

Gabriel Athanasiou

Freelance Director

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Gabriel Athanasiou is a film director who has studied at the New York Film Academy and at the School of Fine Arts, Film Department at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. Based in London, he is currently developing his feature film debut.

Athanasiou's short films have travelled the world and have won multiple awards at international film festivals. His film "Astoria" was nominated for a Greek Film Academy Award in 2022, and he is an alumni of Berlinale Talents 2023. With a strong focus in human emotions, drama and comedy and his impressive educational background, Athanasiou wishes to be a rising talent in the film industry.

RECENT NOTABLE DIRECTING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Curiouser (2022) - Short, Thriller**
 - Best International Short & Best Cinematography Awards at the New York Independent Short Film Awards 2022
- **Astoria (2021) - Short, Crime/Coming of Age**
 - Greek Film Academy Nomination 2022
 - Best Director Award - Athens International Digital Film Festival
 - Secured Distribution at Cinobo.com, the biggest Greek streaming platform.
- **Before the Rooster Crows (2020) - Short, Drama**
 - Best Student Director - Arizona Short Film Festival 2021
- **Pink Taxi (2020) - Short, Comedy**
 - Best Short Film, Best Comedy Film & Best Greek Film - Symi International Film Festival 2019

SKILLS

- **Creative thinker** with a knack for generating innovative ideas and engaging concepts.
- Strong ability to brainstorm effectively, fostering collaborative environments to develop **compelling narratives**.
- Proficient in creating **storyboards** and **treatments** that capture the essence and visual style of a project.
- Excellent **team player**, skilled at fostering effective communication and collaboration among **cast and crew** members.
- Experienced in **handling challenging clients**, adept at navigating and resolving potential conflicts with professionalism and diplomacy.

OTHER WORK

- 1st AD - LAIR (Feature Film, 2020)
- Associate Producer for Channel 4's "A Place in the Sun" (three episodes, shot in Greece and Cyprus during summer 2019)
- TEDx Thessaloniki, 2018 (Live Stream Director)
- Line Producer in the Greek Feature film "Alepeou Stifado" collaborating with one of the most famous Greek Actresses.

EDUCATION

- **Directing & Screenwriting MA** - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- **Line Producing**, New York Film Academy, New York
- **ACES Training for HETV** - NFTS
- John Seale Masterclass - New York
- **HETV virtual production intro sessions** - Academy of Live Technology

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

- Was a part of the Jury at the 27th MedFilm Festival in Rome in 2022.
- Teacher of a Film Class in a Primary School. Worked with 8 year old children, organizing activities and workshops in 2017-2018.
- Held a Directing Workshop in Latvia 2017.

PROFICIENT WITH THE FOLLOWING SOFTWARE

- Microsoft Office & Apple Work Suites
- Adobe CC Apps such as Premiere Pro, Photoshop & After Effects
- DaVinci Resolve
- MM Schedule

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