

# CALEB SUGGS

Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

2026	M.A. Film & Video Production Department of Communication and Film University of Memphis
2021	B.A. Journalism, Concentrations in Broadcast Journalism and Creative Mass Media Department of Journalism & Strategic Media Communication, Concentration in Film & Video Production Department of Communication and Film University of Memphis

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-pres.	Studio Suggs Co-founder/President
2020-pres.	Peer Power Foundation Digital Marketing Manager
2021-2022	ALSAC/St. Jude Multimedia Specialist

## RESIDENCIES

2024	Crosstown Arts Residency Spring Artist in Residence
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## CREATIVE WORK

### Narrative Feature Films

- 2022     [Free Indeed](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor
- Exhibition & Distribution:
- 2025     Sweetspire TV (Streaming)
  - 2025     BKETV (Streaming)
  - 2025     GHS-TV (Streaming)
  - 2023     MidSouth Black Film Festival
  - 2022     International Black Film Festival
  - 2022     Black Film Festival Atlanta!
  - 2022     CONTENT Film Festival and Media Summit
  - 2022     YouTube (Worldwide)

### Documentary Feature Films

- 2023     [The Magic of LOC: LeMoyne-Owen College at 160](#)  
Director, Producer, Editor, Narrator
- Exhibition & Distribution:
- 2024     Indie Memphis Film Festival
  - 2024     International Black Film Festival
  - 2023     WKNO-TV (Local/Regional Television)
- 2019     [Once More at the River: From MLK to BLM](#)  
Producer, Editor, Narrator

### Narrative Short Films

- 2026     [Speechless Expression](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor
- 2024     [That Joke Is Mine!](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor
- Exhibition & Distribution:
- 2025     Desoto Film Festival

2025 Sweetspire TV (Streaming)  
2025 GHS-TV (Streaming)  
2025 YouTube (Worldwide)

2023 [All The Red Flags](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2025 Indie Spotlight: Film & Conversation  
2025 Sweetspire TV (Streaming)  
2025 BKETV (Streaming)  
2025 GHS-TV (Streaming)  
2024 Reel Black Film Showcase  
2024 Clean Shorts Film Festival (Finalist)  
2023 Red Movie Awards  
2023 Black Film Festival Atlanta!  
2023 Hollywood Independent Filmmaker Awards & Festival  
2023 Indie Memphis Film Festival  
2023 YouTube (Worldwide)

2022 [Friend•Ship](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2025 GHS-TV (Streaming)  
2022 The Cooler BIPOC Film Series  
2022 YouTube (Worldwide)

2021 [Loveshake](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2025 GHS-TV (Streaming)  
2024 Festival del Cinema di Porretta Terme  
2023 Fairhope Film Festival  
2023 Hollywood Independent Filmmaker Awards & Festival  
2023 SOUTH GEORGIA Film Festival  
2022 The Lake County Film Festival  
2022 The Great Canadian Comedy Film Festival  
2022 Nashville Film Festival

2022 FocusFest  
2022 Lit Laughs International Comedy Film Festival  
2022 Knoxville Film Festival  
2022 Indie Memphis Film Festival  
2021 YouTube (Worldwide)

2021 [Homeboys Haunted 2](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2025 Sweetspire TV (Streaming)  
2025 GHS-TV (Streaming)  
2022 Lit Laughs International Comedy Film Festival  
2022 The Cooler BIPOC Film Series  
2022 Indie Memphis Film Festival  
2021 YouTube (Worldwide)

2020 [NightCall](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2025 YouTube (Worldwide)

2020 [Zoomed Out](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2020 YouTube (Worldwide)

2020 [Homeboys Haunted](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2025 Indie Spotlight: Film & Conversation  
2025 Sweetspire TV (Streaming)  
2021 Indie Memphis Film Festival  
2020 The Great Canadian Comedy Film Festival  
2020 YouTube (Worldwide)

2020 [UNO OUT](#)

Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

- 2022 DerpyCon Film Festival
- 2020 Indie Memphis Film Festival
- 2020 Memphis Film & Music Collective Film Festival
- 2020 YouTube (Worldwide)

### Documentary Short Films

2025 [\*Memphis Basketball Trainers: The Start of Something Special\*](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Editor, Narrator

Exhibition & Distribution:

- 2025 Branson International Film Festival
- 2025 Sweetspire TV (Streaming)

2020 [\*Rec Tech: The Student & The Studio\*](#)  
Director, Producer, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

- 2020 YouTube (Worldwide)

### Documentary Episodic Series

2022-pres. [\*MY STORY\*](#)  
Director, Producer, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

- 2025 Like You Children's Film Festival (Episode 6)
- 2022 YouTube (Worldwide)

### Graduate Film Projects

2025 [\*Due Date\*](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

- 2026 FocusFest

2025 YouTube (Worldwide)

2025 [Let Me Show You the Way](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Voice Actor, Editor

Exhibition & Distribution:

2026 FocusFest

2025 YouTube (Worldwide)

### Online Series

2024 [Paul's Playbook](#)  
Director, Producer, Editor

2021 [Peer Power News](#)  
Director, Producer, Writer, Reporter, Editor

### Published Books

2020 [What Good Am I?](#)  
Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing

## TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

### Roles

2025-2026 University of Memphis Department of Communication and Film  
Graduate Assistant

2024-pres. House of Prayer Youth Arts Academy  
Film & Acting Teacher

2024-pres. Peer Power Earn + Learn Internship Program  
Film & Media Internship Lead

2025 Cossitt Library *Make a Scene!: Teen Filmmaking Workshop*  
Film Directing Instructor

- 2025 Princeton James Productions/Kooler Kids Performing Arts Summer Camp  
Film & Photography Teacher
- 2024 Germantown High School  
Guest Film Mentor
- 2022-2024 Indie Memphis Youth Film Festival  
Youth Film Mentor, Directing Teacher

### **Youth Films**

- 2025 [Schoolwide Rumble](#)  
Producer, Actor, Editor, Mentor
- Exhibition & Distribution:  
2025 Like You Children's Film Festival  
2025 YouTube (Worldwide)
- 2024 *Liberation*  
Producer, Actor, Mentor
- Exhibition & Distribution:  
2024 Indie Memphis Youth Film Festival
- 2023 [He's Real to Me](#)  
Producer, Actor, Editor, Mentor
- Exhibition & Distribution:  
2023 Indie Memphis Youth Film Festival  
2023 YouTube (Worldwide)

### **COMMERCIALS & PROMO VIDEOS**

- 2022 [You Belong at ALSAC](#)  
ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- 2024 [Serving the Need](#)  
Peer Power Foundation

- 2025 [Amazon MEM8 Family Picnic](#)  
Amazon
- 2025 [We Need YOUR Support](#)  
House of Prayer Youth Arts Academy
- 2025 [Kids LOVE House of Prayer Youth Arts Academy](#)  
House of Prayer Youth Arts Academy
- 2019 [MUS Science Department Promo](#)  
Memphis University School
- 2025 [Peer Power Works for Jaylah!](#)  
Peer Power Foundation
- 2019 [What is Tiger News?](#)  
Tiger News
- 2024 [Peer Power Summer Camp 2023 | Hype Recap](#)  
Peer Power Foundation

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

- 2026 Ross, Appleby, Graham (RAG) Creative Achievement Award  
University of Memphis Department of Communication and Film
- 2026 Graduate Performance Award for Creative Achievement  
University of Memphis Graduate School
- 2025 Silver Telly Award for *All The Red Flags*  
Bronze Telly Award for *MY STORY* (Season 1)  
Silver Telly Award for "Mapping 20 Years of Impact" Commercial for Peer Power  
The Telly Awards
- 2025 Lightning "Ned" Mitchell Award for *Memphis Basketball Trainers*  
Branson International Film Festival
- 2023 Best Short Film for *Free Indeed*  
Best Film Audio for *Free Indeed*

- MidSouth Black Film Festival
- 2023 Mentor of the Year  
Indie Memphis Youth Film Festival
- 2022 Hometown Narrative Short Audience Award for *Homeboys Haunted 2*  
Indie Memphis Film Festival
- 2022 Best Salvation Message Nominee for *Free Indeed*  
CONTENT Film Festival and Media Summit
- 2022 Best Trailer for *Homeboys Haunted 2*  
Best Comedy/Acting Duo (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) for *Homeboys Haunted 2*  
Lit Laughs International Comedy Film Festival
- 2021 Hearst Journalism Awards Audio News & Features Competition (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Hearst Journalism Awards Program
- 2019 Outstanding Achievement Award  
University of Memphis Department of Journalism & Strategic Media
- 2019 Lurene Kelly Video Story Award (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
University of Memphis Department of Journalism & Strategic Media
- 2017 Don Poier Memorial Scholarship  
Memphis Grizzlies, Community Foundation of Greater Memphis

## **NEWS COVERAGE**

### **Radio News**

- 2021 ["No Blues for Beale Street Pandemic"](#)  
Hearst Journalism Awards Program
- 2021 ["Using Power of the Pen, Teen Author Hopes to Narrow Memphis' "Reading Gap"](#)  
WKNO-FM, The Institute for Public Service Reporting
- 2021 ["Memphis Stays in Character for Growing List of Filmmakers"](#)  
WKNO-FM, The Institute for Public Service Reporting

2020 ["Concept of 'College Life' Seems Old School After Another Pandemic Semester"](#)  
WKNO-FM, The Institute for Public Service Reporting

2020 ["Oh, Tannenbaum! How Essential Are Thy Branches"](#)  
WKNO-FM, The Institute for Public Service Reporting

### **TV News**

2020 ["WUMR's Malvin Massey Retires"](#)  
Tiger News

2019 ["Memphis College GameDay"](#)  
Tiger News

2019 ["U92 SportsDesk"](#)  
Tiger News

2019 ["Memphis Madness 2019"](#)  
Tiger News

2019 ["The Sandbox"](#)  
Tiger News

2017 ["Memphis Youth Symphony" - News 101](#)  
WMC Action News 5, GHS-TV

### **SERVICE**

2026 FocusFest Screening Committee  
Member

2025 Desoto Film Festival Screening Committee  
Member

2025 Studio Suggs "Open Auditions"  
Filmmaker Panelist