

Christopher Givens

New Orleans, LA.

Education

2017 - 2020	Master of Fine Arts, Theatre Design	Tulane University	New Orleans, Louisiana
2006 - 2009	Bachelor of Arts, Film and Theatre (Magna Cum Laude)	University of New Orleans	New Orleans, Louisiana

Artist Residencies

2025	Stove Works	Chattanooga, TN
2025	Joan Mitchell Center	New Orleans, LA
2019	Aquarium Gallery and Residency	New Orleans, LA
2018	Basement6	Shanghai, China

Selected Grants & Fellowships

2023	Panavision New Filmmaker Grant
2017 - 2020	Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Community Engagement

Curatorial & Community Projects

2022 - Present	Co-founder & Co-organizer	Cinema Sanctuary	New Orleans, LA
2021 - Present	Member	Filmshop	New Orleans & NYC
2018 - 2022	Creative Director & NFP Co-founder	Beaubourg Theatre & Beaubourg School	New Orleans, LA
2014 - 2018	Artistic Director & Co-founder	St Mary Majak's Art & Theatre Space	New Orleans, LA
2025 - Present	DJ	WTUL 91.5FM	New Orleans, LA

Selected Film & Performance

2023 <i>Abecedarian</i>	Director, Writer, Producer, Editor	Feature Film in the ABC Triptych (<i>post-production</i>)
2023 <i>Egmont</i>	Drama Director, Co-Writer	Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra
2022 <i>by the time I see you in the morning</i>	Director, Writer, Producer, Editor	Feature Film in the ABC Triptych (<i>post-production</i>)
2022 <i>A Soldier's Tale</i> by Stravinsky	Drama Director	Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra
2019 <i>Escapade</i>	Collaborator, Dancer	Choreographer: Kelly Bond
2019 <i>The Yellow Wallpaper</i>	Technical Director	Tulane University
2018 <i>Frankenstein</i>	Director, Designer, Adaptation	New Orleans, LA
2017 <i>Two Weeks From Tomorrow</i>	Director, Writer, Designer	Majak's Theatre

Selected Exhibitions

2025 <i>Overtones of Extraction</i> (Group Show)	The Front	New Orleans, LA
2019 <i>Q</i> (Installation & Immersive Experience in collaboration with Dara Bramson)	Peter & Paul	New Orleans, LA
2019 <i>Walking All Over Sky</i> (Immersive Installation in collaboration with Daniel Miller)	Lucky Art Fair	New Orleans, LA
2019 <i>Variable Distances</i> (Immersive Installation, Sculptures)	Aquarium Gallery	New Orleans, LA
2016 <i>Land's End: A Free Will Film</i> (Interactive Film installation in collaboration with Ann Dunham)		New Orleans Film Fest
2015 <i>B0XER</i> (Immersive Installation & Concert)	Majak's Art Space	New Orleans, LA
<i>Leaves</i> (Immersive Installation & Performance Piece, a Group Collaboration)	Majak's Art Space	New Orleans, LA

Artistic Director & Producer at Majak's

2017 <i>April '17</i>	One-act play showcase of four original works from Nola
2016 <i>Dreamers</i>	One-act play showcase of five original works from Nola
2015 <i>Five Times</i>	One-act play showcase of five original works from Nola
2014 <i>ERASERHEAD LIVE!</i>	Orchestral performance of original film score by Jeff Pagano

Selected Film Art Department & Theatre Design

2020 <i>Demolition Downtown</i> by Tennessee Williams	Production Designer, Beaubourg Theatre
2012 <i>Django Unchained</i>	Art Dept. Assistant to Michael Riva, designer, feature
2012 <i>Angel of Joy</i>	Production Designer. Short film by Andrew Bryan
2011 <i>Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter</i>	Art Dept. Assistant to Francois Auduoy, designer, feature
2011 <i>AM 800</i>	Production Designer. Short film by James M. Roe
"Best Louisiana Short" at New Orleans Film Festival 2014 & Finalist in Student Academy Awards 2014	
2009 <i>BLAM!</i>	Writer, Director, Designer. Short film by Chris Givens
2008 <i>The Flavor of Plaid</i>	Production Designer. Short film by Henry Griffin

Business Experience

2019 - Present	Cricket Books	Secondhand Bookseller in New Orleans, LA
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Professional Experience

Denali Art Solutions	New Orleans, LA	Art Handler / Fabricator	12/2024 - Present
The Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York, NY	Carpenter	3/2024 - 7/2024
Eden Gallery	New York, NY	Art Handler	9/2023 - 1/2024