

# RHYS ERNST

## EDUCATION

**Cal Arts**, MFA Candidate, Film/ Video, Valencia, CA, 2011

**Hampshire College**, Bachelor of Arts, Film Major, Amherst, MA, 2004

## SELECTED WORK HISTORY

**Key Grip** - *Damelo Todo* - Narrative short, Los Angeles, CA 1/10

**Motion Graphics/ Editor** - *He Said She Said* – Promo Video series, Women’s Health Magazine, Los Angeles, 12/09  
Motion graphics and video editing for web series

**Director of Photography** – *Desert Hotel* – Narrative Short, Los Angeles, CA, 11/09  
DP for on-location narrative, shot on HD (Sony EX3)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Director**– *The Owls* – Narrative Feature, Los Angeles, CA, 8/09  
2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Director/ Director of Photography on Cheryl Dunye’s experimental narrative feature, debuting at 2010 Berlinale

**First Assistant Director** – *Agnes and Muriel* – Narrative Short, Los Angeles, CA, 3/09  
In charge of organizing shoot schedule, logistics, and running set. Funded by the Flixus Grant.

**Producer/ Editor** - *Fall Women’s Fashion Line* – Promo Video, Quiksilver, Los Angeles, CA, 10/08  
Shoot, produced, and edited long-format promotional video for national apparel company.

**Producer/ Editor** – MTV Networks – Creative Services Dept, NYC, 2/08 – 7/08  
Chief department creative producer/ editor responsible for 2008 MTVN Upfront Opening tape, as well as various promos and hotmixes.

**Producer/ Editor**- *Occupational NYC* – Informational Video Series, MDRC, NYC, 11/06 – 1/01  
Produced several informational videos from start to finish for non-profit corporation, to be used nationwide with their client base.

**Director of Photography** - *Fiery Furnaces* – Documentary, Chris Buck Productions, NYC, 7/07 – 9/07  
DP for vérité documentary of independent rock band, directed by editorial photographer Chris Buck

**Producer/ Editor** - *Resident Artist Series* – Video Series, Eyebeam Atelier, NYC, 5/07 – 6/07  
Directed, produced, and edited web-based video series on Eyebeam’s resident artists.

**Associate Producer** - *Masterclass* - Documentary TV Feature, HBO, Various Locations, Feb, 2/07 – 7/07  
Associate producer for sequel to 2007 Academy Award nominated documentary short *Rehearsing a Dream*, currently being extended into documentary programming for HBO. Shoot locations included NYC, various location in Spain, Germany, and Italy, with subject including Julian Schnabel, Frank Gehry, and Mikael Barishnikov.

**Director**- *Center Where Site* – Music Video for XBXR (Polyvinyl Records), NYC, 2007  
Directed, produced, and edited mixed media music video for Bay Area band.

**Camera Operator** - *The Heretics* – Feature Documentary, No More Nice Girls Productions, 5/07  
Shot a portion of the documentary, debuted at New York MoMA

**Director** - *Behind the Scene* – Internet TV Pilot, Keem Enterprises, NYC & NJ, 12/06  
Directed, shot, and edited short format MTV-style infotainment pilot on music subcultures for Korean Entertainment Company.

**Video Tech/ Camera Operator** - *Learning to Drive* – Reality TV Short, MTV, 11/06

Rigged and operated multiple hidden lipstick cameras in car for driving shoot, with remote video village in follow vehicle.

**Camera Operator** - “**24**” *Season Premiere Promo*, Fox News, NYC, 10/06

Filmed during outdoor media event in Times Square for Fox News.

**Director of Photography** - *Lowbrow* – Feature Documentary, Jimu Films, Asbury Park, NJ, 10/06

Principle photographer for interview with rock band The Bouncing Souls.

**Associate Producer** - *Coming Out Stories* - Documentary Series, Logo (MTV Networks), misc locations, 1/06 – 9/06

Organized and supervised all aspects of pre-production and production for nationally broadcast 8-episode season.

**Camera Operator/ Video Utility** – *MTV’s Making the Video* – MTV TV Series, NYC, 11/05

Video utility & operated B-camera operator for interviews with Beyonce for MTV documentary of Beyonce’s “Check on It” music video.

**Camera Operator** - *Keisha Cole Tour DVD* - Greenpoint Films, Amherst, MA, 12/05

Shot live concert footage in large stadium, including performance with Kanye West.

**Associate Producer** - *Among the Isles of Shoals* - Feature Documentary, Appledore Island, ME, 7/05 – 9/05

Worked on-location during the pre-production and production of documentary funded by Cornell University about the history of the Isles of Shoals region off the coast of Maine.

**Assistant to the Director** - *Seamless* - Feature Documentary, Douglas Keeve Studios, NYC, 9/04 – 2/05

Full-time technical, organizational, and creative assistant to the film director during production, follow-up to the award-winning 1995 film “Unzipped”. Funded by Vogue, premiered in TriBeCa Film Festival.

