

# Ksenia Naughton

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## Freelance

Chicago, IL

Writer/Director/Video Editor

June 2022 – Present

- Direct commercials for small businesses.
- Edit numerous independent projects including the short film, *Red Rice*.
- Developed and wrote numerous screenplays including the award winning short, *The Blouse*, and the television pilot, *Taste of Heaven*.

## Questar Entertainment

Chicago, IL

Digital Delivery Manager/

Director of Original Content/

Video Editor

August 2019 – June 2022

- Managed a distribution team delivering and programming original content to digital platforms including Samsung, Vizio, Redbox, Pure Flix, PlutoTV, Vudu, Crackle, Kanopy, Hoopla, Xumo, In Demand, Tubi, IMDB TV and Amazon Prime.
- Directed and produced original TV productions.
- Edited original TV series, trailers and social media content.

## Columbia College Chicago

Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant

August 2016 – May 2019

- Led discussions and reviewed class materials with students in small groups.
- Evaluated student essays, projects, labs, tests and other assignments.
- Assisted other faculty members with their independent film projects.

## MayFilms

Chicago, IL

Researcher

August 2016 – January 2020

- Researched information on projects for BBC, Animal Planet, Apple TV and independent documentaries.
- Sourced and researched facts, figures and information using the internet, film and tape archives, specialist collections, picture libraries, museums and government departments.

## NBCUniversal, Chicago Med TV Series

Chicago, IL

Production Assistant -

Location Department

July 2018 – September 2019

- Assisted the location manager with coordinating the logistics for the production to complete its work.
- Oversaw set preparation, ensured the location remained clean and undamaged, and closed the location down when filming wrapped.

## Regency Enterprises Feature Film *Widows*, director Steve McQueen

Chicago, IL

Set Intern

June 2017 – August 2017

- Assisted key department heads during the entirety of the film's production.
- Helped with various administrative work.
- Worked with director Steve McQueen learning in detail about the production process of a big budget Hollywood film.

## Professional Affiliations

BAFTA Connect, Film Fatales, New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT)

## Education

Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL

2019 Master of Fine Arts: Cinema Directing

All-Russian State University of Cinematography (VGIK), Moscow, Russia

2013 Bachelor of Arts: Film and Television

St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia

2010 Bachelor of Arts: Cultural Studies

St. Petersburg State University of Film and Television, St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 Advanced Training Course Up-To-Date Film Producing Tools

## Skills

Directing, Producing, Screenwriting, Pre-Production, Video Editing, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft 365, Researching and Sourcing Information, Project Management

## Languages

English, Russian