

# MONTY MIRANDA

DIRECTOR • PRODUCER

## BIOGRAPHY

SXSW Award-Winning filmmaker Monty Miranda directs and produces movies, television, commercials, and documentaries around the world.

Monty Miranda's feature film directorial debut, *SKILLS LIKE THIS*, won the Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature at the SXSW Film Festival. In over 20 film festival appearances the darkly comic film continued on to receive "Best of the Fest" honors at the Edinburgh International Film Festival, Grand Jury Prize for Best American Feature Jacksonville Film Festival and a Free Spirit Award Nomination at the Warsaw International Film Festival. Upon the film's theatrical release Miranda received glowing reviews from *The New York Times*, "...eye catching direction", *SALON*, "cheerfully anarchic...incredibly genuine", to *Variety*, "...artfully directed with considerable intelligence and chemistry." *SKILLS LIKE THIS* released internationally, NETFLIX AMAZON PRIME, DVD, digital, and on the premium cable network Starz.

Following the release of *SKILLS LIKE THIS* Miranda directed the thriller *THE INSOMNIAC (AKA 24 SEVEN)*, starring Danny Trejo and John Heard, and *AMERICAN MUSTANG*, Miranda's first 3D motion picture with Daryl Hanna.

Given his diverse body of work Miranda has found himself directing talented studied actors such as, John Heard, Daryl Hannah, Keith Szarabajka, Noah Wyle, Sharon Gless, and Danny Trejo as well as new green actors - or professional athletes, musicians and politicians such as Palma Violets, John Mayer, Steve Jordan, New Order, Matthew Sweet, John Hickenlooper, Devotchka, Spike Lee, Tony Hawk and Anthony Davis. The constant for Miranda is pulling great performances out of both the studied and the raw to help tell the best story. with motion pictures.

In addition to filmmaking Miranda has taught film and acting in Hollywood, California and Nashville, Tennessee. Miranda has led and taught film and acting workshops and lecture spots at the University of Colorado, Syracuse University, Colorado Institute of Art, The Colorado Film School, Acting for Film and TV Denver Center for the Performing Arts and Theater of the Arts in Hollywood, California. Miranda has been a regular guest judge at a variety of Actors Showcases in and around Los Angeles, California and continues to teach at the Nashville Film Institute.

In 2021, Despite not being a DEADHEAD Miranda is completing Feature length Concert Documentary film on the band Dead and Company with John Mayer.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SXSW FILM Guest Director Panelist

Cannes Lion Festival Panelist with Gavin Polone, Common and Nick Cannon

Director's Guild of America Documentary Nominating Committee and Juror 2012-2015

ADCD Guest Director Panelist

"Top 25 Movers and Shakers Art, Entertainment, and Culture" 2009, 2008, 2007 • Editorial Staff Rocky Mountain News

Starz Denver International Film Festival Juror

## FEATURE FILMS • TV

*AMERICAN MUSTANG (3D)*

*THE INSOMNIAC (AKA 24 SEVEN)*

*SKILLS LIKE THIS*

### **AMERICAN MUSTANG** (Daryl Hannah)

Top 10% most successful kickstarter campaign

Theatrical, VOD, STREAMING

### **THE INSOMNIAC (AKA 24 SEVEN)** (Danny Trejo, John Heard)

INDIEFEST USA • INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Best Feature Film

BRECKENRIDGE FESTIVAL of FILM

Best Screenplay

ACTION on ACTION FILM FESTIVAL

Best Screenplay

### **SKILLS LIKE THIS**

SXSW FILM FESTIVAL Audience Award Best Narrative Feature

North American Theatrical Release

World Television Premiere Starz Digital and DVD release all media

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - UK "Best of the Fest"

JACKSONVILLE FILM FESTIVAL

Official Closing Night Film

Jury Prize Best American Feature Film

WARSAW FILM FESTIVAL - Poland Free Spirit Award Nomination

ASHLAND FILM FESTIVAL

Best Cinematography - Finalist Best Acting Ensemble - Finalist

FRESNO FILM FESTIVAL – Official Opening Night Film

Starz Denver Film Festival, Popcorn Comedy Film Festival - Sweden, Indie Fest San Francisco

Wisconsin Film Festival, Atlanta Film Festival, Salem Film Festival, Maine International Film Festival,

Köln Comedy Film Festival Germany, Thailand World Comedy Film Festival

### **ADOPTABLE! (series)**

2019 MIAMI WEB FEST Best of the Fest, Best Mockumentary

VOD, BINGE NETWORK, ROKU CHANNEL, STARBABY NETWORK, AMAZON PRIME

## COMMERCIAL AWARDS

*CANNES LIONS, CLIO, EFFIES, BBC'S MOST OUTRAGEOUS, WORLD'S FUNNIEST COMMERCIALS, BDA AWARDS*