

# PAOLA CHAVEZ

## FILMMAKER

I am a filmmaking student at Southern Utah University. In my time at SUU, I have written multiple screenplays, directed/produced three short films, directed photography on two productions and managed sound design on my colleague's projects. Additionally, I have experience as an editor of my own work and assistant editor on others. I hold myself to a high standard of quality and this drive has led me to have innovative problem-solving, effective time management, and superb communication skills. I am confident in my abilities and am yearning to collaborate with more filmmakers and contribute all I can so that I can become a valuable asset to any film set I step foot in.

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **SOLACE - STUDENT SHORT FILM**

##### **WRITER, DIRECTOR, CINEMATOGRAPHER, EDITOR**

A grief-stricken young woman enlist the help of a psychiatrist to process the loss of her late boyfriend to suicide.

I was the writer and director of this short film as well as the cinematographer. This is a film I made for the filmmaking fundamentals class at SUU which requires students to expand their experience and knowledge of camera production, lighting techniques, sound recording/design, editing, and working on a film set with other students and actors.

#### **INSOMNISKETCH - STUDENT SHORT FILM**

##### **WRITER, DIRECTOR, CINEMATOGRAPHER, EDITOR**

A young woman struggling with insomnia relies on her sketchbook to help her get a handle on her condition.

This is a one-person production I created and starred in as my submission to the SUU Filmmaking program. It is my first project and I did all of the pre and post production as well.

#### **RUPERT'S SEX THERAPY - STUDENT SHORT FILM**

##### **PRODUCER**

A documentary on Rupert, an incel sex therapist with a Shrek fetish.

This is a short film I produced for school. As you can tell, the subject matter can be a challenging subject. As the producer, I received lots of experience in working with actors and handling necessary paperwork.

## **FOREVER - STUDENT SHORT FILM**

### **SOUND OPERATOR, ASSISTANT EDITOR**

An aspiring young woman finds love right before leaving the country.

This is a short film I did sound recording on for school. This project taught me a lot about the importance of reconnaissance and technique when recording. Additionally, as assistant editor, I gathered a new perspective on helping edit someone else's work.

## **DOOMSDAY'S CHOSEN - STUDENT SHORT FILM**

### **1ST AC**

A young man falls victim to a cult as he searches for his missing friend.

In this short film, I worked primarily as the 1st AC, following the director's vision and helping them get the shots they wanted. Additionally, we filmed the in snowy and cold outdoors which helped learn how to handle challenging weather conditions.

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## **SKILLS**

- Proficient Skills and Experience with Camera Operation & Equipment
- Proficient Skills with Lighting Techniques
- Proficient Skills in Sound Recording & Design
- Proficient Skills in Producing Student Films
- Proficient Skills in Directing Student Films
- Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro
- Bilingual (English and Spanish)
- Active Listening Skills for Understanding and Executing Instructions Accurately
- Experience with Scheduling and Coordinating Logistics
- Capable of Managing Multiple Responsibilities Simultaneously
- Strong Verbal and Written Communication Abilities
- Enjoys Fast-Paced Environments
- Stamina to Withstand Long Hours and Physically Demanding Tasks
- Comfort with Working Outdoors or in Challenging Conditions
- Openness to Taking on Different Roles and Responsibilities as Needed
- Loves to Travel
- Outstanding Attention to Detail
- Eagerness to Learn
- Willingness to Assist
- Team-Player

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**EDUCATION****SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY,  
CEDAR CITY UT**

Bachelors of Fine Arts

**CURRENT**

- Filmmaking Student
- Independent Study in German Film Studies
- Classes in Filmmaking Fundamentals, Writing for the Screen, Film Theory, Sound for the Screen, etc...

**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY,  
CEDAR CITY UT**

Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Science

AUGUST 2018 - APRIL 2022

- Agriculture Science & Industries Major with Emphasis in Animal Science
- Minors in Spanish & Film and Screen Studies
- Involved in Wind Symphony, Jazz Band, and Community Band
- Leadership Roles in Multiple Music Ensembles
- Led an Independent Study in Film Theory
- President and Founder of SUU Film Club

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

- Utah Film Commission PA Certification

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