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DOUG SAKMANN

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OVERVIEW

While a lot of my work is horror themed I'm interested in producing and directing projects of all genres. I have the knowledge and skills to see any project from initial concept through post-production on time and on budget. I've successfully worked essentially every crew position at one point or another in my career so I have a good understanding of every detail needed to make any production successful.

BIOGRAPHY

After a three year stint as production manager for Troma Entertainment, in 2003 Doug directed his first feature, "Punk Rock Holocaust". The movie, a horror comedy set on the Vans Warped Tour was released in the United States, Canada, France, and Germany. The movie spawned a sequel (released in 2008 in limited theatrical and on DVD) with a third film in development. Through these movies and his work at Troma, Sakmann built a reputation in the horror community and has been sought out to direct and produce many horror themed movies and projects. Sakmann has produced over 10 feature films and directed many music videos, short and viral campaigns. Outside of production work, Doug has ten years experience as an SPFX artist, most recently a number of horror/thriller feature films including, Adam Ahlbrandt's "Sight," (released by Lionsgate) and "The Burnt House", Fever Dreams' "Late Fee" and '100 Proof' with Backseat Conceptions.

In 2007 Sakmann founded the NYC Zombie Crawl an organization which sets up zombie themed events in the NY Area as well as provides zombie SFX makeup for nationally touring acts. Sakmann has personally created & coordinated zombie makeup and events for clients including Sony Pictures, Sega, the Tribeca Film Festival, "The Today Show" on NBC, Bravo Network's "Step It Up and Dance," and much more.

All of the movies Sakmann has directed have screened as official selections of many film festivals around the world including the Raindance Film Festival (UK), In-Edit Film Festival (Spain), The X Fest (South Africa), Punk Film Festival (Berlin) Tromafing (UK), Screamin' Athens Fest (Greece), Sexy Film Festival (Canada), Full Moon Horror Film Festival, Sound Unseen (US) and more. Additionally most of his movies have had limited theatrical runs in several major cities as well as a wide DVD release in most major retailers in North America. Amassing a rabid cult following and critical acclaim, the original Punk Rock Holocaust is a featured film in the Syllabus of the New York University "Punk Cinema" course and the horror series was even featured in a retrospective at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH in August 2007.

RECENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Music Video Production and Post – Over the last year I've directed and produced music videos for *The AKA's* and *Nassau Chainsaw*, Assistant Directed and supplied SPFX for *Motion City Soundtrack* and have done SPFX and production for music videos directed by Bam Margera (*CKY*, *The 69 Eyes*). Most recently I produced and assistant directed a commercial for *Children of Bodom's* new album.

Adam Ahlbrandt Movies – After co-producing and doing SPFX for Director/Writer Ahlbrandt on 'Sight' for Lionsgate (2006) and again for 'The Burnt House' (2009), I've recently joined forces to develop three separate movies with Adam which I will again co-produce and provide SPFX.

NYC Zombie Crawl – Through October 2009 I produced zombie events and SPFX makeup for many clients including Sony Pictures (Zombieland Premiere with Woody Harrelson), Paul Booth's Last Rites Gallery, NYC's Premiere Haunted Attraction 'Blood Manor', PopCap Games' "Plants vs Zombies" and the NYC Halloween Parade amongst others.

Main Affiliations

- * Producer and Director for Backseat Conceptions
- * Co-founder / programmer for Backseat Film Festival
- * Partner / co-founder of the 941 Theater an independent film theater in Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, Awarded best New Venue 2009 Philadelphia Magazine & City Paper

