

Carl Conway Maguire

Writer-Director · Comedy

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PROFILE

NYC-based writer-director specializing in absurdist, character-driven comedy. Award-winning short films and series work with festival runs including Dances With Films, SeriesFest, Sidewalk, and HollyShorts. Highly experienced editor.

SELECTED DIRECTING WORK

Onboarding — Spec Pilot · Writer-Director · In Development

Short-form workplace comedy pilot. Produced by Steve Pink (Hot Tub Time Machine). Preview screening won a Development Award from VinylTV at Tootsie's Video Vault. Seeking a home to develop to series.

Ultra Juice — Short Film · Writer-Director · Currently in Festival Run

A lonely man finds friendship in an unexpected place: his new vape. Absurdist character comedy. Winner, Best Short Film — Tootsie's Video Vault.

Syd & Mike — Series Pilot + 18-Episode Web Series · Writer-Director

An offbeat pair of codependent roommates navigate unhinged misfits and cataclysmic circumstances that test the boundaries of their friendship. Sketch comedy. Pilot produced by Steve Pink (Hot Tub Time Machine); Audience Award winner at SeriesFest 2022. Web series includes the viral "Lavender Air Freshener."

Syd & Mike × Grav Labs — "Fresh Like the Rain" — Branded Comedy · Writer-Director

Branded comedy short integrating Grav Labs product into the Syd & Mike world. Commercial parody.

Blothes — Short Film · Writer-Director

Desperate for leads on a dead-end serial murder case, the FBI pulls a killer out of prison to take a Rorschach test using inkblots found at the crime scenes. Absurdist comedic thriller.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Best Short Film — Tootsie's Video Vault 2025 (Ultra Juice)
- Development Award, VinylTV — Tootsie's Video Vault 2026 (Onboarding)
- Audience Award, Late Night — SeriesFest, Denver 2022 (Syd & Mike)
- Best Episodic — Laugh After Dark Comedy Festival, Las Vegas 2022 (Syd & Mike)
- Official Selection — Tribeca Creators Market 2022 (Syd & Mike)

SELECTED FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Dances With Films: LA · SeriesFest · Sidewalk Film Festival · HollyShorts · Florida Film Festival · Santa Fe International Film Festival · Sci-Fi London · Woods Hole Film Festival · Wyoming International Film Festival · Laugh After Dark Comedy Festival · Les Intergalactiques (Lyon, France) · Genreblast · Midwest Weirdfest · Tootsie's Video Vault (Brooklyn)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

Suitable Entertainment Inc. — Founder. Writer / director / producer entity for current and upcoming work.

EDITING BACKGROUND

13 years as a freelance editor across NYC. Selected clients: Paramount, Pluto TV, Vice / Munchies, TVLand, VaynerMedia, TBWA, Budweiser (Anheuser-Busch), Gap, Dove, and Reebok. Full editing resume available on request.

REPRESENTATION

Currently unrepresented — open to conversations with commercial production companies and management.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts — University of Montevallo, Alabama