#### **Director**

***We Had a Deal*** - Music Video for Onlinedrawing (Jade Tree Records), NYC, 2004

Directed, shot and edited music video for rock artist. Screened internationally on Mtv2, MtvU, Much Music, On Demand, and Mtv.com.

#### **SELECTED FILMOGRAPHIE**

*The Killing of Sister George* - super 16mm short, Los Angeles, CA, 2010

Directed a scene adapted from the play as a stand-alone short chamber drama

*P.I.G.* – HD Short, Los Angeles, CA, 2009

Directed video for interactive video performance. Debuted at REDCAT for NOW Festival, screened at X Initiative

*Secret Men’s Club Moment # 133* - 16mm short, Los Angeles, CA, 2009

Shown as a single channel and also installed as film loop in gallery setting for Original Plumbing group show at Workspace, Los Angeles

*N Train* – Animated short, Los Angeles, CA, 2009

Screened opening night at MixFest, CineMental (Boston) Homo A Go Go (San Francisco)

*Two People Who Identify As Transgender In Bed* – mini dv short, Los Angeles, CA, 2009

Made in collaboration with artist Zackary Drucker. Screened at Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions (LACE), and at Brooklyn Is Burning (MonkeyTown NYC).

*Life Rocks* – 16mm Short, Chapel Hill, NC, 2004

Funded by a grant from the Princess Grace Foundation.

*The Drive North* – Super 8 short, Amherst, MA, 2003

Award winning short, screened internationally in over thirty festivals, currently distributed domestically and in Europe.

## **FILM AWARDS**

2003 Chicago International Film Festival – Gold Plaque for Student Experimental Film  
2003 Princess Grace Award Honorarium for Film  
2003 Five College Film Festival – Best Overall  
2003 Five College Film Festival – Best Animation  
2004 Hi Mom Film Festival, Chapel Hill, NC - Best Film From NC  
2004 Carolina Film Festival, Greensboro, NC - Honorable Mention Directing for Drama

## **GRANTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

2009 Kodak Student Grant, California Institute of the Arts  
2008 Interdisciplinary Grant, California Institute of the Arts  
2009 Student Council Grant, California Institute of the Arts  
Member of the Jury – 2004 Izmir International Film Festival, Turkey

## **FILM FESTIVALS**

2004 Oberhausen International Film Festival, Germany  
2004 Izmir International Short Film Festival, Turkey  
2004 Mardi Gras Film Festival, Australia  
2005 Mediawave International Film Festival, Gyor Hungary  
2005 South Australian Film Corporation “Feast” Film Festival  
2005 Film Fylkingen, Stockholm  
2005 Toronto International GLBT Film Festival  
2003 Chicago International Film Festival  
2003 Chicago International GLBT Film Festival  
2004 New Fest: NYC International GLBT Film Festival  
2004 MIX Fest: NYC Queer Film Festival  
2004 Frameline: San Francisco International GLBT Film Fest  
2004 Austin International GLBT Film Festival  
2004 Hi Mom Film Festival, Chapel Hill, NC  
2004 MS Film Festival, Durham, North Carolina  
2004 Flicker Film Festival, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
2004 Stray Show, Art Chicago Festival  
2004 I Like it When it Falls Apart Animation Festival, Chicago, Illinois  
2004 Reel Affirmations: Washington DC International GLBT Film Festival  
2004 Rochester GLBT International Film Festival  
2004 Northampton Independent Film Festival, Massachusetts  
2005 Out At The Movies GLBT Festival, Potsdam, New York  
2005 Outfest: Los Angeles International GLBT Film Festival  
2005 Boston International GLBT Film Festival at the Museum of Fine Arts  
2005 Portland International GLBT Film Festival  
2005 Milwaukee International GLBT Film Festival  
2005 Providence International GLBT Film Festival  
2005 North Carolina GLBT Film Festival  
2005 Alternatives Hartford Connecticut International GLBT Film Festival  
2005 Salt Lake City GLBT Film Festival  
2005 Long Island International GLBT Film Festival

## **GALLERY AND MUSEUM SCREENINGS**

X Initiative, NYC - Ecstatic Resistance series 2010  
Workspace Los Angeles - 2010 Original Plumbing release show  
REDCAT Los Angeles - 2009 NOW Festival, 2009 Cal Arts Showcase  
LACE: Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions - 2009 My Bloody Valentine show  
Monkeytown, Brooklyn - 2009 Brooklyn is Burning group video show  
Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art - Best of 2003 Chicago International Film Fest  
Brooklyn Academy of Music - Best of 2004 NewFest Screening

*Directed work is currently distributed by Frameline in North America, roARaTorio in Europe, and syndicated programming for RTP television in Portugal*