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Producer, Director, Special Effects, Multiple Crew Positions			
2009	Motion City Soundtrack "Disappear"	Music Video	Assistant Director/SPFX
2009	Karina Bradley "Dance Floor Diva"	Music Video	Coordinator/Audio Playback
2009	Children of Bodom "Skeletons in the Closet"	International Commercial	Producer/Assistant Director
2009	The AKAs "Get it Together"	Music Video	Director/Producer/Post Production Coordinator
2009	69 Eyes: Dead Girls Are Easy	Music Video	SPFX/Coordinator/AE Artist
2009	CKY "A#1 Roller Rager"	Music Video	SPFX/Featured Actor/Stunts
2009	Late Fee	Feature Film	SPFX/Featured Actor
2009	100 Proof	Feature Film	SPFX
2009	Lamb of God "Set to Fail"	Music Video	2nd Assistant Director
2008	Nassau Chainsaw "Behind Enemy Lines"	Music Video	Director/Producer
2008	Slumber Party Slaughterhouse	Feature Film	Co-Director / Producer / Writer
2008	Science Cheerleader: Science Advocacy	Viral/Web Video	Assistant Director
2008	Trojan: 4 Viral Commercials	Commercial	Special Effects/Makeup
2008	Harry Connick Junior: AOL Christmas	Internet video	Set Dressing/Coordinator
2008	Love is Lame	Commercial	Special Effects
2008	The Burnt House	Feature Film	Co-Producer/SPFX
2008	Spank Rock "Get Loose"	Music Video	Assistant Director/Talent Coordinator
2007	Friends for Dinner	Short Film	Production Coordinator/SPFX/Actor
2007	Punk Rock Holocaust 2	Feature Film	Director/Producer/Editor/SPFX
2007	The Old Souls "Father"	Music Video	2nd Assistant Director
2007	Wes Mattheu "Beer Yip"	Music Video	Assistant Director
2007	John Legend "Live at the Tower Theater"	Music Video/Documentary	BTS Cinematographer
2007	Rooftop Confessions	Reality Show/Documentary	Co-Producer/Cinematographer
2007	Supportspace "Working Computers"	Commerical	PA
2007	Lexapro	Industrial	PA
2007	Covenant House	Commercial	PA
2007	PhillyCarShare "Drive-In Movies"	Film Screening series	Producer
2007	Philly.com "Man on the Street"	Industrial	Cinematographer
2007	Philly Sound Clash	Event coverage	Producer/Cinematographer
2007	ICBR, <i>Gyro Worldwide</i>	Viral Campaign	Producer/Cinematographer
2007	Bikini Bandits go to Coney Island	Viral Campaign	Producer/Cinematographer
2006	Sight	Feature Film	Associate Producer/SPFX/Sound Rec.
2006	Kingdom Come	Short Film	SPFX
2006	Bikini Bandits - Pirate Movie	Animated/Live Action Feature	2nd Assistant Director/SPFX
2006	Eagles Of Death Metal "Got Meat"	Music Video	Associate Producer/Talent Coordinator
2006	Eagles Of Death Metal "Cherry Cola"	Music Video	Associate Producer/Talent Coordinator
2006	Le Bon Vie	Series Pilot	Production Coordinator
2006	Windcroft	Feature Film	SPFX makeup and appliances
2006	Bikini Bandits Superbowl Special	Super Bowl Special	Co-Producer/Talent Coordinator
2006	Shira Girl "Kill It"	Music Video	Director/Producer/Editor
2005	Bikini Bandits: New Years Special - NBC	TV Bumpers	Co-Director/Producer/Writer
2004	Punk Rock Holocaust	Feature Film	Director/Producer/Editor/SPFX
2003	Tromaville On Tour	Documentary Feature	Co-Producer/Stage Manager
2003	Tales From The Crapper	Feature Film	Associate Producer/Co-Director/SPFX
2003	New Found Glory "Head On Collision"	Music Video	Prod. Consultant/SPFX
2002	All The Love You Cannes	Feature Documentary	Associate Producer/Actor
2002	Capt. Bill and the Rockin' Buccaneers	Short Film	SPFX/Actor
2001	Troma's Edge TV, <i>Channel 4 UK</i>	Television Series	Co-Director/Producer/Writer
2001	Anal Paprika 3	Feature Film	Producer/Cinematographer/Actor

2001	Mulva: Zombie Ass Kicker	Feature Film	Producer/Cinematographer/Actor
2000	Citizen Toxie: The Toxic Avenger 4	Feature Film	Associate Producer/Actor
LIVE STAGE PROMOTIONS AND PRODUCTIONS			
2007-Present	NYC Zombie Crawl	Live events/SPFX Coordination	Producer/Host/SPFX Coordination
2006-Present	Disgraceland Hook Squad	Suspension Team	Producer/Suspension Performer
2003-Present	Strip For Pain	Live Game Show	Co-Producer/Co-Host
2005-2006	Jody: A Tragic Mock Opera	Live Rock Opera	Stage Manager/Actor
2003	Ketchup Vs. Mustard	Eating Competiton	Co-Producer/Performer
2002	Tromaville On Tour	Live Stage Show	Stage Manager/Performer
2001-2002	Win Andy Straub's Liquor	Live Game Show	Co-Producer/Performer
EMPLOYMENT			
2003-Present	Backseat Film Festival	Independent Film Festival	Director of Marketing, Sponsorships
2002-Present	Backseat Conceptions, LLC	Film/Video Prod Company	Co-Founder, Producer
1999-2002	Tromadance Film Festival	Independent Film Festival	Festival Director/Programmer
1999-2002	Troma Entertainment	Film/Video Prod Company	Head of Production
1995-2000	I Am An Evil Carrot	Independent Publication	Founder, Head Writer
RELATED SKILLS / QUALIFICATIONS			
Extensive knowledge of Special Effects Makeup and Blood/Gore SPFX			
Extensive knowledge of office and professional computer software			
Extensive knowledge of Adobe Premiere & Final Cut Editing Systems, Photoshop			
Extensive Marketing and Promotions Experience as well as Live Event Production and Coordination			
NYS Drivers license, US passport and extensive travel experience			
REFERENCES			
	Lloyd Kaufman	Co-Founder, Troma Entertainment	Avail Upon Request
	Matt Pizzolo	Co-Founder, Halo-8 Releasing	Avail Upon Request
	Adam Ahlbrandt	Director, Sight, The Burnt House	Avail Upon Request