

RUFAT RAY

COMMERCIAL FILMMAKER, CINEMATOGRAPHER.

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PROFILE

Rufat Ray is a commercial filmmaker and cinematographer specializing in branded, corporate, and narrative-driven content for television and multiple platforms. He has led commercial and corporate film productions for agencies and clients in Azerbaijan, overseeing creative direction, visual concept, and on-set execution across the full production process.

Rufat is a Fulbright Scholar from Baku, Azerbaijan, currently based in the United States, and is pursuing an MFA in Film Production and Cinematography at Ohio University's School of Film under the mentorship of Palme d'Or nominated director Rajko Grlic.

EDUCATION



Cinematography & Film Production. Master of Fine Arts
Ohio University School of Film 09/2024 - Present



Pre-academic English program. Fulbright. UCF Global
University of Central Florida 08/2023 - 09/2023



Film Directing, Bachelor of Fine Arts
Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts 09/2009 - 07/2013

CERTIFICATIONS. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

MPV Talents Film Industry Program IVLP Filmmaking in the USA Program
Talents Program in Vilnius International Film Festival 2023, Lithuania 2019, US State Government Program

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



Commercial Filmmaker, 1st AD, Production manager
Cinealliance Film Production Company 2020 - 2023
www.cinealliance.com

- Overseeing the entire creative process of a commercial audio-visual project, from concept development and pre-visualization to client presentations and treatments.
- Leading the team through each phase to ensure creative consistency and quality control through final delivery, including international communications.



Film Director, Film Editor
Baku Media Center 2013 - 2018
www.bakumediacenter.az

- Directing and leading the project's creative process in close collaboration with the producer, cinematographer, and key team members.
- Directing documentary and corporate films, ensuring quality control and timely delivery.
- Editing commercial, corporate, and documentary projects alongside the Director and Producer using Adobe software system.



Film Editor
Cinex Azerbaijan Production Company 2011 - 2012

- Editing documentary films and commercials in close collaboration with directors and producers.
- Managing backups, transcoding, and editing workflows.
- Coordinating with sound and color departments to ensure consistency and quality through final delivery.

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH	Proficient	●●●●●	RUSSIAN	Proficient	●●●●●
TURKISH	Native	●●●●●	GERMAN	Beginner	●●●●●

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & AWARDS



BEST FILM GOLDEN POMEGRANATE AWARD
15. Baku International Film Festival
Competition Program. "The Well" Short Film



GERMANY Premiere OFFICIAL
33. Cottbus International Film Festival Official
Selection. "The Well" Short Film



FRENCH Screening OFFICIAL
France, Clermont - Ferrand International Film
Festival 2023 Short Film Market Selection
"The Well" Short Film



BEST PROMOTIONAL FILM AWARD
Poland, Warsaw. FilmAT Tour Film Festival,
2016. "Homeland" Short Promotional Film



BEST FILM EDITING AWARD
Croatia, Zagreb Tour Film Festival, 2016
"Homeland" Short Promotional Film

REFERENCES

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KEY FILM PROJECTS

"The Well " 2023 Debut Short Fiction Film

Trailer

"Caucasian Albania" 2022 Short Historical Film

Preview

"Homeland" 2015 Short Promotional Film

Preview

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE AND SKILLS

Commercial Film Directing
Cinematography (Director of Photography)
Camera & G&E Department Workflows
On-Set Production Coordination
Narrative Lighting Design
Narrative & Branded Storytelling
Documentary Filmmaking
16mm Film Production
Color Grading