



ELIZABETH VAN METER

DIRECTOR | PRODUCER

VIDEO PRODUCTION

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PROFILE

I am an award winning filmmaker with proven success conceptualizing and implementing compelling visual storytelling. My work has taken me from the Andes Mountains of Peru to a small library in a village outside of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. My last feature film, *Thao's Library*, screened nationwide in AMC Theaters, had a 2-year Netflix release and was previously sold in Walmart stores. Whether it be narrative, documentary or commercial film, my desire is to reveal the humanity in every story I help usher into this world.

WORK EXPERIENCE

HEAD OF VIDEO PRODUCTION

Hammy Features | NYC | 2009 - present

Full-service video production company specializing in a documentary approach. I oversee multiple projects at a time, hiring freelancers in various capacities, working with numerous vendors, campaign creation for clients, equipment rentals, handling all aspects of pre-production/production/post including editing, color, audio, graphics and delivery.

COMMERCIAL *(featured)*

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, EDITOR

WP Bakery Group USA | Various locations USA and Europe 2019 - Present

Create multiple short documentary videos, filmed in various locations throughout the U.S. and Europe, to be screened at large scale conferences and various online platforms.

Duties Include: Pre-production scheduling, generate question sets, creative meetings, produce daily shooting schedules, pre-interviews, stay on schedule and within budget, lead interviews, direct camera, conceive of script, choose music

CAMERA, EDITOR

AFO (All For One Theater) | NYC | 2012 - 2017

Create full length production videos, trailers, and artist profiles for award winning Off-Broadway theater company. Video content distributed over various platforms.

Duties Include: Oversee multiple camera setups, filming, scripting, edit on Premiere Pro, score decisions, basic graphics, simple sound mix, color correction

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR

Nestlé | Various locations USA | 2016

Create multiple videos throughout the U.S. around the Nestle Sparkling Water 7 Day Challenge, receiving millions of YouTube views.

Duties Include: Pre-production scheduling, creative meetings, scripting, produce daily shooting schedules, pre-interviews, gain permissions from venues, stay on schedule and within budget, direct action in front of the camera



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NYC

**ability to relocate*

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

University of North Carolina
School of the Arts

EXPERTISE

PRODUCTION

Creative within budget
Extremely detailed
Strong negotiator
Positive attitude
Organized

DIRECTION

Excellent communicator
Good under pressure
Effective leader
Expert listener
Flexible

WRITING

Understanding of structure
Create realistic dialogue
Unique voice

EDITING

Proficiency in Premiere Pro
Savvy music selection
Color correction
Sound mixing
Graphics

WORK EXPERIENCE CONT.

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, CAMERA, EDITOR, WRITER

**Gorgeous Entertainment, JAPAN DAY @ Central Park
NYC | 2009 - 2015**

Create video content for screens in Time Square NYC, reaching roughly 50K people daily. Construct over 50 short documentaries capturing Japanese culture by highlighting various artists, musicians, dancers, entrepreneurs, scholars and athletes. These videos screened yearly in Central Park NYC for audiences of over 20K.

Duties Include: Pre-production scheduling, construct question sets, casting, creative meetings, presentations, daily shooting schedules, obtain permissions throughout NYC, stage scenes, write scripts, oversee crews, organize footage, transcription, hiring, stay on schedule and within budget, direct action in front of the camera, edit, music selection, basic graphics, sound mix, color correct

Additional Commercial Clients Include: Duke Health, Town Square Productions, Camp Broadway, American Theatre Wing, Kinetiscope, Heart Walk Foundation

Positions Include: Producer, Director, Writer, Camera, Editor

FILMS (featured)

WRITER, PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, CO-EDITOR

The Only Way Home | Narrative Short Film

Western Pennsylvania | 2017, 2019

A father and son deer hunting trip reveals conflicting feelings of identity, loss and home.

Currently in post-production

WRITER, PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, ADD'L. CAMERA

Thao's Library | Documentary Feature Film

Vietnam, NYC | 2009 - 2015

An American woman coping with the loss of her sister comes across a photograph of a young Vietnamese woman born with severe birth defects as a result of Agent Orange poison. Two women are brought together forging an unlikely sisterhood, transcending language and culture.

Previous Release: AMC Theaters (600 screenings in 20 major US cities), DVD sold at Walmart stores nationwide, OnDemand, Vudu, iTunes, Netflix (2-year release), Qualified for Oscar contention

Current Release: Amazon, Google Play

"An extraordinary tale of resilience and serendipity."

-BOSTON GLOBE

"As if something both good and wholly unexpected has passed into legend. Deservedly so."

-SEATTLE TIMES

"Poignant, poetic and ultimately cathartic. The best non-fiction film I've seen this year."

-TIME OUT CHICAGO

PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, CAMERA, EDITOR

Hand in Hand | Documentary Short Film

Japan | 2013

Follows students from the Tohoku region of Japan, 2 years after the devastating tsunami of 2011, as they prepare to perform in the Hand in Hand concert at the Rose Theater in NYC.

Additional Creative Work Includes: Bad Right Breast (a young woman's journey through breast cancer), Nefertiti's Daughters (filmed in Belgium, Canada, U.S.), The Windermere Guest, David

Positions Include: Director, Co-Director, Camera, Associate Producer

HIGHLIGHTS

12+ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
LEADING VIDEO PRODUCTION

SEASONED PUBLIC SPEAKER

ADVANCED INTERVIEW
TECHNIQUE

EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH
CLIENTS/SUBJECTS

VALUES CONTINUED
LEARNING

AWARDS THAO'S LIBRARY

AUDIENCE AWARD

BEST IN SHOW

Bentonville Film Festival

INTERFAITH AWARD

BEST DOCUMENTARY

St. Louis Int. Film Fest.

OFFICIAL SELECTION

Bentonville Film Festival

DocUtah Intl. Film Fest.

Chagrin Doc. Film Festival

Tallgrass Intl. Film Fest.

Teaneck Intl. Film Fest.

High Falls Film Festival

St. Louis Intl. Film Fest.

Viet Film Festival

Crystal Palace Intl. Film Fest.

Jahorina Intl. Film Fest.

Oakton Pop-Up Film Fest.

CURIOUS ANECDOTES

Completed a 14-day trek to
Everest Base Camp

Certified yoga teacher- training
received in Thailand

Wrote and performed a solo
multi-media show at the famed
Cherry Lane Theatre in NYC
before moving to The Lion at
Theatre Row on 42nd St.

In 2018 I had the incredible
opportunity to explore:
Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia,
Nepal, Sri Lanka, Spain, Chile,
Argentina