

Eli McGowan

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Introduction

An experienced freelance filmmaker with years of feature and industry experience, I specialize in building and leading teams to take on challenging projects. I achieve success both on-set and in demanding corporate and educational environments.

Education

Savannah College of Art & Design '22
M.F.A. in Film & Television — 3.94 GPA

Liberty University '15
B.S. in Government, Film Minor — Magna Cum Laude

Experience

Electrician & Grip — IATSE Local 491

Savannah, GA; June 2023 to present.
Proud member of the motion picture industry's largest union.

Manager — High Output Savannah

Savannah, GA; September 2021 to March 2024.
I led a regional motion picture equipment rental/production house branch, overseeing customers, staff, equipment, vehicles, marketing, and more.

Producer — Definers Public Affairs

Arlington, VA; November 2017 to October 2018.
In charge of all internal and external video projects. Directing a series of commercials for an oil industry client in the deserts of New Mexico and editing a video campaign to legalize vaping in New Zealand were highlights of my time at this international firm.

Studio Producer — Leadership Institute

Arlington, VA; October 2016 to May 2017.
At this non-profit focused on political education, I ran a small television studio. I was in charge of training sessions, assisting clients, managing live tapings or edits, and even creating 3D models for a studio renovation.

Other Experience

- Directed, Produced, & Co-Edited the WWII short film *August*, with over forty cast and crew. Recipient of "Best Student Film" at the Independent Shorts Awards; "Best Student Film" at Macon Film Festival; and "Best Student Film" at Miami Short Film Festival. Nominee, "Best Director" at Red Movie Awards 2024. **View:** <https://rb.gy/unwdz>
- Director of ambitious documentary series on the commercial crab fishing families of Newport, Oregon.

View sizzle: <https://rb.gy/fozp3>

- DP or Producer of more than forty short film shoots from Alberta to Tennessee. Won "Best Cinematography" at Southern Horror Film Festival, 2022.
- Completed 2021 film teaching internship at Savannah Technical College.
- RED Gemini camera & DJI Inspire 2 cinema drone owner/operator.
- Editor with over fifteen years experience using Adobe Premiere Pro. DaVinci & Avid user.
- Comfortable and experienced with long distance and international travel, working remotely, freelance work, confidentiality needs, and projects with rapid turnaround times.

References

Matthew Price, Esq. — Client, Showrunner, mprice@pricerandle.com
Partner at Price & Randle, Professor, Missionary, Author, Documentary Showrunner.

Myrrah Satow, PGA — Executive Producer, myrrah.satow@gmail.com
Executive Producer for *Adeline*, Founder of Pandora Persephone Films.

Amanda Kulkoski — Professor, Union Sponsor, akulkosk@scad.edu
SCAD Professor, President of IATSE Local 320, Member of IATSE Local 600 & Local 491, Gaffer & DP.

Feature & Television Work

<i>New York Homicide S3</i> (Oxygen/ITV)	Director of Photography: Chattanooga, TN Unit
<i>County Rescue S2</i> (Great American Pure Flix)	"A" Camera Second Assistant (2024, TN) (2 Eps.)
<i>Hotlanta Listings</i> (Reality Pilot) (Bravo)	Camera Utility (2024, GA)
<i>God's Not Dead 5</i> (Great American Pure Flix)	Best Boy Electric: Reshoots (2024, SC)
<i>Grid Down, Power Up</i> (Doc)	Additional/Social Media Editor (2023-2024, Remote)
<i>Murdaugh Murders: A Southern Scandal S2</i> (Doc) (Netflix)	G&E Swing (2023, SC)
<i>Low Country S1</i> (Doc) (HBO)	G&E Swing (2022, SC)
<i>The Dark Side of Comedy S1</i> (Doc) (VICE)	"B" Camera Operator: Savannah (2022, GA)
<i>Fightlore</i> (Doc Webseries) (UFC)	Gaffer: Savannah (2021, GA)
<i>Fables S1</i> (Apple)	Second Assistant Camera: Atlanta (2021, GA)
<i>The Accursed</i>	Electrician (2021, GA)
<i>Can't Get Rite</i>	Director of Photography (2021, GA)
<i>Adeline</i>	Data Wrangler/Dailies Editor (2020, OH)
<i>Stars Fell on Alabama</i>	Assistant Editor/Dailies (2019, SC)
<i>American Dropout</i> (Doc)	First Assistant Camera: Washington, D.C. (2019, D.C.)
<i>Princess Cut 2</i>	Data Wrangler/Dailies Editor (2018, VA)
<i>Princess Cut 3</i>	Data Wrangler/Dailies Editor (2018, VA)
<i>Mount Hideaway Mysteries</i>	Camera Operator (2018, VA)
<i>Affairs of State</i>	Production Assistant (2016, VA)

Commercial & Corporate Work

Cajun Navy Ground Force shoot, NC. Lemonade, 2024	DP
Progressive Victory event shoot, WS. 2024	DP
U.S. Rep. Jamaal Bowman event shoot, NY. PV, 2024	DP
ProLogis livestream, Mexico City, MX. Savvy Studios, 2024	DP: Mexico City
Price & Randle law firm, MO. 2021-2024	DP/Editor
Allbirds spec ad, GA. 2022. <i>Student Emmy</i> nom. project	DP
Loft, GA. Bonnie Charm, 2023	DIT/2AC
Mastercard, GA. Tanner Holmes, 2023	Gaffer
Greenworks lawn equipment, GA. Chop & Hue, 2023	Gaffer
Air National Guard, GA. Five Stone, 2022	Gaffer
Toast software company, GA. Bonfire Labs, 2022	Gaffer
Darius Rucker livestream, SC. 9Rooftops, 2022 Enmarket, GA. OnIdeas, 2022	Gaffer
Ford Motor Co. Black History promo, SC. 2023	Key Grip
Fear The Walking Dead EPK, GA. Onion Creek, 2022	Key Grip
Diabetes pharmaceutical, SC. Snow Co., 2022	Key Grip
SCAD "Alma Matter" video, GA. 2022	Key Grip
SCAD "Fashion Run" promo, GA. Alienworx, 2022	Key Grip
Ritz x NFL, FL. Riverside Entertainment, 2023	Grip
WSJ Mag fashion editorial, GA. Farago Projects, 2024	G&E Swing (Photoshoot)
Dazed Magazine Chanel editorial, SC. SJ Studio, 2024	G&E Swing (Photoshoot)
Land's End, GA. Tippy Canoe, 2024	G&E Swing (Photoshoot)
Toro mowers, GA. 2023	G&E Swing
Tanger Outlets, GA. Society South, 2023	G&E Swing
"Peaches" grant award mini-doc, GA. Apple, 2022	G&E Swing
U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock promo, GA. S.O.S., 2022 Ann Taylor, SC. Bonnie Charm, 2022	G&E Swing
Perdue Foods, NC. JoJx, 2021	G&E Swing (Photoshoot)
Chevy Truck Month, GA. Brad Stanley Photo, 2021.	Dolly Grip
	Second Photo Assist

Shorts & Music Videos

<i>August</i> (short)	Director, EP, Co-Editor (2022, GA) Awards on first page.
<i>The Sound Things Make When They Break</i> (Alex Hendrix)	DP, Editor (2023, AL). Winner, Best Video, YL:TM Awards
<i>Brittany Spears</i> (Recess Villains)	DP, Editor (2022, PA)
<i>Awake</i> (short)	DP, Co-Editor (2021, GA) Winner, Best Cinematography, Southern Horror Film Festival