

SOPHIA DAWSON

Dedicated Filmmaker and Creative Visionary

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Los Angeles, CA

Dedicated creative artist with a strong passion for visual storytelling and a meticulous eye for detail. Experienced across multiple stages of production — from pre-production coordination and location scouting to on-set management and post-production. A collaborative, solutions-oriented filmmaker committed to elevating every project through clear communication, technical proficiency, and relentless creative drive.

PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

NEW FORMS LA

2026

Stage Manager, Set Dresser

Stage managed and designed set dressing for *5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche*. Coordinated rehearsal logistics, managed backstage operations, and ensured the visual environment aligned with the director's vision.

SAMMIE ZENOZ — USC MASTERS

2026

BTS, Set Dresser

Provided behind-the-scenes documentation and set dressing for a USC graduate thesis film. Supported the creative team in building on-set environments while capturing production content.

THE SEAGULL — ODYSSEY THEATRE

2024 — 2025

Assistant Director, Production Crew

Served as AD on *The Seagull*, directed by Bruce Katzman and produced by James Tupper. Managed rehearsal schedules, coordinated cast and crew, and supported the director's vision throughout production.

FREELANCE

2022 — Present

Photographer & Creative Director

Develop creative decks and lookbooks to define visual direction for photoshoots and campaigns. Collaborate with well-known actors and talent, directing all aspects from concept through final delivery.

CYPRESS FILMS

2023 — 2024

2nd AC, Production Coordinator, BTS

Managed behind-the-scenes content, coordinated production elements, and maintained high visual and technical standards across multiple projects in fast-paced environments.

WAYOUTINC.

2021 — 2024

Creative Director, Crew

Led creative direction for music videos, commercials, live performances, photography, and social media campaigns. Achieved 550M+ organic views through collaborations with leading companies and artists.

COMPOSITION BOOK MEDIA CO.

2021 — 2024

Production Coordinator, Location Scout

Managed location scouting and production coordination for high-profile film projects in Los Angeles alongside producer Jay Traynor. Negotiated contracts, handled logistics, and ensured seamless interdepartmental communication.

THEATRE 68

2022 — 2023

Coordinator, Company Associate

Coordinated independently produced plays and films in collaboration with Ronnie Marmo, contributing to a community dedicated to artistic development and creative collaboration.

METROPOLITAN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE

2016 — 2019

Production Assistant, Teacher

Assisted in producing large-scale musical productions with casts of 100+. Taught choreography and music technique to children and adults, supporting all aspects of rehearsal and performance from staging to show execution.

EXPERTISE

PRODUCTION & DIRECTION

- Assistant directing & stage management
- Production coordination & scheduling
- Location scouting & contract negotiation
- Set dressing & production design
- Call sheets & script supervision
- BTS content & on-set documentation

CREATIVE & TECHNICAL

- Cinematography & photography
- Creative direction & lookbook development
- Editing: Lightroom, FCP, Premiere, DaVinci
- Scriptwriting: Final Draft, StudioBinder, Fade In
- Digital marketing & social media strategy

PROFESSIONAL

- Clear, collaborative communication
- Adaptability in fast-paced environments
- Attention to detail: composition to continuity
- Critical thinking & creative problem-solving
- Knowledge of film history & industry trends

EDUCATION

The Actors Gang

2026 — Present · Hannah Chodos & Cihan Sahin

Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum

2024 — Present

UCLA TFT Professional Program

2023 — 2024

The Commercial Class

2024 — Present · Reece Rios

Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre

2023 — Present · Mano Agapon

Theatre 68

2023 · Ronnie Marmo

American Academy of Dramatic Arts, NYC

2021 — 2023 · AOS

MET2 — Community Theatre, CA

2011 — 2019

REFERENCES

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