions, short timeframes
- **Camera & Lighting** - DSLR (5D, A7S), RED, FS7, Kino, ARRI
- **Audio** - production mixing, boom, lavalier placement
- **Software** - Final Cut X/7, Adobe CC (Premiere, Photoshop, After Effects, Illustrator), Media Composer/Pro Tools, Mac/PC

## OBJECTIVE

To work within the commercial production industry through an advertising agency, production company or marketing department of a corporation.

## EDUCATION

### SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Masters of Arts, Popular Film & Media Studies, 2017

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film & Media Arts, 2016, GPA: 3.73

Bachelor of Arts, Advertising, 2017

Teaching Assistant - Undergraduate Film Courses

Study Abroad - London and Paris, Summer 2015 & 2016

Study Abroad Program Assistant - London - Summer 2016

## HONORS, AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

### HUNT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP, SMU

1 of 25 chosen of 11,000 for leadership

### MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP, SMU

1 of 25 chosen of all Meadows students for artistic achievement

### ENGAGED LEARNING FELLOW (2015-2016)

Film production grant used to create senior thesis film, "Pieces."

### ROTUNDA YEARBOOK, PHOTO EDITOR (2014-2015)

Top 15 college yearbook in country by Associated Collegiate Press.

### CASWELL LEADERSHIP FELLOW (2013-2015)

Film production grant used to create award-winning short "Reveal."

### EMERGING LEADER (2013-2014)

Exclusive leadership development course for incoming freshman.

## ORGANIZATIONS

### RESIDENCE LIFE & STUDENT HOUSING

August 2014 - Present

Resident Assistant (RA) - mentor over 30 students per year to encourage leadership, run monthly meetings, create programs as Director of Advertising for over 250 students.

### NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY (NRHH)

March 2014 - Present

Director of Service (2014-2016) - top 1% of campus leaders in residence life. Work on a team to coordinate service events and recognize individuals for exemplary leadership at SMU.

### STUDENT FILMMAKERS ASSOCIATION

2013 - 2015; VP of Development 2014-2015 - coordinate finances, create programming and maintain relationships with SMU Film department and SMU Alumni.

## CONTACT

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