

# Maxwell Stephen Duryea | Director + Producer

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## Why I want to be here:

I am interested in telling remarkable stories that change the world. I am truly passionate about creating work that's timeless and relevant. In a time where everything is so instant, disposable and easily forgotten, I want to work with others that value honest and emotional stories.

## How I can add value:

My experience in photojournalism taught me the vulnerability of the disenfranchised. Working to build a company from the ground up has taught me the insane work ethic to complete anything. Directing has reminded me of the importance of listening. Working with a community has taught me that you can never have too much patience. I take pride in the work I create with my team.

## Float

*Creative Producer* | Portland, Oregon | 2020 -

- Due to COVID-19, many small businesses can't make ends meet. We built this company to try to make a dent in the situation, however small. It's our way of encouraging small businesses to set up fundraising campaigns and raise awareness of those initiatives so people in our community can support financially—those who have the means, anyway.
- Lead creative producer & story editor

## Story & Heart / Academy of Storytellers

*Creative Director + Filmmaker* | Portland, Oregon | 2018 - 2020

- Lead interviewer, filmmaker and creative director
- Founded/directed/filmed *Together Docs*, a documentary web series
- Produced and directed our *On-Set* international educational documentary series
- Wrote treatments, pitched story ideas and pre-production for On-Demand projects
- Led social media strategy, webinars and our digital marketing
- Incorporated one-on-one story strategy for *Academy* members
- Taught film education + story strategy to our community of more than 50k

## Muse Storytelling

*Wearer of Many Hats* | Portland, Oregon | 2017 - 2018

- Junior editor
- First AC and AD
- Gear manager + gaffer | grip + electric
- Junior story educator & community connector
- QC'd national campaigns, documentaries and social media assets
- Wrote, rewrote and edited scripts for the *Science of Storytelling* course
- Prepped Premiere projects, assembled sequences, culled footage, b-roll selects

## Moji Cinema

*Co-Founder* | Berlin, Germany | 2014 - 2017

- Founded as a startup with partner Paul Jew
- Worked as lead creative director & head of production
- Created beautiful films to help small businesses tell their story
- Boosted ROI by transitioning from commercial to brand documentary work
- Founded our research methods, storytelling process and media production strategy
- Built a company that, to this day, makes intentional, beautiful and relevant content

## AP Photographer

*Freelance Photojournalist / MMJ* | Tijeras, NM | 2009 - 2014

- Photographed local stories, features and breaking news
- Fact checked for credibility and created AP style captions
- Delivered stories, images and multimedia assets on deadline
- Worked with multiple editors, writers, photographers and the community
- Edited photos, ingested selects and renamed all assets to be cataloged and archived

## Philanthropy + Community

**Expo 2020 Dubai:** *Filmmaker* (San Diego, CA 2020)

**100thingsilove:** *Creative Director* (Portland, OR 2019)

**Paint it Forward:** *Creative Producer* (Santa Fe, NM 2018)

**Immigration Counseling Services:** *Story Producer* (Portland, OR 2017, 2018)

**Carrie Tingley Hospital:** *Creative Director* (Albuquerque, NM 2016)

**Berlin Music Video Awards:** *DP* (Berlin, Germany 2014, 2015, 2016)

**Peace Corps:** *Photography Teacher at Narako School* (Rakiraki, Fiji 2012)

**Alp Wallatsch:** *Dairy Farmer* (Vals, Switzerland 2011)

**Re-Cycle Wales:** *Bicycle Mechanic* (Swansea, Wales 2007-2009)

## Tools

- Pen + Paper, mobile phone, my ears, email, Adobe, FCP, Resolve, Slack, etc.
- RED, ARRI, Blackmagic, Phantom, G&E, HMI's, Fresnels, LED's, etc.
- Lavalier + shotgun mobile sound collection, podcast, VO, foley, etc.
- Social Media Proficiency (IG,FB,YT, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.)
- UAS Part 107 Certified (small pilot's license)
- PADI Open Water Certification
- Intermediate German B1

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University of New Mexico | Albuquerque, NM  
**BFA: Photography**

University of Wales | Swansea, UK  
**BFA: Journalism**