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# John A. Schwab

## Education

**2021 - 2025**      **BFA Digital Media | AS Theatre | AS Arts Administration** | Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD

## Professional Experience

**2025**      **Writer | Director | Editor** | *Death Of The Artist* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD  
**Sound Designer | VFX Artist | Editor** | *Terms & Conditions* | Kingdom Arts | Minneapolis, MN

**2024 - 2025**      **Contributor** | Aberdeen Magazine | Aberdeen, SD  
**Podcast Sound Designer | Sound Engineer** | *Behind The Pack* | Aberdeen, SD

**2024**      **Writer | Director | Editor | Cinematographer** | *Go To Sleep* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD  
**Writer | Director | Editor | Cinematographer** | *The Spy that Got Away* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD  
**Writer | Director | Editor | Cinematographer** | *The Terribly Awful Murders at Worthington University* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD  
**Director | Editor** | *Frank Ashford* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD  
**Writer | Director | Editor | Cinematographer** | *Mabel's New Doll* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD  
**Director | Editor | Cinematographer** | *VILE* | SchwabGazette Industries | Aberdeen, SD

**2023 - 2025**      **Videographer | Graphic Designer | Social Media Manager** | McQuillen Creative Group/The Aberdeen Insider | Aberdeen, SD  
**Crew Trainer** | McDonald's | Aberdeen, SD

**2023**      **Intern** | McQuillen Creative Group | Aberdeen, SD  
**Assistant Cinematographer | Sound Designer | Editor | Actor** | *Hallowed Be Thy N(A.I.)me* | Veridical Productions | Aberdeen, SD  
**Editor | Sound Designer | Actor** | *Who I Want To Be* | Duber Brothers Productions | Aberdeen, SD

**2022**      **Assistant Cinematographer | Editor** | *The Final Thread* | Veridical Productions | Aberdeen, SD  
**Videographer | Producer** | *Bengs for U.S. Senate* | Aberdeen, SD

**2020**      **Editor | Sound Designer** | *Maybe Next Year* | Duber Brothers Productions | Aberdeen, SD

**2019**      **Editor | Actor** | *ELLEN* | Duber Brothers Productions | Aberdeen, SD  
**Cinematographer** | *In Darkest Light* | Duber Brothers Productions | Aberdeen, SD

**2019 - 2023**      **Administrative Manager** | McDonald's | Aberdeen, SD

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- 2018 - 2023**      **Graphic Designer** | South Dakota Film Festival, Aberdeen, SD  
**2018 - 2020**      **Social Media Manager | Videographer** | South Dakota Film Festival, Aberdeen, SD  
**2018 - 2020**      **Videographer | Editor | Writer** | Storybook Land Theatre  
**Videographer** | Child Evangelism Fellowship | Aberdeen, SD  
**2017 - 2019**      **Crew Trainer** | McDonald's | Aberdeen, SD  
**2016 - 2019**      **Videographer** | New Life Fellowship | Aberdeen, SD  
**2015 - 2018**      **Office Assistant** | Child Evangelism Fellowship | Aberdeen, SD

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2025**      **Death of the Artist** - Johnson Fine Arts Center Gallery, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD

## Group Exhibitions

- 2025**      **Juried Student Exhibition** - Gallery X, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD  
**Salon de Refuses** - Johnson Fine Arts Center, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD
- 2024**      **Welcome Back Exhibition** - Gallery X, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD  
**Second Annual Aberdeen Area Pride Art Show** - Red Rooster Coffee House, Aberdeen, SD  
**Vermillion Vortex Film Festival** - Coyote Twin Theatre, Vermillion, SD  
**South Dakota Film Festival** - Capitol Cinema, Aberdeen, SD  
**NSUCon** - Johnson Fine Arts Center, Northern State University  
**Salon de Refuses** - Johnson Fine Arts Center, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD  
**Juried Student Exhibition** - Gallery X, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD  
**48Create Competition Film Premiere** - Capitol Cinema, Aberdeen, SD
- 2023**      **Welcome Back Exhibition** - Gallery X, Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD  
**Inaugural Aberdeen Area Pride Art Show** - Red Rooster Coffee House, Aberdeen, SD  
**Artists of the Prairie** - Dacotah Prairie Museum, Aberdeen, SD

## Honors & Grants

- 2025**      **Top Ten Finalist** | Aberdeen's Top 4 under 40 | Aberdeen, SD  
**Third Place - Best Typography and Design, First Place - General Excellence**  
South Dakota NewsMedia Association Awards | Aberdeen, SD  
**Third Place - Juried Student Exhibition (Juried by Amber Hanson)** |  
*Go To Sleep* | Northern State University | Aberdeen, SD

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<b>2024</b>	<b>Best Film   Creator's Choice Best Film   People's Choice Best Film   Best Cinematography   VILE   48Create Filmmaking Competition</b> <b>Best LGBTQ+ Inclusive Film   VILE   Reale Film Festival Bi-Monthly awards Faculty Choice Award (Juried by Cody Henrichs)   Mabel's New Doll  </b> Northern State University   Aberdeen, SD
<b>2023 - 2025</b>	<b>Federal Pell Grant</b>
<b>2023 - 2024</b>	<b>Drama Scholarship   Northern State University Theatre Department</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>PFund Foundation Scholarship</b>
<b>2022 - 2025</b>	<b>Art Scholarship   Northern State University Art Department</b>
<b>2021 - 2025</b>	<b>WolfPACT Scholarship   Northern State University</b>
<b>2021 - 2024</b>	<b>Archways to Opportunity   McDonald's</b>
<b>2021 - 2023</b>	<b>High School Dual Credit Scholarship   McDonald's</b>

## Memberships

<b>2025 - present</b>	<b>ReelRoad48 Short Filmmaking Competition   Founder, Coordinator  </b> Aberdeen, SD
<b>2022 - 2025</b>	<b>Aberdeen Area Pride   Board Member (2022 - 2023), President (2023 - 2025)  </b> Aberdeen, SD