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SHORT FILMS

Café2:00Visual Sample for Chapman Application(2018)In coming up with a film under two minutes with no dialogue, I wanted take on one of my favorite
underdog stories: nerdy guy goes for hot girl. I thought this format was perfect for testing that classic
decision of whether to go for the girl and risk rejection or play it safe.

Brainiac5:25USC Summer Film Production Program(2018)Brainiac was the final and longest project I did as part of the USC Summer Program. Having recently
watched Good Will Hunting for the first time, it was a big inspiration for this story about a young
man with incredible talents trying to figure out how to handle and harness his gifts.

*Flower*4:00USC Summer Film Production Program(2018)Out of all the short films I made, Flower was my personal favorite to produce and edit. A lot of myideas for films come to me in the middle of the night and I remember being in bed and laughinghysterically at the idea of having a guy fall in love with a flower. Flowers are so romantic. Why nothave a romance with a flower? When screened, Flower generated huge laughs from the audience. Itwas a really satisfying experience.

Sundays1:40USC Summer Film Production Program(2018)Sundays was the first and shortest project I made at the USC program. It was inspired by personalexperience of waking up on Sunday thinking it was a weekday.

ACTING

Supernatural2 Episodes(2010-2011)I played Young Dean Winchester. I played one of the two main characters in the hit TV showSupernatural in flashback.

A Family Thanksgiving TV Movie (2010) In this TV movie with Faye Dunaway, I played a character named Jake. Unlike in Chinatown, Jake is a young boy who helps Faye Dunaway's character understand that the Thanksgiving parade is about so much more than money.

Psych 1 Episode (2010) In the Psych episode Shawn Takes a Shot in the Dark, I had a small role as a young boy. It was a great first introduction to working on a professional film set.

MUSIC

Again3:10Private Lessons on Composing and Music Production(2016)Again (EDM Song) was inspired by one of my favorite Dubstep songs at the time. It's the only melodyI made with written lyrics and the most heavily electronic.

Bass Riff 2:50 Private Lessons on Composing and Music Production (2016) My dad adores the Beatles and I've spent a huge amount of time listening to them. This was inspired by their work. As a filmmaker, I'm interested in how music can create particular moods. With this Bass Riff (Melody and Beat) aimed to create the same quirky playfulness as the Beatles while adding in a feeling of emotional depth that would make this appropriate for a scene in movie marked by emotional loss.

Time2:45Private Lessons on Composing and Music Production(2016)One day, I was in my music session and I was randomly playing on the piano. All of a sudden, I hit a
few keys and said "Oh! That sounds good." I quickly hit the record button and made a beat with it.

IN DEVELOPMENT

<u>Real-Life Superhumans</u> Thunderbird Internship

(2017)

When I was working in the editing booth helping edit Highway Thru Hell, I was thinking of my own ideas for shows that I would like to produce. As a huge superhero fan in the middle of editing an episode of reality TV, I naturally hit on the idea of doing a show about real-life superheroes. I quickly pitched the idea and my supervisor suggested making a "Oner" for me to pitch. I'm excited to keep developing the concept.