

NITYA MEHROTRA

EDUCATION

Rhode Island School Of Design
BFA in Film/Animation/Video

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
MFA in Film and Animation

AWARDS

- **1st Place** in the General News photo category at the ICPA Awards
- **Women in Media full scholarship** at the Met Film School in London and Berlin.
- **Best cinematography award** at the Shawna Shea Film Festival
- **New Artists Full Scholarship** at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- **Award of Excellence** at the Rhode Island School of Design
- **Semi-Finalist** at the Rhode Island International Film Festival

MORE WORK

- **Corporate Speaker** at Vontier Int. and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2024
- **Marketing Assistant** at Apply Stickers in 2021
- Part of **South Asian Exhibition at the RISD Museum** in 2021.
- **Director of Photography** on 'Rhode Island State House Documentary' 2020
- **Post production Assistant** at Running Man Production in New York 2019
- **Pre-production assistant** at Missfit Films in Mumbai 2020
- **Film Equipment Manager** at RISD 2021
- **Sound Designer** on 'REM' at BMP in Rhode Island in 2021

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WORK EXPERIENCE

ARTIST PROGRAMING ASSISTANT Urban Gateways Non Profit - Chicago - 2024

Illustrated a Chicago Train Authority train cover which was written about in the **New York Times**, **Time Out**, **CBS**, among other outlets. Taught local high school students about **journalism practices** and helped them shoot and edit finished videos about local stories they feel passionate about.

MULTIMEDIA NEWS EDITOR Fnewsmagazine- Chicago - 2024

Managed a team of freelance writers, videographers, and photographers. Published Video and Photo Essays covering the local Chicago events every month, and received **3 awards from the Illinois College Press Association within 6 months of joining.**

COMMUNITY FOUNDER Stories by Strangers - 2020 to CURRENT

Founded Stories by Strangers, **an online community of sexual abuse survivors**, creating animations that share their stories, amassing over 3 million views and 40,000+ members from 20 countries where we provide help with accessing therapy, and legal resources for free. **Covered by Chicago Tribune, Homegrown magazine, SAIC magazine, WBBM Radio and IAAP Podcast.**

DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER Studio Blackline - Mumbai - 2023

Spearheaded Pitch packet design toward successful project investment, devising budgets, and putting a team together for **travel documentaries with clients like Royal Enfield Himalayan Exploration and Indian government NGO initiatives.**

DOCUMENTARY DIRECTOR Jouska Productions - New Delhi - 2020 to 2022

Directed and Executive produced a film called 'How I survived death' in collaboration with Jouska Films, **partnering closely with Director Shakun Batra.** It was a **Semifinalist at the Flickers Rhode Island International Film Festival which is Oscar Qualifying.**

FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Indian Premier League Documentary (LSG) - Mumbai - 2022

Feature film production about an Indian **cricket team called Lucknow Super Giants** in the Indian Premier League. **Directed the editing team leading to over 3 Million views** on YouTube and facilitating communication amidst on/off-field shoots.

STORYBOARD ARTIST Dabur Vatika - Bangkok - 2023

Storyboards for **five simultaneous Vatika advertisement** films in a fast-paced environment, **handling daily changes** and meeting client expectations while maintaining narrative integrity which lead to 5 great Vatika Ads, bringing more than **500k views to the management campaign.**

TEACHING ASSISTANT RISD and SAIC - Providence and Chicago - 2018 to Current

Individually Taught a workshop class about Post-production at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago while Assistant Teaching in 3D Animation classes. **Assisted with 5 classes** at Rhode Island School of Design in **Documentary Production, Photography, Game Design, and filmmaking.** Aiding professors in Rhode Island and India with on/off-campus courses.