



# Cynthia Okorafor

## A visionary. A storyteller. A leader.

Creative and performance-driven director, filmmaker, playwright, and artist. Enthusiastic and engaging in all stages of the filmmaking process. Deep passion for the arts. Diverse creative work experience. Excels in fast paced environment and meeting strict deadlines while utilizing prompt communication. Possesses a strong sense of artistry and consistent forward thinking vision which outpours into the entertainment industry.

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

### PARSONS THE NEWSCHOOL

AAS Fashion & Design /Marketing  
Aug 2011 - Dec 2012

Intersectionality of Art and Design  
in Culture

### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

BS Physiology and Neurobiology  
Aug 2005 - May 2010

Major in the Sciences with a minor  
in Psychology

## MORE EXPERIENCE

### DRAMATIST GUILD

Active Member

### SUNDANCE COLLAB

Screenwriting and Directing

### PHOENIX PERFORMANCE

Nov 2019

Solo Performance and Exhibition

### ART DIRECTOR VOLUNTEER

Apr 2019 - Apr 2020

Design and develop campaigns for  
the Africa Gives Back Charity.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### DIRECTOR

Playwrights Horizons | NYC

Feb 2022 - Aug 2022

- Directed NY Premiere play, **Never Realm's Interlude**
- Participated in all stages of the theatre process from the scriptwriting and pre-production to showtime.
- Worked closely with executive producers to develop a vision for the project.
- Advised actors and choreographers; gave detailed instructions to all members of the production crew.
- Sold out opening night.

### FOUNDER & PRODUCER

Ochichiri Studios, LLC | LA & NYC

Feb 2022 - Present

- Coordinated with executives, directors and co-producers to create and develop unique and engaging story
- Guided directors and other key creatives in cultivating best practices and concepts to encourage innovation and unique production opportunities.
- Developed project budget and managed production costs for large and small scale productions.
- Oversaw post-production editing, special effects, music selection, and performance's overall tone with decisive action.

### PLAYWRIGHT & WRITER

Ochichiri Studios, LLC | NYC

Jan 2018 - Present

- Developed play for world renowned theatre company, director, and actors.
- Conducted market research to determine current trends; ensured that characters, dialogues and plots were well-developed and in compliance.
- Educated, trained, and provided feedback for other writers, actors, directors, and producers.

## SKILLS

Develop Story	Budgeting	Strategy
Script Review	Production	Management
Adobe Suite	Microsoft Office	Editor
Premiere Pro	Creative Writing	Research

GREAT VERBAL APTITUDE, INTERPERSONAL TEMPERAMENT, CRITICAL THINKING, PERSISTENCE, AND TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS. IN LOVE WITH ALL THINGS FILMMAKING.