



LESA DOWDY

VISUAL ARTIST

SUMMARY

I'm an independent filmmaker, photographer, and community artist who creates visuals not only to entertain but to inspire those who wish to create and share a different perspective of the world around them.

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SKILLS

Film/Video Editing · Camera Operation
Community Outreach · Teaching Artist
Documentary · BTS · Street Photography
Canon DSLR · Fujifilm Mirrorless
Adobe Creative Cloud
video & photography apps

Education

- *Watkins College of Art Design and Film*
Certificate in Film (2011-2014)
- *Study Abroad with Actuality Abroad* (formally Actuality Media)
Documentary Outreach in Kisumu, Kenya, Africa (2014)

Projects and Exhibitions

- *Permanent Culture* (short documentary, editor)
Impact Video Finalist, Social Media Impact Awards (2015)
- *Byers Remorse* (short film, editor)
Official Selection, International Black Film Festival (2017)
Short Film Bronze Award Winner, Spotlight Film Awards (2017)
- *We Wear the Mask* (group art exhibit, photography)
Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN (2018)
- *80/20* (webseries, editor and camera operator)
Official Selection, International Black Film Festival (2018)
- *In the Shadows* (short documentary, editor)
Official Selection, International Black Film Festival (2019)
Official Selection, BronzeLens Festival (2019)
- *N2020: Community Reflections* (group art exhibition, photography)
Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (2021)
- *Kindred Links* (group art exhibition, short documentary and videos)
The Parthenon, Nashville, TN (2021)
- *Kara Walker: Cut to the Quick* (exhibit introduction video)
Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (2021)
Award of Excellence in Audio Visual, Tennessee Association of Museums (2022)
- *People, Places, Things* (video art and live soundtrack performance)
The Parthenon, Nashville, TN (2022)
- *IDENTITY CRISIS: Who Are We Becoming?* (group art exhibition, photography)
Nashville International Airport, Nashville, TN (2023)

Residencies and Fellowships

- *Archives Artist in Residence* (video art with live soundtrack)
Audiovisual Heritage Center at Nashville Public Library, Nashville, TN (2020)

Work Experience

- *Study.com* (remoter editor)
(2015-2017)
- *Corner to Corner* (Resident Artist & Script to Screen Film Coordinator)
Nashville, TN (2021-present)

Video and Photography Services

- Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN
- McGruder Family Resource Center, Nashville, TN
- Oasis Center, Nashville, TN
- Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
- Metro Nashville Public Schools, Nashville, TN
- Fort Negley Descendants Project, Nashville, TN
- The Parthenon, Nashville, TN
- Sewanee: University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- Nashville Public Television, Nashville, TN

Teaching Artist

- NIA House Montessori School, Nashville, TN
- Oasis Center, Nashville, TN
- Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
- Turnip Green Creative Reuse, Nashville, TN
- Women of Color Collaborative, Nashville, TN
- South Nashville, TN Communities (various grassroot organizations)