

KALYAN SURA

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Writer | Director | VFX Supervisor

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EDUCATION

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION

JANUARY 2015 – MAY 2018

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

- Writing (3 features, 20 shorts, 1 novel), Directing (5 shorts), Visual Effects (12 shorts, 1 feature film)

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONORS) IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

AUGUST 2008 – MAY 2012

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE (BITS – Pilani), RAJASTHAN, INDIA

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE WRITER/ DIRECTOR

MAR 2021 – PRESENT

- Writer/ Director for award winning short film 'Dos Bros Force'
- Helped develop four animated shows (1 pre-school, 2 action adventure, 1 adult anthology) for Dancing Atoms Studios.

WRITER/ CREATIVE CONSULTANT – TCL AMERICA IDEO STUDIOS

FEB 2022 – JULY 2022

- Writer and consultant for web based animation content.

VFX ARTIST - MPC LA

MAR 2021 – JUN 2021, DEC 2018 – JAN 2019, JUL – OCT (2018)

- Rigged, Animated and Composited CG characters and cameras on key action sequences.

DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT/ STORY EDITOR – VIA MAR PRODUCTIONS

MAR 2019 – OCT 2019

- Creative assistant and story editor for a feature film project set in South India.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR (TD) - DREAMWORKS ANIMATIONS INDIA

AUG 2012 – DEC 2014

- Designed workflows for proprietary DreamWorks pipeline. Animated and simulated, hair and fur.

SELECT PROJECTS

• DIRECTOR

- **Dos Bros Force** [Drama Short]
 - **Best Narrative Short** at Indo French Film Festival, Canadian Cinematography Awards, Blackboard International Film Festival.
 - **'Official Selection'** status at several international film festivals.
- **The Lie Game** [Award winning sci-fi short]
 - **Best Director Award** at the Lake City International Film festival.
 - **Distributed by DUST**, the largest sci-fi channel on Youtube, and **Shorts TV** globally.

• WRITER

- **Memory Lanes** [Sci-Fi Feature Script]
 - Finalist - Impact X Netflix Female Thriller Contest. Top 0.1% Of applicants.
- **Dos Bros Force** [Drama Short Script]
 - Winner – 'Tasveer Film Fund,' backed by Netflix.
- **Jackie & Jilal** [Action/ Adventure Animation Pilot]
 - Quarterfinalist – Screen Craft Animation Pilot Contest, Final Draft Big Break Contest.
 - Top 15% of all Television half-hour scripts on Coverfly.

• VISUAL EFFECTS (VFX) [SELECT PROJECTS]

- **Chip And Dale : Rescue Rangers** – Vfx Artist ; **Free Guy** – Previs Artist;
- **Sonic The Hedgehog** – Vfx Artist; **Poke'mon: Detective Pikachu** – Vfx Artist;
- **How To Train Your Dragon 2** – Technical Director; **Sesame Street Interactive** – Vfx Supervisor.

SKILLS

CREATIVE – Directing, Writing, Animation, Compositing, Sound Design and Video Editing.

SOFTWARE – 3D – Maya, Blender; 2D – Photoshop, After Effects, Nuke; *Game Engines* – Unity, Unreal Engine ; *Film* – Premiere, Avid Media Composer, Avid Protools

SELECT ACHIEVEMENTS	• Selected for 'Kalakars South Asian Writers Workshop'	2022
	• Member of inaugural 'Rickshaw South Asian Directors Circle'	2022
	• Winner of 'TCL America Short Script Awards' for project Dos Bros Force.	2021
	• Member of Visual Effects Society and Screen Writer's Association (India)	2020 Onwards
	• 30 Under 30 Award – Awarded by BITS Pilani, Alumni Association	2019
	• Semi-Finalist at the Student Academy Awards for the film Kintsugi	2018
	• Semi-Finalist at the Inaugural Bootleg Universe Story Contest by Screen Craft	2016
