

JAMES BENTON II

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Education

SCAD - The University
for Creative Careers
Savannah, GA —
Bachelor of Fine Arts in
Film and Television,
Spring 2014

Skills

Davinci Resolve Studio
Adobe Premiere Pro
Final Cut
Windows Software
Blackmagic Cinema
Camera
Canon 5D Mark II & III
Canon 1D, 100 & 300
Panasonic Lumix GH4
Sony FS7
DJI Osmo
Zhiyun Crane 3 Lab

PROFILE

James Benton II is a filmmaker and visual storyteller based out of Atlanta, GA. His body of works and working experience are listed below, which include narrative short stories, documentaries, music videos, and other visuals.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Extra

Back in Action (Feature)

Winter 2024

Extra club goer for 2025 Netflix feature starring Jamie Foxx and Cameron Diaz.

Co-Director & Cinematographer

SUGABERRY; Atlanta, GA

April 2021

Conducted the direction and primary cinematographer for a yoga instructor for her online business.

Production Assistant

Coke + Dominos Commercial (Utoka Productions), Atlanta, GA

July 2018

Was the production assistant for an upstart production company shooting a commercial for a Super Bowl commercial spot.

Director

American Family Life Campaign; Atlanta, GA

June 2017

Directed a short series for American Family Insurance Campaign. Presented online.

Production Assistant

Essence x Walmart Fresh Campaign; Atlanta, GA

May 2017

Production assistant for a commercial produced by Essence magazine for their website.

Production Assistant

St. Beauty Band x New & Next for 19th & Park, Inc.; Atlanta, GA

May 2017

Production assistant for an online campaign about a local band in Atlanta, GA for an upstart production company out of New York.

Photographer's Assistant

DeWayne Rogers Photography; Atlanta, GA

2014-2019

Performed jobs such as set coordinator and scheduling supervisor. Also was tasked as a behind-the-scenes video director for the photographer's photo shoots. Subjects of the shoots were largely celebrities and other public figures, and I acted as a liaison between the photography business and the magazine company Rolling Out.

Actor

University of Colorado; Boulder, CO

Spring 2017

Played the role of "Rico" in a short film by filmmaker Dario Ortega called *Final Four*. Minor and stereotypical role.

Video Director and Editor

Rolling Out Magazine; Atlanta, GA

June 2014 - January 2016

Performed various jobs and tasks, including coordinating, directing, and editing interviews, web series, news reports, and art house pieces. Subject matters were geared toward mainstream entertainment, reality television, and other celebrity-based content.

Camera Operator

Love & Hip-Hop: Atlanta (VH1)

Spring 2017

I was working for Rolling Out while playing as an extra for the VH1 reality show.

Office Production Assistant (Internship)

Raindance; London, UK

June 2012 - August 2012

Office Production Assistant for the annual Raindance Film Festival and assistant coordinator for Raindance Film postgraduate classes. The internship coincided with the 2012 Summer Olympics, so I was tasked to do some research and video/photography work about the event for the company.

Production Assistant (Internship)

RadioactiveGiant; Savannah, GA

November 2012 - December 2012

First experience on a feature film set while enrolled at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Was on-set production assistant for the main crew and staff.

SELECTED WORKS

BLUE IN GREEN

Short Film • Co-director, Writer, Co-editor

Winter 2012

Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/355427846?h=cdd147bc19>

BOY

Short Film • Director, Writer, Editor, Co-producer

Winter 2013

Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/103531566?h=81e9b998bd>

THE TRAP

Short Film • Director, Writer, Co-producer, Co-editor

Spring 2014

Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/103527774?h=3bd85f4693>

SHED SOME BLOOD

Music Video • Co-director, writer, Co-editor, Co-producer Spring 2014
Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/360654010?h=acdedc6377>

KRAMPUS

Documentary • Writer, Co-producer Winter 2015

CREME

Episodic Short Story • Director, Editor, Co-writer Spring 2016
Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/225893868?h=3cb8b40ab5>

ATLANTA BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS

Short Documusical • Director, Editor, Producer Summer 2020
Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/427404418?h=9d17c787d1>

ELLE NIKOLE'S "OUTTA PLACE"

Music Video • Director, Editor, Producer Fall 2020
Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/479648570?h=13532f1a01>

SUGABERRY

Yoga Instructional Video • Cinematographer, Editor Winter 2020

FAY GOLD'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Birthday Party Video • Director, Co-cinematographer, Editor Spring 2022
Link: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/697559905?h=32d4a1c9ea>

IN MEMORY OF DONKEY DANTE

Short Film • Cinematographer Summer 2022

REBIRTH

Mosaic Short Film • Director, Cinematographer, Co-editor Winter 2022

MS. PARRISH'S WEDDING

Wedding Video • Director, Cinematographer, Editor Spring 2023

SOUTH AFRICA 2024

Music Video • Director, Cinematographer, Editor Winter 2024

AVONDALE CLASS OF 1984 40TH REUNION

Commemorative Video • Director, Cinematographer, Editor Fall 2024