

# **Career Portfolio**

**Amari Russell**

Ba in Theatre

Focus: Film Media Studies

Nova Southeastern University

Actor / Filmmaker / Writer / Editor

## **Artist Biography**

Amari Russell was born and raised in Pembroke Pines, Florida. A few creative outlets he does consist of screenwriting, acting, directing, and editing.

"Solitude" is a short film he made that got accepted into the Central Florida Film Festival and the Miami Independent Film Festival along with a few others. It's currently a quarterfinalist in the National Short Film Festival along with another short film he submitted as well.

## **Artist Statement**

I make art for the simple reason that I can't see myself doing anything else with my life. Motion Pictures always spoke to me in a way that opened my mind to endless possibilities. I always enjoyed those moments where I see characters do certain things that I do. Film is such a powerful medium that brings everyone together. The one thing that inspires me to make art is telling stories that are familiar but from a unique perspective. There's honestly about a million memories I have of getting hurt, let down, and heartbroken but I channel that through my storytelling.

There are films from every ethnicity but rarely are their films that have people from every background. Those are the types of projects I wanna create. I will bring different perspectives and ethnicities through the actors on camera as well as through the employees that will help make them happen. One important thing that I learned from the films I created is to make films that you being the filmmaker would wanna see. It's as if you're trying to find a way to please millions of people which is insane.

# Amari Russell

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## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Arts in Theatre**

May 2022

*Nova Southeastern University (NSU)*

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Concentration: Film and Dramatic Media

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

● Production and Stage Management

● Introduction to Film

● Performance for Film and Television

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## FILM & PRODUCTION PROJECTS

### **Actor**

July 2021

*Center of Academic & Professional Success (CAPS), NSU*

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Acted in a UNIV Film project to promote to students to meet with their academic advisor
- Integrated the benefits of consulting with academic advisor for college success

### **Director**

July 2021

*Solitude Short Film, NSU*

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Created a short film that portrays how to rebuild when life presents a tough situation
- Directed the camera to capture primitive shots regarding loneliness
- Edited the film with Power Director to utilize stock footage of how the people we meet affect us

### **Writer**

July 2021

*The Actor Short Film, NSU*

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Developed a film around the concept of being relentless in pursuit of your dreams
- Conceptualized a character that frequently gets rejected by casting directors, but still has the endurance to keep going

### **Editor**

July 2021

*The Teacher Short Film, NSU*

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Composed a short film about a teacher who gets harassed by one of his former students
- Collaborated with my Professor on shots that will add depth and make the film terrifying

### **Actor**

April 2021

*What If? Short Film, NSU*

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Established a film about a college student struggling with telling a close friend about how he truly feels about her
- Explored what it's like when a person has feelings for someone, but they don't act on them because of the past

## ACHIEVEMENTS

*"The Solitude Short Film" entered multiple Film Festivals 4x*

*August 2021*

## KEY SKILLS

**Computer:** Editing, Microsoft Office Suite (Word)

**Technical Theatre:** Script Writing

## EMPLOYMENTS HISTORY

2019-Present Boston Market

- Greet customers and preparing their food with proper care
- Dispose of the trash, clean tables, and replenish ice for soda dispensers

2018-2019 Sears

- Providing great customer experience, stockroom organisation, merchandise pick up, and replenishment of the Footwear Department
- Assist other store associates with unloading DC trucks

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