

Filmmaker and Artist
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Education

Northern State University
BFA in Digital Media with
Emphasis in Filmmaking,
Associates Degree in Theatre,
and Certificate in
Arts Administration
May 2025

Exhibitions

2025 – Juried Student Show,
Johnson Fine Arts Center,
Aberdeen, SD

**Death of the Artist - A Senior
Exhibition**

Johnson Fine Arts Center

2024 – Juried Student Show,
Johnson Fine Arts Center

**Second Annual Aberdeen Area
Pride Art Show,**

Red Rooster Coffee House,
Aberdeen, SD

**2023 – Artists of the Prairie
Collaborative Art Show,**

Dacotah Prairie Museum,
Aberdeen, SD

**Inaugural Aberdeen Area Pride
Art Show,**

Red Rooster Coffee House

Awards & Honors

**2025 South Dakota NewsMedia
Association awards**

General Excellence Newspaper, Third
Place in Best Typography and Design

2025 Aberdeen's Top 4 Under 40
Top 10 finalist

GO TO SLEEP (2025)

Third Place - 2025 NSU Juried
Student Art Show

VILE (2024)

Best Film, People's Choice Award,
Best Cinematography, Best Actor -
48Create Film Festival

Best LGBT Film - Reale Film Festival
MABEL'S NEW DOLL (2024)

Faculty Award - 2024 NSU Juried
Student Art Show

Work Experience

McQuillen Creative Group/Aberdeen Insider

Layout Designer (2024-Present)

- Designed layouts for a weekly newsprint publication ranging from 32 to 40 pages
- Collaborated with the Editor-In-Chief to lay out news content in a clear and concise manner
- Collaborated with ad designers and ad representatives to lay out ads

Creative Support Specialist (2023-Present)

- Created and designed social media content for newspaper and magazine social media channels
- Produced, edited, and published video content related to recipes and foods reviews
- Assisted in client videography and photography shoots
- Led videography client projects, from conception to completion

McDonald's (November 2017-Present)

Administrative/Assistant Manager (2019-2023)

- Performed administrative duties
- Assisted with hiring over 100 new employees since 2019
- Took charge of writing the crew schedule for employees and building the business
- Coordinated employee appreciation events
 - Two events each month, and one major event in July and December

Training Director (2017-2019)

- Assisted with training of new employees
- Helped train employees with new procedures as they were implemented

South Dakota Film Festival

Social Media Manager/Videographer (September 2018-September 2020, September 2022)

- Responsible for producing Sponsor Reel that was viewed prior to each session of films
- Created promotional content for SDFF to use year-round

Volunteer Experience

Aberdeen Area Pride (2021-Present)

President

- Volunteered in a leading position at a non-profit aimed to advocate for our local LGBTQIA+ Community
- Coordinated an annual Pride Festival, planned budgets and fundraising events, and made/maintained connections with businesses and individuals who were supportive with our mission to advocate and empower the LGBTQIA+ Community