



2017 AMNA Nomination

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Emerging Artist Award

Nominee [Mitchell George](#)
Artist Type Director
Organization/Business Crooked Cinema



Photo

Nomination

Mitchell has a film company called Crooked Cinema and he has repeatedly produced work that has gone on to represent Airdrie nationally and internationally. He chooses local talent and location to represent the arts in Airdrie. He has won early STORYHIVE competitions and uses that momentum to keep creating new work. He is passionate about building a film career as well as a film community in Airdrie.

Portfolio

<http://www.crookedcinema.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QzEV2I3FB4&feature=youtu.be>

Biography

Start

Growing up wasn't always easy, I spent a lot of my time using my imagination and living in a world of fake - belief. I use to spend all of my childhood days pretending I was different people and would direct small movie scenes in my head, I lived my life as if it was a movie. My father started carrying around an old camera and would make short films where he would cover us in ketchup out in the woods and create homemade slasher films, we had a blast. The idea of creating something from nothing truly stuck with me and I started to write and direct my own short films as I grew up, I truly became dedicated to capturing moments and telling stories. My hope is for persons whether young or old to know that they are not alone in this life. We all struggle and share laughter and tears. As such I have taken up the initiative of starting my own production company, Crooked Cinema. Which is a service based production team who continue to use any earnings to support and financially pursue the dreams of making short



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films, which is the best medium to allow people to experience their worst fears and most imaginative dreams without straying too far from real life for too long. In addition to this, I work with youth at the Boys & Girls Club and have received study in Child Studies Degree from Mount Royal University which enables me to further help those I encounter reach farther inside of themselves and dare to dream. Capturing moments is number 1.

Mentor

It's hard to pin point one influence or mentor, my entire life has been about community. I am influenced by my everyday life and the successes and struggles we all face every day. I develop most of my scripts to tell a story that will inspire somebody, be that somebody who has experienced adversity or somebody who has never experienced it and is given the opportunity to teach about different adversities we all face. I am also influenced by my own struggles; a large part of creating is identifying what has made me so creative and what helps me stay resilient. In regards to mentors, everybody around me is my mentor, I am so supported by my community I know that my dreams aren't as far as they seem when I have them behind me.

Achievement

I have been involved in many different festivals and each one we represented Airdrie and what we have to offer the world with our creative culture. I represented Airdrie in Cork, Ireland when we were Official Selection for Best International Drama, a production that we created after winning the STORYHIVE Telus TV \$10,000 grant, which we were also featured on Telus Optik Tv. Secondly; we had created a Fictitious Documentary primarily filmed in Airdrie, AB that went to Nashville for Best International Short. Our most recent accomplishment was The Shiver festival in Canada where we are Semi-Finalists. I had told my story through animation that went through the United Way and was broadcasted over the radio and shown through many different media platforms.

Future Goal(s)

Currently, we are working on one of the biggest projects we've ever done, we can't say much about it yet, but we are telling a real Albertan story that deals with the adversity of a major event in the province. We are in pre-production and hope to take the production across the world to festivals. I also strive to continue to help other film makers in the community and use my skills to help local business with commercials and small organizations with promotional material.