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COMMISSIONED WRITING

- Feature film – [SHERYL](#) (Dark Comedy/Thriller) – Expected release Summer 2023.
- VR Video Game – [THE LIVING REMAIN](#) (Survival Horror)
- Animated Short – [YOU WAKE UP](#) (Fantasy)
- Short Film – [FACE ON](#) (Horror/Thriller)
- Short Skit – [FRANKENSTEIN COUPLES COUNSELING](#) (Comedy)
- 60 Second National Commercial – Arctic Cool Athletic Apparel – [WHAT IF?](#)
- Lyrics for theme to short film – [PARK](#) (Drama/Comedy)
- Promo Commercial – Disney Institute

SCRIPT WRITING

- 2x Finalist (Fantasy and Comedy) – 25th Annual Austin Film Festival Screenplay Competition – DARRYN THE BOLD AND THE SWORD OF BOLDNESS
- Quarterfinalist – Academy Nicholl Fellowship – FACE ON
- 2nd Place – 11th Annual StoryPros Screenplay Contest – DARRYN THE BOLD
- Semifinalist – multiple screenplay competitions – DARRYN THE BOLD
- Finalist – ABC Talent Contest 2018 – ARMAGEDDON OUTTA HERE (Sci-Fi/Comedy)
- Finalist – ABC Talent Contest 2017 – FIRST DATE (Romantic Comedy)

ADDITIONAL WRITING

- 3 urban fantasy books, available on Amazon, each reached the Top 10 in genre
- 2 non-fiction research books, available on Amazon, each reached the Top 10 in genre
- Lyrics and music for international pop vocalist, Anthea, and New York rock band, Shot. Shot music featured in national Swiffer commercial, WWE programming, National Geographic, etc.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 15+ years as a marketing copywriter for clients including Starbucks, AMC Theatres, AutoZone, CitiBank, Costco, Wells Fargo, The Capital Group, etc.
- Music and sound design for various projects, including ODAYAKA (Tribeca Film Fest 2013) and [STILL SERVING](#), vignette for 12/12/12 concert at Madison Square Garden

EDUCATION, WORKSHOP, & AFFILIATIONS

- UCLA Extension, Master Class in Script Writing with Michael Weiss (JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH)
- Private Mentorship, Adam Pava (THE BOXTROLLS, THE LEGO MOVIE)
- University of Southern Indiana, BA, Creative Writing
- Richard Walter Story Seminar, 2017
- Roadmap Writers' Screenwriting Intensive
- Upright Citizen's Brigade, Improv Comedy, Graduate (Improv 401)
- Upright Citizen's Brigade, Comedy Writing, Level 101