

CRISTIAN SULSER
WRITER / DIRECTOR

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Award winning Director and AFI Directing Fellow with strong academic background, narrative and visual sensibility, takes leadership role and thrives in creative collaboration. Founder of a successful production company in Zurich, Switzerland, with more than ten years experience in directing and developing content for film and television. Extensive international work and study provides global perspective. Passion for the arts.

EDUCATION

AFI Conservatory, Los Angeles, CA
MFA in Directing, 2015

Screenwriting at UCLA School for Theater, Film & Television, USA 2011
Diploma in Screenwriting

School of Screenwriting Berlin, Berlin, Germany 2009-10
Diploma in Writing and Dramaturgy for Film & Television

Swiss National Television Job Training, 2000-04
Training and working professional as Editor and Director

KSH Kantonsschule Heerbrugg, Switzerland 1996-2000
BA in Education, 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SECOND UNIT MEDIAPRODUCTIONS, Switzerland & Los Angeles, 2004-2017
Owner and founder of the production company SECOND UNIT MEDIAPRODUCTIONS.
Served as Writer/Director/Producer for over 20 produced projects, including
Feature Film, Documentaries, Television Pilots, Comedy Series and Music Videos

SRF - SWISS NATIONAL TELEVISION, Zurich, Switzerland, 2000-04
Professional and on the job training as Director, Producer and Editor

NICKELODEON SWITZERLAND, SRF, 2000-04
Host of several shows, writing and developing of new formats

ASSISTANT TO PRODUCER, Los Angeles, 1999-2000
Internship and Assistant to Gail Berman, President
MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE, BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, ROSWELL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERA, Switzerland, 1999
First Assistant Director to Dieter Kaegi, notable Opera Director,
ANNA BOLENA (France), ATILLA (Switzerland), PAGLIAGGI & CAVALERIA RUSTICANA (Ireland)

AWARDS

SCRABBLE (Ink Film, 2014, Writer/Director)
Winner of over 30 Awards, Official Selection for over 150 international film festivals.
USA FILM FESTIVAL Jury Award 2015 (Winner), CAYFILM Best Short 2015 (Winner) FABRINO FILM FEST Best Movie 2015 (Winner), LIMERICK FILM FESTIVAL Best International Short Film 2015 (Winner), NAOUSSA, TEHRAN & SKEPTO INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL....

STUDENT ACADEMY AWARD for ALL THESE VOICES, 2016, Story Consultant, (Winner)

SHNIT SLAM AWARD for HOW TO STEAL A BED, 2013, Writer/Director, Best Short Movie (Winner)

PRIX WALO for GIACOBBO/MUELLER, Best Comedy 2008 (Winner), Staff Writer
SCHWEIZER FERNSEHPREIS for GIACOBBO/MUELLER , Best Comedy Show 2009 (Winner), Staff Writer
PRIX WALO for BIGGEST SWISS MUSIC HITS, Best TV Show (Winner) 2007, Segment Director & Producer

SKILLS

experienced team leader
editing (FCP, Avid)
design (photoshop)

LANGUAGES

German: Native, English: Fluent