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 DGA  
**DIRECTOR/WRITER/PRODUCER**

UNMUTED ep. 3 “FGM” Documentary // starring Constance Wu	Without Exception Films	2024	Director/Writer **
UNMUTED ep. 2 “Acid Attacks” Documentary // starring Torrey Devitto	Without Exception Films	2024	Director/Writer **
UNMUTED ep. 1 “Child Marriage” Documentary // starring Maria Avgeropolous	Without Exception Films	2023	Director/Writer **
** episodes selected for the Clinton Global Initiative 2024			
MY MISSING SISTER Feature Film // Thriller // starring Mark Famiglietti, Grace Narducci	Cartel Films	2022	Writer
BART BAGELSBY AND THE GARBAGE GENIE Feature Film // Musical // dir. Basil Mironer // starring Kevin Farley, Creed Bratton	Mirage Studio	2021	Producer
ALGORITHM: BLISS Feature Film // Sci-Fi Thriller // starring Sean Faris, Sarah Roemer	Green Apple Films	2020	Director/Writer/Producer
THE SINISTER SURROGATE Feature Film // Thriller // starring Kelley Thiebaud, Brian Ames	Mar Vista Entertainment	2018	Director
ASCENT TO HELL Feature Film // Thriller Horror // starring Azura Skye, Bill Sage	Gravitas Ventures	2017	Director/Writer/Producer
THE TRIBE Feature Film // Thriller // dir. Roxy Shih // starring Anne Winters, Jessica Rothe	Terror Films	2017	Producer
STRANGE SEPTEMBERS Documentary Feature // dir. The Finns // starring James Earl Jones, Peter Weller	Z Machine Productions	2016	Producer
PINATA Short // Horror Comedy	Eli Roth’s Crypt TV	2016	Director/Producer
MIRROR Short // Horror	Eli Roth’s Crypt TV	2016	Director/Writer/Producer
7-10 SPLAT Short // Horror	Eli Roth’s Crypt TV	2016	Director/Producer
HAHAHA Short // Horror	Eli Roth’s Crypt TV	2016	Director/Producer

RUMPERBUTTS	Global Digital Releasing	2015	Producer
Feature Film // Musical // dir. Marc Brener // starring Josh Brener, Arian Moayed			
OISHII – HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE Seasons 1-3	Smosh TV	2012-2014	Exec. Producer
Television // animation – live action hybrid // created by Dan Dominguez			
HOME RUN SHOWDOWN	Image Entertainment	2014	Producer
Feature Film // sports comedy // dir. Oz Scott // starring Matthew Lillard, Annabeth Gish			
THE PALADINS	Drive Media	2014	Director/Writer
Documentary Feature			
A LITTLE HELP	Freestyle Releasing	2011	Producer
Feature Film // drama // dir. Michael Weithorn // starring Jenna Fisher, Chris O'Donnell			
DOWN FOR LIFE	Toronto Int'l Film Festival	2009	Co-Producer
Feature Film // crime drama // dir. Alan Jacobs // starring Danny Glover, Snoop Dogg			

#### **WRITER (UNPRODUCED COMMISSIONED WORK)**

ASSISTED	Eli Roth's Crypt TV	2018
Television Pilot // Horror		
THE BEND	DTLA Entertainment	2018
Feature Film // Horror Thriller		
IS THIS LEGAL? THE FIRST UFC	Legacy Entertainment	2017
Feature Film // Book Adaptation // Sports Drama		
ART OF THE DEAL	Naroyan Productions	2015
Feature Film // Heist Thriller		
FASIL AND THE CAMEL	McGrane Productions	2014
Feature Film // Book Adaptation // Kid's Sports		

\*Additional spec feature/television scripts available upon request

REEL: <https://vimeo.com/149340720>

#### **AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS**

WIF / Film Fatales / Alliance of Women Directors / Women in Media / DGA Director Member

- Board of Directors, Stanford in Entertainment 2006-2009, 2011-2014
- Board of Directors, Mobile Film Classroom 2011-2015
- Aspen Institute, Stanton Scholar 2009, Study on Media and Government
- Royal Film Commission - Jordan, Creative Consultant 2016-2017
- Talented New Director Award, Madrid - Finalist 2014

## MEDIA COVERAGE

### Buzzfeed Women Filmmakers on Gender and Representation

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/jarettwieselman/women-filmmakers-get-real-about-hollywoods>

### Moviemaker Magazine: How They Did It

[https://www.moviemaker.com/archives/series/how\\_they\\_did\\_it/ascent-to-hell-small-location-feel-large/](https://www.moviemaker.com/archives/series/how_they_did_it/ascent-to-hell-small-location-feel-large/)

Interview with Hollywood Outsider <http://www.thehollywoodoutsider.com/interview-with-director-dena-hysell-ascent-to-hell/>

## FILM REVIEWS – ASCENT TO HELL

**Beneath the Underground:** "...she has crafted a fine example of a classic ghost story."

<http://beneaththeunderground.com/film-review-ascent-hell2017/>

**First Comic News :** 4 out of 5 Stars. ""When the horror starts it is a slow build up leading to a terror that will have you watching intensely" <http://www.firstcomicsnews.com/rich-reviews-ascent-to-hell-movie-review/>

**Spoiler Free Movie Sleuth :** "Hysell takes the predictable into unexpected territory, the undeniable hallmark of this scrappy, architectural haunting" <http://www.spoilerfreemoviesleuth.com/2017/03/Ascent-To-Hell-Reviewed.html>

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