

# Michael Angelo Messina

*Passionate, curious, and versatile multimedia storyteller.*

*Bringing imaginative ideas to life through video, music composition and production, sound design, photography, cinematography, editing, game design, and graphics*

## EDUCATION:

**Drexel University — Westphal College of Media Art & Design**

Bachelor of Science, Film & Television (*Anticipated degree - June 2025*)

## CREATIVE PROJECTS:

### **In Mud**

For Spring, 2024 release | Short Film

- A psychological drama involving a man made out of earth, and a girl he creates from mud. Themes of manipulation, isolation, and idealization.
- Directing, producing, writing, editing, casting, scoring, and sound design

### **MI-L8**

February, 2024 | Independent music composition and production

- 7 folk, electronic, and ambient tracks focused on corruption and love
- Produced, arranged, recorded, and mixed using Ableton software.

### **Carlight Capsize**

December, 2023 | Experimental short film and ambient music composition featuring off-kilter sonic textures and abstract visuals.

- Videography, musical score, editing, sound design, production.

### **Pigatory**

October, 2023 | Mobile video game created for DGDG Game Jam entry

- Whimsical satire featuring themes of good and evil, and life and death.
- Concept, title, graphics, animations, music, sound, character design, gameplay mechanics, and UI.

### **TAKE.**

Winter, 2022 | Student cinematography project

- Mysterious action scene inspired by film noir and science fiction.
- Story concept, writing, directing, styling, shooting, editing, and sound.

### **The Most Diplomatic Solution**

Spring, 2023 - Present | PC Video Game

- Multiplayer fighting game with intergalactic political theme created in Drexel's Entrepreneurial Game Studio with advisor Tony Rowe (*Call of Duty.*)
- Responsible for game concept and visual design, sound, character development, writing, and score.

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

**Sales Associate at Best Buy, Simsbury, CT**

Summer, 2022 | Educated customers about professional-grade audio and video products. Front-end sales and customer service.

**Groundskeeping crew at Hopmeadow Country Club**

Summer, 2022 | Proven reliability, adaptability, and teamwork.

## CONTACT:

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## SKILLS:

**Video Editing:** Adobe Premier Pro, Avid Media Composer, DaVinci Resolve; Quicktime

### **Digital Audio Workstations:**

Ableton 11 Suite; Logic Pro X; Adobe Audition; Audacity

**Social Media:** Instagram; YouTube, TikTok; Facebook; Snapchat

### **Digital Art & Design:** Adobe Creative

Suite including Photoshop, Illustrator, and Audition; Procreate; Canva; Open AI (Sora, DALL-E); Runway; Apple Keynote, Pages; Microsoft Word, Powerpoint

**Game Development:** Unity; Unreal Engine; Maya; Construct 3

**Equipment:** Canon C300 Series; Nikon D850, Zoom; F6/8 Field Recorders, Boom and Lav mics

## EXTRACURRICULARS & AWARDS:

- Music Director, WKDU Drexel student-run radio (2023-present)
- Drexel Entrepreneurial Game Studio (2021-present)
- RISD Animation Certificate (2020)

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK:

- Basic Directing
- Music Videos
- Narrative Production
- Cinematography
- Lighting
- TV Series
- Intermediate Editing
- Audio Production and Post
- Screenplay Story Development