

Professional Summary

Highly motivated, international award-winning [filmmaker](#) ([website](#)) with 15+ years in visual storytelling. Solid expertise in screenwriting/editing, casting, directing, cinematography, all stages of production, and marketing/distribution. An extensive [portfolio](#) ([Vimeo](#)) demonstrates a unique vision and original thinking. Resuming career in Canada after returning from Ukraine. **Comprehensive filmography upon request.**

Personal Skills

- Proven leadership, interpersonal and communication skills
- Evidenced by independent business success, accomplished project/administration manager
- Excellent grasp of human behaviour and emotional intelligence, and their application in learning, teaching, stage/film performances and organizational success.

Languages English, Ukrainian, Russian

Awards			
Film / Production Company	Year	Credit	Achievement
Infernal Guidon, or Cossack Christmas (110 min. Feature film/fairytale) Ukrainian State Film Agency	2019	Director	2022 Grand Prize , Best Film, Ukrainian Children KinoFest 2021 Golden Dzyga , Audience Choice Winner, Ukrainian Film Academy Awards
Jules Verne. Lifelong Journey (51. min Docudrama) FILM.UA GROUP	2012	Director	2013 Silver Dolphin , Docudrama Category, 4th Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards 2013 Platinum Remi , Best Docudrama, WorldFest-Houston Int'l Film Festival
Free Energy of Tesla (53 min Docudrama) FILM.UA GROUP	2011	Director	2012 Platinum Remi , Best Documentary Film, WorldFest-Houston Int'l Film Festival
Signs (3 min. Indie short) (Using Nokia N90)	2007	Director	2007 Grand Prix, Best Short Film Ukrainian Mobile Film Festival 2007 Grand Prix, Best Short Film Lithuanian Social Film Festival (Call Button)
The Lunatic (18 min. Indie short) Ninth Life Productions	2004	Director of Photography	2004 Grand Prix for Best Film, Metropolitan University of Toronto (Ryerson) Image Arts Film Festival

Nominations

Film/Production Company	Year	Credit	Award / Organization
<i>Infernal Guidon, or Cossack Christmas</i> (110 min. Feature film/fairytale) Ukrainian State Film Agency	2019	Director	2019 Scythian Deer Best Film Nominee, Molodist Kyiv International Film Festival
<i>Jules Verne. Lifelong Journey</i> (51. min Docudrama) FILM.UA GROUP	2012	Director	2013 Best Director Nominee, International Television, AVANCA Film Festival 2013 Finalist Certificates, World Media Festival Hamburg and New York Festivals TV & Film Awards
<i>Made in Ukraine</i> (46 min. Docudrama) FILM.UA GROUP	2012	Director	2012 Best Documentary Film Director Nominee, Ukrainian Teletriumph National TV Awards
<i>Free Energy of Tesla</i> (53 min Docudrama) FILM.UA GROUP	2011	Director	2013 Best Director Nominee, International Television, AVANCA Film Festival

2006 — 2009 Director, Postproduction Supervisor and/or Picture Editor, [Inter TV Channel](#)

- In a year made over 150 [promotional videos/trailers](#), including with now [President Volodymyr Zelensky](#)

Owner, Artistic Director, Lead Instructor, Performing Arts Schools

2017 — present Founder/Owner, [Misha Kostrov Studio of Acting](#)

- With 16 staff, developed/delivered more than 60 online/live acting programs of over 2500 hours
- Produced multiple videos and [short films](#) with approximately 60 students yearly

2009 — present Co-Founder/Co-Owner, [Black Square School of Acting and Improvisation](#)

- With 20 staff developed/delivered stage/film acting programs to more than 200 students yearly
- In the past five years, produced more than 20 student plays and 100 improvisation shows
- Developed and delivered training programs to employees of both local Ukrainian and international blue-chip companies. Courses taught acting/improvisation techniques to promote a sense of personal well-being, or to upgrade media presence and interpersonal skills for improved organizational performance. **Full list on request.**

Education

2018 — present

- Level 4 [Gestalt Therapist](#), [Kyiv Gestalt University](#) (European-Accredited Training Institute)
- Certified Therapist, [Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing](#) (EMDR), [Belarusian State University](#)

2001 — 2004 Film Studies Certificate, Metropolitan University of Toronto (Ryerson)

1989 — 1995 Kyiv Polytechnical University, MEng Chemical Engineering