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IN-HOUSE

CYPRIAN FILMS, New York, December 2016 – Present [Editor, Various Projects]

ABKCO FILMS, New York, April 2017 – Present [Editor]

PONDA FILMS, London, March 2014 – January 2016 [Junior Editor / Post-Production Supervisor]

MESSRS. GROUP, London, March 2013 – March 2014 [Editor]

RETZ, London, February – December 2012 [Editor]

KONTENT FILMS, San Francisco, March – May 2011 [Assistant Editor]

REMEDY EDITORIAL, San Francisco, March – May 2011 [Post-Production Assistant]

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

SHADOW COURT FILMS

Omitama, Feature Documentary (Forthcoming), 2023 [Editor, Producer]

AFFIRMATIVE YOUTH PRODUCTIONS & SHADOW COURT FILMS

The Book of Harth, Feature Documentary, 2022 [Editor, Producer]

- **Winner:** First Prize for Documentary Feature, *Rhode Island International Film Festival, USA 2022*
- **Winner:** Best Feature Documentary, *Atlanta Underground Film Festival, USA 2022*
- **Official Selection:** *SModCastle Film Festival, USA 2022*

CYPRIAN FILMS

Flowstate /North Brooklyn Artists, Documentary TV Series, 2021 [Editor]

- **Winner:** *65th Annual New York Emmy Awards 2022, Best Arts Series*

Slow Down: River to River, Experimental Documentary, 2019 [Assistant Editor]

- **Nominated:** *63rd Annual New York Emmy Awards 2020, Arts: Program/Special*

THE FREE HISTORY PROJECT

Don't Call Me Gay Zelig, Live Cinema Portrait of Jim Fouratt, 2019 [Assistant Editor]

- **Exhibited:** *Whitney Biennial 2019*

ABKCO FILMS

Psychomagic: An Art to Heal, US Sales Trailers and Promos, 2020 [Editor]

Jodorowsky 2020 4K Restorations: Fando y Lis, El Topo and The Holy Mountain, Various Marketing Trailers and Promos, 2020 [Editor]

Pete, Pearl and the Pole, Official Restoration Trailer, 2020 [Editor]

The Rolling Stones' Rock and Roll Circus, Feature Restoration, Official 4K Restoration Trailer, Various Marketing Videos and Promos, 2018 [Editor]

Jean-Luc Godard's Sympathy for the Devil / One Plus One, Official 4K Restoration Trailer, Various Marketing Videos and Promos, 2018 [Editor]

Is This Reality?, Tribute Homage Film to Alejandro Jodorowsky, 2017 [Editor]

- **Exhibited:** *The Museum of Modern Art: An Evening with Alejandro Jodorowsky, New York, July 2017*
- **Exhibited:** *The Rubin Museum of Art: Soundtrack of Consciousness with Francesco Clemente and Alejandro Jodorowsky, New York, July 2017*

THE MILO WLADEK CO. & SWEET DOH, *Contractor 014352*, Short Narrative, 2017 [Editor]

- **Winner:** Best European Short, *Brest European Short Film Festival, France 2017*
- **Winner:** Best Short Film, *Vancouver Lift-off Film Festival, Canada 2017*
- **Winner:** Best International Voice, *Literally Short Film Festival, Houston, USA 2018*
- **Winner:** Grand Jury Prize, *Kinematic Shorts Film Festival, Russia 2017*
- **Winner:** Best Screenplay, *Global Lift-Off Festival, USA 2018*
- **Winner:** Best Actor, *Tweetfest, London 2018*
- **Winner:** Best Cinematography, *Tweetfest, London 2018*
- **Special Mention:** *Los Angeles Lift-Off Film Festival, USA 2017*
- **Nominated:** Best Short Film, Best Script, Best Post-Production, *Global Lift-Off 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Palm Springs International Shortfest, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Rhode Island International Film Festival, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Heartland Film Festival, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Kerry International Film Festival, Ireland 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Rio Grind Festival, Canada 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *London Lift-Off Film Festival, UK 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Manchester International Film Festival, UK 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *New Filmmakers Los Angeles, USA 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Sci-Fi London Film Festival, USA 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Rebel Film Festival, UK 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Shortest Nights Film Festival, UK 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Les Utopiales Film Festival, France 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Corona Fastnet Film Festival, Republic of Ireland 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Literally Short Film Festival, USA 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Shortest Nights Film Festival, UK 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *La Postira Film Festival, Croatia 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *La Guarimba Film Festival, Calabria 2018*

