



Ryan Falkner

Story Artist & Director

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25 years of experience in entertainment and advertising as an illustrator, filmmaker, and performer. Creative problem solver with developed communication, design, and storytelling skills, initiative, and the ability to pivot quickly. Excel working in both collaborative and solo environments.

Story Artist: 1999-present (Partial list)

Clients Include: Disney, NBCUniversal, Paramount Pics, Warner Bros., Legendary, Sony Pics, Skydance, New Line, ABC, CBS, 20th Cent Fox, Netflix...

- **Forager** (2023) VR Experience premiered SXSW '23. Concept and Storyboards. Helped design narrative flow of experience.
- **Rise** (2020-22) Disney. Dir. Akin Omatoso. Story Artist.
- **The Texas Chainsaw Massacre** (2020) Legendary Pics. Dir. David Blue Garcia. Story Artist.
- **The Hunt** (2019) Universal. Dir. Craig Zobel. Story Artist.
- **Noelle** (2019) Disney. Dir. Marc Lawrence. Storyboarded reshoots.
- **Gemini Man** (2018) Skydance/Bruckheimer/Paramount. Dir. Ang Lee. Story Artist.
- **Daddy's Home 2** (2017) Paramount Pics. Dir. Sean Anders. Story Artist.
- **The Accountant** (2016) Warner Bros. Dir. Gavin O'Connor. Illustrator (Concept and Storyboards)
- **The Jungle Book** (2016) Disney. Dir. Jon Favreau. Story Artist.
- **Daddy's Home** (2015) Paramount Pics. Dir. Sean Anders. Story Artist.
- **Horrible Bosses 2** (2014) New Line. Dir. Sean Anders. Storyboard Artist and Animatics.
- **Desperate Housewives** (2012) ABC. Concept Artist on Tornado episode.
- **Pineapple Express** (2008) Sony Pictures. Dir. David Gordon Green. Storyboard Artist.
- **Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle** (2004) New Line. Dir. Danny Leiner. Storyboard Artist.

Additionally storyboarded commercials for many brands including: Amazon, Apple, Google, Intel, Fabletics, Just Fab, Comcast, Samsung, BMW, Cadillac, Toyota, Acura, Kia, Verizon, Dish, DirectTV, PG&E, Noom, Mattel, Hasbro, AMEX, DoorDash, Kraft, MLB, ESPN, CapitalOne, BofA, Peloton...

Writer/Director/Producer: 2008 - present

- **One Love** (2022) Directed violence prevention educational videos. Prod. Point7Labs.
- **Regarding Food** (2019) Wrote, Produced and Directed spec pilot for food docu series.
- **The Zoo** (2018). Short. Pitched, Wrote and Directed for Nat Geo's *Wild After Dark*. Prod. Point7Labs.
- **Cellfina** (2017) Directed video series for social media campaign. Prod. Point7Labs.
- **F Stop** (2015) Short. Produced, Wrote, Directed, and Edited.
- **Wild Strawberries** (2014) Music Video. Artist: Carter and Keith. Produced and directed.
- **Off the Grid** (2012) Short. Executive Produced, Wrote, and Directed.
- **Man with a Guitar** (2008) Short. Produced, Wrote and Directed. Distributed on Hulu (2009-2018).

Media Bridge Design Studio (2001-2005)

Produced Key Art for style guides, video games and toy packaging, book covers. Clients: Sony, Warner Bros. Microsoft, Avon Books, Mattel.

Actor/Performer (1999-2012)

- **The Babymakers** (2012) Dir. Jay Chandrasekhar. Flip off Man (Supporting)
- **Beck World Tour** (2005-07) Hype-Man/Dancer and Percussionist. Performed live in multiple venues and on numerous talk and variety shows including: SNL, Late Show, Tonight Show, Kimmel, more
- **Club Dread** (2004) Dir. Jay Chandrasekhar. *Marcel* (Supporting).
- (1999-2005) Acted in multiple stage plays, improv comedy shows, short films, and commercials.

Education

- **UCLA Extension** (2007) Directing Course.
- **Associates In Art** (1998-2002) Art Classes including: Figure Drawing, Storyboarding, Cinematography, Illustration, and Production Design.
- **Pepperdine University** (1994-1998) BA in Humanities. Minor in Art. Graduated *Cum Laude*

Special/Software Skills	Familiar	Proficient	Expert
2D Draftsmanship			×
Photoshop CC			×
Illustrator CC		×	
After Effects CC		×	
Premier Pro CC		×	
Microsoft Office		×	
Final Draft		×	
Blender	×		

Professional Associations & Notable Mentions

- Disney preferred story artist
- **Writing/Directing Award:** Best narrative short film, Cinema Festival of Hollywood (2013).
- United Scenic Artists - Local 829 (member since 2017) Scenic Designer
- Art Directors Guild (ADG) - Local 800 (member since 2005) Illustrators & Matte Artists
- Screen Actors Guild (SAG-AFTRA) (member since 2002)
- IMDB: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0269112/>

References may be furnished upon request.