# PHIL BLECHMAN

Writer, Editor, Director



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# **SKILLS**

- Writing (CMS, Stage/Screen)
- Directing
- Editing
- Voiceover
- Audio Editing
- Host/Interviewer/Presenter
- STORY SCULPTING
- LIVE WRITING

# **EDUCATION**

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Syracuse University 2008-2012

## **AWARDS**

#### 2021 FINALIST

DOWNTOWN URBAN ARTS FESTIVAL

# **EXPERIENCE**

#### **News Editor**

BarBend.com / Nov. 2019 - Present

- Source and cover all daily news related to strength sports:
  - o powerlifting, weightlifting, CrossFit, Strongman, Bodybuilding.
- Write Branded Content.
- MANAGE AND EDIT CONTRIBUTORS.
- CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH MAJOR NAMES IN THE FITNESS AND STRENGTH SPACE.
- Write scripts, perform as on-screen talent for Barbend's YouTube.

## NARRATOR/PRODUCER

Audible.com | June 2017 - Nov. 2019

- NARRATED AUDIOBOOKS PRIMARILY IN THE FANTASY AND SCI-FI CENRES.
- EDITED ALL AUDIO FOR PUBLICATION.
- Cast additional voice talent when needed and manage deadlines and recording schedules.
- Collaborated with authors to bring their characters and world to life.

### CREATIVE WRITING

WWE | Oct. 2016 - May 2017

- TRAVELED WITH MONDAY NIGHT RAW, SMACKDOWN LIVE, AND ALL PPVs.
- Assisted the writing team, coordinated talent (wrestlers, commentary team, announcers, and production teams
  - O PROPS, STUNTS, PYRO, PRODUCERS, CATERING, VENUE STAFF, ET AL.
- Performed on-air as secondary and background talent.
- Sculpted weekly script skeletons, one-sheeters, show grids, and notes.

# **BUSINESS AFFAIRS MANAGER**

The Araca Group | Dec. 2013 – Oct. 2016

- EXECUTED MERCHANDISE DEALS FOR DOMESTIC THEATRICAL TOURS:
  - Wicked, Book of Mormon, Cinderella, Matilda, Once, Sound of Music, Star Trek, Dirty Dancing, Alvin Ailey, Beautiful, Elf
- Managed sales team operations at PAX Prime and PAX East.
- Supervised and coordinated *The Araca Project*, an initiative for theatrical entrepreneurs in NYC.