THE MILO WLADEK CO., *The Joyous Farmer*, Short Narrative, 2016 [Writer, Director & Editor]

- **Winner:** Best Short Film, *Jaffna International Cinema Festival, Sri Lanka 2016*
- **Winner:** Best Short Film, *Agenda 14 Short Film Festival, Sri Lanka 2016*
- **Winner:** Best Narrative Short, *Chicago Amarcord Arthouse Television & Video Fest Awards, USA 2017*
- **Winner:** Best Actor, *Chicago Amarcord Arthouse Television & Video Fest Awards, USA 2017*
- **Nominated:** Best Writing, *Chicago Amarcord Arthouse Television & Video Fest Awards, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Chicago South Asian Film Festival, USA 2018*
- **Official Selection:** *Bucharest ShortCut CineFest, Romania 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Woods Hole Film Festival, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival, Canada 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Tasveer South Asian Film Festival, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Tirana International Film Festival, Albania 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Kew Gardens Festival of Cinema, USA 2017*
- **Official Selection:** *Hong Kong Arthouse Film Festival, Hong Kong 2017*
- **Exhibited:** *Film Forum, Goethe Institut, Sri Lanka 2017*
- **Exhibited:** *Cinnamon Colomboscope, Sri Lanka 2017*
- **Exhibited:** *SiGNS Film Festival, International Window, India 2017*
- **Exhibited:** *The Bureau of Creative Works: NYC Shorts, Nitehawk Cinema, USA 2019*
- **Exhibited:** *The Bureau of Creative Works: NYC Shorts, BAM Film, USA 2019*

SOMEBODY NOBODY PRODUCTIONS, *JUS SOLI*, Short Documentary, 2015 [Editor]

- **Winner:** First Prize Experimental Category, *Athens International Film & Video Festival, USA 2016*
- **Winner:** Best Short Film, *Black International Film Festival, UK 2016*
- **Nominated:** Best London Short Film, *London Short Film Festival, UK 2015*

- **Nominated:** Best Documentary Short Film, *London Short Film Festival, UK 2015*
- **Nominated:** Best Experimental Film, *Aesthetica Short Film Festival, UK 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *New Orleans Film Festival, USA 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Sweden 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Film Africa Film Festival, UK 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Exis International Experimental Film and Video Festival, South Korea 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Boston Underground Film Festival, USA 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Go Short International Film Festival Nijmegen, Netherlands 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival, UK 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Oberhausen International Short Film Festival, Germany 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *East End Film Festival, UK 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Chicago Underground Film Festival, USA 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Channel 4 Random Acts, UK 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Thessaloniki Documentary Festival, Greece 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Collectif Juene Cinema, Festival des cinémas différents et expérimentaux de Paris, France 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *IndieCork, Ireland 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Mininalen Film Festival, Norway 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Raindance Film Festival, UK 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Document Film Festival, UK 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Slamdance Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Exhibited:** *Imagining Diaspora in the Age of Refugees, Ben Uri Gallery, UK 2016*
- **Exhibited:** *13 Dead, Nothing Said, Goldsmith University UK 2016*
- **Exhibited:** *Young Artist Collection, Lemoart Gallery, Germany 2016*
- **Exhibited:** *Black Box and White Cube, MUU Galleria, Finland 2016*
- **Exhibited:** *Contemporary Art Centre, Lithuania 2016*
- **Exhibited:** *Cinematography and the Black Poetic Voice, Arnolfini, UK 2016*

PONDA FILMS, [Tell Spring Not to Come This Year](#), Feature Documentary, 2015 [Assistant Editor]

