


Rafaela Sakaguchi

Filmmaker

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About Me

Passionate Brazilian-Japanese filmmaker with a track record of 30+ diverse film projects and a successful startup venture.

I'm actively seeking international prospects to advance my cinema expertise.

I'm deeply committed to projects dedicated to promoting diversity and fostering understanding across gender and ethnic boundaries.

Education

Directing Certificate

UCLA Extension - 2022/23
GPA 3.68
Earned with Distinction

Bachelor in Communication & Cinema

Fundação Armando Álvares
Penteado 2018/21
São Paulo, Brazil

Language

- Portuguese (Native)
- English (Bilingual)
- Spanish (Intermediary)
- Japanese (Elementary)

Portfolio



<https://rafaelasakaguchi.wixsite.com/my-site>

Work Experience

2021 -2022 Producer | Namu

- Successfully produced over 300 culinary video classes for the app "Namu"
- Coordinated equipment, personnel, and ingredients on a weekly basis. Analyzed recipes and film schedules, and proactively identified ways to optimize for cost and waste
- Enhanced logistics by optimizing driver routes around vendor location, food type, and vendor diversity. Coordinated weekly deliveries

2019-2021 Co-founder & CTO | RNA Consultoria de Investimentos

- Led a startup to secure a top-three position at the BHUB competition, showcasing exceptional leadership skills and expertise in market research and analysis
- As Chief Technology Officer, I coordinated the development of a financial platform intended to overhaul funding mechanisms for the Brazilian film industry
- Developed and implemented blockchain-based smart contracts to autonomously execute agreements, eliminating the need for third-party intervention. Achieved time savings and enhanced security through encrypted and shared transaction records among participants, ensuring a transparent and trustworthy framework that streamlined the audit process.

2019 Cultural Director | Fundação Armando Álvares Penteado

- Selected to represent the college at the National Students' Congress, a gathering that brings together over 90% of Brazilian universities in the capital to shape the future of Brazil's educational landscape
- Established and curated a dynamic system of classes led by students and alumni, which increased the utilization of college facilities and actively engaged students in knowledge-sharing and networking for potential collaborations
- Founded & organized the first annual Arts Festival featuring students' work & performances, and connecting them with industry professionals

2018 Intern ADM Salesforce | Néscara

- ADM Salesforce, diagnose and report system errors. Conduct user simulations, data loading, and security testing

Highlighted Projects

Writer, Director | Learning Machine
Short Film, 2023, Los Angeles

Coordinated a team of 20 people through all stages of film production

Production Designer | Maralinga
Short Film, 2023, Los Angeles

About the historical and environmental impact of nuclear tests in the Australian desert

Writer, Director, Editor | The prayer of everyday
Mini-Documentary, 2023, Brazil

A fight against time through the eyes of an old lady with Alzheimer's and her family dynamic. Real story

Production Designer | Gönlüme Gör Ver
Music Video, 2023, Los Angeles

International collaboration with Turkish singer published by a channel with over 24 million followers on YouTube

Production Designer | Um love com você
Music Video, 2021, Brazil

Notable for featuring her pregnant husband and its LGBTQIA+ team

Production Designer | Te encontro na saída
Music Video, 2020, Brazil

Victorious among over 2,000 competing bands at the Dinho's Rock Festival

Camera Assistant | Asian Beauty
Mini-Documentary, 2020, Brazil

Asian beauty, emphasizing acceptance, ancestry, and self-discovery

Conferences & Courses

2021 History of Art - identity and territory | Pinacoteca of São Paulo

2020 Sound for film and television | Wrightsville Beach Studios - EAD

2019 Entrepreneurship challenge | Business Hub Competition