

Rodney Kimbangu

Film Producer - Creative Technologist

Vegas Movie Awards winner with a proven track record of filmmaking and photography achievements. Successfully wrote, produced, directed, photographed, and edited *Lituka* (2019) and *Unfulfilled* (2020). Recipient of the first Rodney Kimbangu Achievement Award for Excellence in Film Production, honoring his outstanding contribution to the film program at Berea College.

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Photography and Film

Photography, Cinematography, Directing, Color Correction, Sound Recording, Film Editing, Photogrammetry.

Coding

HTML5, CSS3, Sass, PHP, Bootstrap, JavaScript, Processing.

Software

Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, Autodesk Maya, Encoder, Audition, MS Office, Unreal Engine, After Effect, Agisoft Metashape.

Writing

News Release, screenwriting

SOFT SKILLS

Design Thinking, Creative Problem Solving, Strategic Thinking, Organization, Risk Taking, Industriousness, Flexibility, project management, design.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Developer/Film Producer

Virginia Tech/Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology

08/2021 – 05/2023

Blacksburg, VA, USA

Achievements/Tasks

- Produce the first ICAT Institutional video about the Cube.
- Document key events and projects using photography and film.
- Write JavaScript programs that integrate with ICAT and CENI websites.
- Maintain CENI and CHCI websites.

Program Manager I - Communications Video

Partners For Education/Communications

08/2020 – 07/2021

Berea, KY, USA

Achievements/Tasks

- Produce short form videos and participate in the production of long form video projects.
- Develop communications materials for community campaigns that increase the involvement of businesses.
- Write and edit communications materials including but not limited to press releases and opinion pieces.
- Establish a communications strategy supporting program goals.

Project Manager - Filmmaker

Berea College/Marketing and Communications

08/2017 – 05/2020

Berea, KY, USA

Achievements/Tasks

- Manage, plan, and execute 25+ video projects from concept to delivery reaching over 50 000 views on Facebook and YouTube.
- Motivate over 12+ faculty and staff members to work for the college by enhancing the outsourced institutional video.
- Plan and direct the first-ever Virtual Reality video of the college, offering donors a remote campus visit.
- Redesign and upgrade the editing workflow, achieving a 25% increase in productivity.
- Boost the video content delivery speed by 20% by analyzing, restructuring, and enhancing the production processes.

Visual Storyteller

Harper College/Marketing Services

06/2019 – 07/2019

Palatine, IL, USA

Achievements/Tasks

- Create a visual bank of 5+ short form promotional videos for social media campaigns targeting students.
- Conceive and deliver a 45-second video advertising the University Center partnership with 3 Master's programs.
- Update 10+ motion graphics that celebrated the 50th anniversary of Harper College to relevant 2019 data.

Film Teaching Assistant

Berea College/Theater and Film Department

08/2017 – 08/2019

Berea, KY, USA

Achievements/Tasks

- Clean and set up the post-production lab for in-class instruction and after class work time.
- Assist with classroom and miscellaneous projects.
- Assist students with their film projects.

Freelance Visual Storyteller

Banque Commercial Du Congo/Marketing and Communications

02/2016 – 06/2016

Kinshasa, DR (Congo)

Achievements/Tasks

- Conceive and contribute visuals to the Marketing campaigns that increased the market retention of young users by over 20%.
- Create 50+ visuals that increased youth engagement by 20% and customer interest by about 10%.
- Brainstorm the bank's 2016 institutional video script.

Freelance Graphic Designer

Zenufa Group of Companies/Marketing

08/2015 – 08/2018

Kinshasa, DR (Congo)

Achievements/Tasks

- Design 25+ medicines and beverage packaging materials.
- Develop 50+ engaging visuals that raised the sales of pharmaceuticals and beverages by 22%.
- Re-brand over 50+ pharmaceutical and beverage products.

EDUCATION

Creative Technologies - MFA

Virginia Tech

08/2021 – 05/2023

Blacksburg, VA, USA

Painting and Film Production - Bachelors

Berea College

08/2016 – 05/2020

Berea, KY, USA

Filmmaking - Short Program

New York Film Academy

05/2018 – 06/2018

Los Angeles, CA, USA

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Young African Leader - Dartmouth College

Mandela Washington Fellowship

06/2016 – 08/2016

Hanover, NH, USA

Achievements/Tasks

- One of 1000 young African leaders selected out of 50 000+ applicants in 2016.
- Qualify to generate innovative and entrepreneurial ideas for for-profit and non-profit institutions.
- Apply Design Thinking, User Centered Design and Business Model Generation practices on two student-led projects.
- Certification from intensive sessions with various Dartmouth entrepreneurs providing in-depth and focused case studies and student-projects.

AWARDS

Rodney Kimbangu Achievement Award for Excellence in Film Production (03/2020)

Berea College

- Celebrating an outstanding level of achievement in film production at Berea College.
- Named after Rodney to honor his exceptional talent and unprecedented contribution to the film program at Berea College.

Judson-Morrissey 2022 Fellow (05/2022)

New Media Caucus.

Best Student Film - Award of Prestige for Lituka (2020)

Vegas Movie Awards

Best Short Film for Unfulfilled (2020)

Hollywood Film Competition

Best Student Director (Male) for Lituka (2020)

Kesari Movie Awards

Best Editor for Unfulfilled (2020)

Kesari Movie Awards

UFVF/Kodak Award Nomination for Unfulfilled (2020)

UFVF/Kodak

Best Fantasy Short, Best Student Director (Male), Best Actress for Unfulfilled (2020)

Independent Short Award

Honorable Mention for Unfulfilled (2020)

New York Movie Awards

Best Documentary - Annual Winner (2019)

CKF International Film Festival

Best Documentary Short and Best Microfilm for Lituka (2019)

Independent Short Award

Master Photographer (2019)

Gurushots

Daily Dozen (07/2019)

National Geographic

Semi-finalist (2018)

Nikon Storyteller Scholarship

EXHIBITIONS

Gurushots - Digital Exhibition

Photographer of the Year 2020

February 11, 2021

Agora Gallery, New York, United States.

Gurushots - Digital Exhibition

My Exhibition Shot

February 5, 2021

PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary.

Gurushots - Digital Exhibition

My Exhibition Shot

August 7-9, 2020

The Space Gallery, Vancouver, Canada.

Gurushots - Digital Exhibition

Travel Photography

July 23-26, 2020

Kontrast Galleri, Stockholm, Sweden.

Gurushots - Digital Exhibition

Minimalism, My Exhibition Shot

February 14, 2020

World Hall Gallery, Barcelona, Spain.

Gurushots - Digital Exhibition

Beautiful Imperfection

February 6, 2020

Gallery Synthesis, Sofia, Bulgaria.