Zach Timson

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SUMMARY

Script writer with development, writers' assistant, children's television, audio/video production, PA, and script coverage experience motivated by a passion for family entertainment. Experience working with A-list talent, writers, directors, and producers from Disney, Netflix, NBCUniversal, iHeartMedia, and more.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Walt Disney World and Disneyland | Orlando, FL and Anaheim, CA Jungle Cruise Skipper and Trainer | Aug 2023 – Current

- Perform and write jokes and safety protocols for the Operating Guide on the world famous Jungle Cruise.
- Train newly hired Skippers in procedures and techniques to provide exceptional entertainment while maintaining a safe, courteous, inclusive, show-centric, and efficient environment in the attraction.
- Answer questions, provide excellent customer service, and multi-task in a fast-paced environment.

Venice Arts | Venice, CA

Digital Storytelling Pre-Apprentice | Jan 2025 - Mar 2025

- Developed scripts through outline, treatment, and final scripts, presented final presentations surrounding an approved theme at the end of the pre-apprenticeship, and edited on Adobe Premiere Pro.
- Assisted in production, directed projects, and utilized camera and sound equipment while prioritizing and balancing multiple projects at once in a collaborative team environment.

Los Angeles Dodgers | Los Angeles, CA

Tour Guide | Feb 2024 – current

- Deliver professional stadium tours and pre-game tours to large and diverse audiences.
- Assist in coordination of events, serve as a liaison between other departments.

Freelance Scriptwriting and Content Creation | Los Angeles, CA Writer and Video Editor | Aug 2022 – Current

- Write animated and live action scripts, build pitch decks, and video edit for various clients on Upwork.com.
- Support the Writing Team and Production Team to edit/produce animatic videos with Adobe Premier Pro and Adobe Photoshop for the <u>Musical Without a Cool Acronym</u> (MWCA) ongoing global non-profit project, working under tight deadlines for livestreams based on the animated series *Phineas and Ferb*.
 - Produced 4 of our 10 most viewed videos capturing 400K+ viewers and 140K+ TikTok followers.
 - Collaborated with *Disney Channel* series creators Dan Povenmire and Jeff "Swampy" Marsh, writers, producers, and actors from the original *Phineas and Ferb* series and artists from around the globe.

iHeartMedia and Radio Point, The Who Was? Podcast | New York, NY Staff Writer, Writer's Assistant and Production Assistant | Oct 2021 – Nov 2022

- Wrote, created, and pitched 10 sketches & 1 mini-episode for *The Who Was? Podcast*, a comedy game show, which resulted in winning the inaugural *2022 Signal Awards Silver Medal for Best Kids Podcast*.
- Researched books, writers, and artists, took notes for writers, including the Emmy-winning writer Elliott Kalan, sat in on creative meetings with directors and talent, and completed other administrative tasks.
- Promoted to Staff Writer; participated in writers room sessions, read scripts, proofread and corrected grammatical/typographical errors, and listened to work-in-progress episode screenings.

Netflix, The Who Was? Show | Brooklyn, NY

Sketch Comedy Actor | Jun 2017 - Aug 2017 (SAG-AFTRA union stage name Zach Timson)

- Portrayed 40+ live action and animated characters in this family friendly children's historical sketch comedy show, which won a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Sound Editing in 2019.
- Performed with A-list talent such as John Oliver, Andy Daly, H. Jon Benjamin, Ellie Kemper, and more.

YouTube and TikTok, Snappy Hat Productions | Los Angeles, CA Writer and Content Creator | Jan 2019 - Dec 2021

- Wrote creative scripts, lyrics, filmed, edited, and produced song parodies and other videos on various social media platforms, primarily YouTube and TikTok (97K+ followers). 300+ videos.
- Created and produced the <u>Broadway Coronavirus Medley</u>, a viral video parody of hit Broadway songs; over 1.7M views; shared online by Alan Alda, Rosie O'Donnell, Arianna Huffington, and Broadway World.

ComedySportz Los Angeles | Los Angeles, CA

College League Performer and High School League Referee | Aug 2018 – Mar 2020

- Performed live entertainment at ComedySportz LA's parent improv theater.
- Trained high school theatre students learning to perform family friendly improv.
- Discussed stagecraft logistics with the school's stage crew and staff advisor; acting as the stage manager.

SAG-AFTRA and AEA | Los Angeles, CA and New York, NY

Actor (SAG-AFTRA union stage name <u>Zach Timson</u>)

- Played various lead and guest roles from the age of 13-18 on NBCUniversal, Disney Channel, and Nickelodeon.
- Starred in a **Disney Broadway National Tour** of *Mary Poppins* at age 11.

EDUCATION

California State University, Northridge | Northridge, CA | 2023

Bachelor's Degree: Cinema and Television Arts, Screenwriting

Cumulative GPA: 3.95 / 4.00, Dean's List (2020 – 2023), graduated summa cum laude

Pasadena City College | Pasadena, CA | 2020

Associate's Degree: Film, Television, and Electronic Media

Cumulative GPA: 4.00 / 4.00, Honors (2018 – 2020)

TRAINING

- Upright Citizens Brigade Sketch 101-301 and Improv 101-301
- **Udemy** The Complete Copywriting Course
- The Groundlings Sketch Writing, Core Track Improvisation
- David Kaufman Voiceover Training

WRITING AWARDS AND OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

Emerging Screenwriters Family & Holiday Screenplay Competition Quarterfinalist | Jun 2025

- Awarded to my animated holiday mockumentary miniseries pilot, *The Pole*.

2025 Orlando Fringe Outstanding Marketing Award | May 2025

Awarded to my original musical, To All Our Dead Pets, for which I was head of marketing.

Adobe Certified Professional in Digital Video Using Adobe Premiere Pro | Mar 2025

- Certified following completion of the Digital Storytelling Apprenticeship at Venice Arts.

Stage 32 4th Annual TV Comedy Screenwriting Competition Semifinalist | Sep 2024

- Awarded to my animated mockumentary pilot, Funnest World.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Proficient with PC & Mac computers; Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel); Keynote; Final Draft; Google Suite (Sheets/Docs/Slides); Video editing softwares (Adobe Premiere Pro, Avid Video Composer, Final Cut Pro); Valid Driver's License; Videoconferencing on Zoom and Teams; Notetaking; Social media content creation for YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook.