



DEREK PFISTER

CAMERA OPERATOR | EDITOR

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EDUCATION

- Bachelor's degree, Radio/TV/Film, Journalism, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- University of Wisconsin-Waukesha

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Cinematographer
- Camera Operator
- Post-Production
- Graphic Design
- Adobe Premier Pro
- Adobe Photoshop
- DaVinci Resolve

AWARDS | HONORS

- **Cannes Film Festival** (Short Film Corner 2024)
- **Communicator Award (2026)**
- **Telly Award (silver) (2025)**
- **YouTube Creator Award (2023)**
- **Communicator Award (2024)**
- **w3 Award (2024)**
- **Davey Award (2024)**

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

I am an award-winning filmmaker and visual storyteller with a focus on emotionally driven narratives and grounded documentary work. A featured filmmaker at the Cannes Film Festival and creator of The Next Frame, a documentary series spotlighting Midwest filmmakers and creative voices. Known for cinematic visuals and authentic storytelling, I bring a collaborative spirit to every project—across narrative film, branded content, and documentary production. Based in the Midwest, with [IMDb](#)-recognized credits and a passion for stories that resonate deeply.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chair on Stair Films

Founder | Cinematographer | Editor, Milwaukee, WI | 2004 – Present | Freelance

Chair on Stair Films is a Midwest-based freelance production company focused on authentic storytelling through cinematic films, documentaries, and collaborative creative projects with clients.

- Specialize in producing films, advertisements, promos, weddings, and personal projects.
- Collaborate closely with clients to bring their creative visions to life through high-quality visual storytelling.
- Lead all aspects of production, from concept development to final delivery, with a focus on passion and client satisfaction.

Video Production Specialist

Grieve Law, LLC | 2021 – Present | Full-Time Employment

Lead video producer and editor, responsible for writing, producing, filming, and editing content for the firm's YouTube Channel and social media platforms.

- Manage all stages of the video production process and content creation.
- Write, produce, film and edit weekly YouTube videos focused on legal topics and client outreach.
- Collaborate with attorneys to ensure content is accurate, informative, and audience friendly.

Video Editor | Photojournalist

CBS 58 News, Milwaukee, WI | 2015 – 2021

Versatile news editor and photojournalist skilled in overnight editing, live broadcast production, and creating engaging long-form packages and breaking news content.