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FILMOGRAPHY:

ICARUS STOPS FOR BREAKFAST (IN POST PRODUCTION/RELEASE DATE SPRING 2019)

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PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS & BELOW THE BELT

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MARY & LOUISE

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PRODUCER: STAATSFACORY & WEIRD SISTERS

OCTOBER 2014

WWW.MARYANDLOUISE.COM

FESTIVAL SELECTION:

NEW YORK CITY INTERNATIONAL FF, CAYMAN INTERNATIONAL FF, MOUNT RAINIER INTERNATIONAL FF, ACCOLADE GLOBAL FILM COMPETITION, MAINE INTERNATIONAL FF, TMFF (ONLINE), GARDEN STATE FF, ENDLESS MOUNTAIN FF, VIDEO FESTIVAL IMPERIA ITALY, FESTIVAL INTERNAZIONALE DEL CINEMA D'ARTE ITALY, JAHORINA FILM FESTIVAL, SHORT FILM SHARER, SILVER DOLLAR FF, EKURHULENI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, TIF VIDEO CHALLENGE, OZARK SHORT FF, INDIIEWISE VIRTUAL FESTIVAL, LADY PARTS FF, 31ST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL BERLIN

AWARDS:

BEST SHORT FILM SCREENPLAY - LA COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL, JUNE 2012

BEST TEASER - BRITT PENROD AUDIENCE AWARD 2014

AWARD OF MERIT SPECIAL MENTION: WOMEN FILMMAKERS - ACCOLADE GLOBAL FILM COMPETITION

BEST COMPOSER SCORE- GARDEN STATE FF 2015

BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM - VIDEO FESTIVAL IMPERIA, ITALY 2016

FINALIST - SHORT FILM SHARER 2016

HERE'S WHAT I LIKE, RUSSIAN LIT! AND NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

PRODUCER: STAATSFACORY

OCTOBER 2011

HERE'S WHAT I LIKE, FASHION AND FLOWERS! AND NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

PRODUCER: STAATSFACORY

NOV 2010

FESTIVAL SELECTION:

VICTORIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL TX, BIG VISION EMPTY WALLET'S COMEDY NIGHT NY, BROOKLYN GIRL FESTIVAL, CHASHAMA FESTIVAL NY, GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL, LA COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL 2011, TRIMEDIA FILM, WINTER FILM AWARDS

HERE'S WHAT I LIKE, FRUIT! AND NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY

(DIGITAL WEBSERIES)

PRODUCER: STAATSFACORY

SEPT 2009

FESTIVAL SELECTION:

LA COMEDY FILM FESTIVAL 2010

PLAY BALL! A TRILOGY OF BASEBALL FILMS

FANFARE FOR A COMMON MAN

(35MM B/W)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: ROBIN O'HARA & SCOTT MACAULAY

JUNE 2006

RANDOM ACTS OF INTIMACY

(35MM B/W)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: ROBIN O'HARA & SCOTT MACAULAY

JUNE 2006

CAUGHT IN TIME

(16 MM B/W)

PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: ROBIN O'HARA & SCOTT MACAULAY

JUNE 2001

PLAY BALL! AWARDS AND FESTIVAL SELECTION:

1ST PRIZE - BEST DIRECTOR FOR SHORT FILM MORE MAGAZINE/WOMEN IN FILM, LA
(SHORT FILM PANEL OF JUDGES; JAMIE LEE CURTIS, GALE ANN HURD, AMY HECKERLING, SUSAN
SEIDELMAN, ALISON JANNEY, ANDIE MACDOWELL AND CATHERINE WYLER)
BEST SHORT FILM (DRAMA) BACK EAST PICTURE SHOW
BEST EXPERIMENTAL SHORT ZOIEFILM FESTIVAL
BEST EXPERIMENTAL FILM VALLEYFEST FILM FESTIVAL
BEST SHORT SUBJECT RIVERRUN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
SPECIAL JURY AWARD SAVANNAH FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL
FINALIST USA FILM FESTIVAL
NOMINATION/OSCARZ AWARD OHIO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL
AUDIENCE AWARD SHORT FILM RUNNER UP CHASHAMA FILM FESTIVAL, NY
SHEA STADIUM DIAMONDTRON SCREENINGS AT NEW YORK METS GAMES, 2002 SEASON

PLAY BALL! FESTIVAL SELECTION:

BERLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – PANORAMA, CAPALBIO CINEMA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL,
CANNES DIRECTORS FORTNIGHT, DURANGO FILM FESTIVAL, FIC BRAZILIA INT FILM FESTIVAL, GREENWICH
FILM FESTIVAL, HOLLYWOOD SHORTS FESTIVAL, HUMBOLDT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, LAKE
HAVASU FILM FESTIVAL, NATIONAL RUSSIAN CINEMA FESTIVAL MOSCOW, NEWPORT INT FILM FESTIVAL,
PACIFIC PALISADES FILM FESTIVAL, SEATTLE INT FILM FESTIVAL, SEDONA INT FILM FESTIVAL, HALL OF
FAME FILM FESTIVAL – COOPERS TOWN, GARDEN STATE FILM FESTIVAL - NJ, HIGH FALLS FILM FESTIVAL,
QUEENS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, SPORTS MOVIES AND TV – MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL FICTS
FESTIVAL, SEDONA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, SAN FERNANDO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL.

THE LAUNCH

(DIGITAL)
PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS & HOWARD PRODUCTIONS
JAN 2009

RHYTHM LOCURA – DANCE PROMO NY GAY LATINO

(DIGITAL)
PRODUCER: DAVID MAURICE SHARPE
NOV 2007

REVERSE PSYCHO - MUSIC VIDEO

FEATURING SHERRY
(DIGITAL)
PRODUCER: WEIRD SISTERS
JANUARY 2002

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

- * DIRECTOR/PRODUCER - WEIRD SISTERS FILM COMPANY – DEVOTED TO PRODUCING FILMS BY WOMEN (1999 – PRESENT)
- * ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS - GRADUATE FILM AND TV PROGRAM,
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
(2013 – PRESENT)
COURSES: DIRECTING THE ACTOR AND ACTING CRAFT I,II
- * DIRECTOR - SLOAN WORKS IN PROGRESS –TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL + INSTITUTE
(2011 TO 2015)
- *MEMBER LIFE ENSEMBLE STUDIO THEATRE
- *MEMBER ACTORS STUDIO DIRECTOR/PLAYWRIGHT UNIT
- *MEMBER OF CINEFEMME
- *MEMBER NYWIFT
- *MEMBER LEAGUE FOR PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
- *MEMBER OF WOMEN IN ARTS AND MEDIA (WAM)