

# Mark Siska

## Professional Experience

### **Executive Producer/ Producer/ Director Siska Films, Chicago, IL, 2000–Present**

Produced Compass Cabaret 55 documentary which opened The Stranger Than Fiction Documentary Series at the Gene Siskel Film Center. Through a series of documentary production projects based on strong production, content driven material, and team leadership performance, secured distribution with K-Street Pictures in Los Angeles.

Guest Artist/ Speaker for Professor Jeff Kowallkowski Community Audio Class at DePaul University. Professional development for students in documentary studies, music and audio.

Additional skills: proposal, grant, contract development, vendor relations and negotiation, employee training, presentation skills as well as interviewing.

### **Video Switcher Camera Operator Kobo Tech, Chicago, IL, 2009–Present**

Video Switcher Camera Operator for Shedd Aquariums Land and Water Aquatic Show.

Live camera operator and 4 remote cameras.

Panasonic Live Switcher AV-HS410.

Panasonic Remote Camera Controller AW-RP120.

Sony XD Cam with Canon HD-TV Zoom Lens.

Medialon Show Controller/Medialon Show Master/ Playback Pro.

Sony Remote Controller Unit RM-B150. Iris & Color Correction.

## Teaching Experience

### **Hyde Park Art Center Youth Media Instructor September 2007–August 2010**

Instruction included: camera, composition, editing, sound and documentary story development.

### **Evanston Art Center Adult and Youth Media Instructor September 2004–August 2007**

Instruction included, camera, composition, editing, sound, cinema history, photography and documentary story development.

### **The Catherine Cook School Artist-In Residence 2000–2004**

Guest artist conducted video classes and workshops. Awarded best short youth video for POP Stars and Pop Art by the Chicago Instructional Technology Foundation.

## Education

Columbia College Chicago

Bachelor of Arts Film and Video Major

## Artist Grants Awarded

Governors International Arts Exchange  
Program Illinois Art Council

Soros Grant for Contemporary Art

US Consulate Belgium

Stefan Batory Grant Poland

Illinois Art Council

Community Arts Assistance Program

Grant City of Chicago.

## Exhibition History

The Gene Siskel Film Center: Chicago

Jewish Film Festival, Victory

Gardens: Chicago

Cine Arts 6: Evanston

Tilsite Lichtspiele Kino: Berlin

Kino Mikro: Krakow

Recontres Internationales: Paris/ Berlin

Bangkok Experimental Film Fest

Love Unlimited: Antwerp

Leica Range Finder Gallery

Tamarkin Camera

Heaven Gallery: Chicago

Margaret Mead Film Festival: NYC

## Award/TV Exhibition

Shot The Boot Factory documentary shown on Arte' French and German TV. Awarded best creative TV documentary by SCAM (French author association).

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