- **Winner:** Best Cinematography, *Social Impact Media Awards, USA 2016*
- **Winner:** Best Sound Editing, *Social Impact Media Awards, USA 2016*
- **Winner:** Special Mention Award, *ZagrebDox International Documentary Film Festival, Croatia 2016*
- **Winner:** Amnesty International Film Prize, *Berlin International Film Festival, Germany 2015*
- **Winner:** Panorama Audience Award, *Berlin International Film Festival, Germany 2015*
- **Winner:** Grand Jury Award, *Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Winner:** Best Feature-Length Documentary, *Madrid International Film Festival, Spain 2015*
- **Winner:** First Prize of the Jury, *DocumentaMadrid, Spain 2015*
- **Winner:** Best Documentary, *Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival, Canada 2015*
- **Winner:** S. Mahmud Award for Courage in Cinema, *Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival, Canada 2015*
- **Winner:** Best Documentary, *Heartland Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Finalist:** Bertha Documentary Award, *One World Media, UK 2016*
- **Nominated:** Nesnady and Schwartz Documentary Competition, *Cleveland International Film Festival, USA 2016*
- **Nominated:** Bildrausch Ring of Film Art, *Bildrausch Filmfest, Switzerland 2015*
- **Nominated:** Feature Documentary Award, *Doxa Documentary Film Festival, Canada 2015*
- **Nominated:** Human Rights Award, *Galway Film Fleadh, Ireland 2015*
- **Nominated:** Tim Hetherington Award, *Sheffield International Documentary Festival, UK 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, USA 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *One World Film Festival, Czech Republic 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *DocPoint Helsinki Documentary Film Festival, Finland 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Tim Hetherington Society Film Festival, UK 2016*
- **Official Selection:** *Arpa International Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Baltic 39, UK 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Montreal International Doc Fest, Canada 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Cinema Politica, Canada 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Germany 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Cineuropa, Santiago de Compostela, Belgium 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Hot Springs Doc Film Fest, USA 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Films from the South, Norway 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *War on Screen, France 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Milano Film Festival, Italy 2015*
- **Official Selection:** Best of Fests, *International Documentary Film Festival, Netherlands 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Camden International Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Cambridge Film Festival, UK 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Portland Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *New Zealand International Film Festival, New Zealand 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *This Human World Film Festival, Austria 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *International Film Festival WATCH DOCS, Poland 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *CinemAFGHANISTAN, Germany 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Denver Film Festival, USA 2015*
- **Official Selection:** *Free Zone Film Festival, Serbia 2015*

- **Official Selection:** *Eurient*, Germany 2015
- **Official Selection:** *Bergen International Film Festival*, Norway 2015
- **Official Selection:** *Afghanistan DocHouse Festival*, Afghanistan 2015

PAPER PICTURES, *Red Onions*, Short Narrative, 2014 [Editor]

- **Winner:** Best Drama, *Freedom Film Festival*, Russia 2015
- **Finalist:** Grand Jury Prize, *Sundance London Short Film Festival*, UK 2014
- **Official Selection:** *This is England Film Festival*, France 2015
- **Official Selection:** *Cineshift Film Festival*, USA 2015
- **Official Selection:** *JumpTheCut Festival* 2015
- **Official Selection:** *Shorts That Are Not Pants*, Canada 2015
- **Official Selection:** *Freud's Film Festival*, UK 2014

THE MILO WLADEK CO. & SWEET DOH, *The Elevator Pitch*, Short Narrative, 2013 [Editor]

- **Winner:** *Cinevana London*, UK 2015
- **Staff Pick:** *Vimeo*, April 2014
- **Finalist:** Grand Jury Prize, *Sundance London Short Film Festival*, UK 2014
- **Finalist:** *The IMDB New Filmmaker Award*, UK 2014
- **Official Selection / Opening Film:** *London Short Film Festival*, UK 2014
- **Official Selection:** *Leigh Film Festival*, UK 2015
- **Official Selection:** *CineShift Film Festival*, USA 2015
- **Official Selection:** *VanChan Festival*, Canada 2015
- **Official Selection:** *Newtown Film Festival*, USA 2015
- **Official Selection:** *InHouse Festival*, UK 2015
- **Official Selection:** *British Shorts*, Germany 2014
- **Official Selection:** *Emden International Film Festival*, Germany 2014
- **Official Selection:** *Bath Film Festival*, UK 2014
- **Official Selection:** *Loco Comedy Film Festival*, UK 2014
- **Official Selection:** *WhirlyGig Spotlights*, UK 2014
- **Official Selection:** *Synesthesia Film Festival*, USA 2014
- **Official Selection:** *The Matinee Project*, India 2014
- **Official Selection:** *Unofficial Google Plus Film Festival* 2013

EDUCATION

- **MA (Hons.) in Philosophy**, The University of Edinburgh, UK