Itai Ashkenazi

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Itai Ashkenazi is a humble and dedicated filmmaker and actor known for his passion for storytelling. With a keen eye for detail and a resilient spirit, he continually strives to improve his craft. Working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in Film from Arizona State University, Itai has received recognition for his performances and contributions to the industry.

Arizona State University

Breathing Life into Stories, One Word at a Time.

Film Writer 2016 - Current

- Accomplished screenwriter with a track record of success, having written and developed an original short film titled "Francis and Francine," set to compete in prestigious film festivals circa 2024.
- Demonstrated strong storytelling abilities by crafting engaging feature scripts such as "Cold Summers" (2022), "The Pain" (2022), "The Devils Blessing" (2022), and "Not Your Lover" (2023), showcasing my ability to captivate audiences with compelling narratives and well-developed characters.
- Versatile performer with a notable acting career, highlighted by lead roles in impactful plays including "Orpheus The Greek Tragedy" (2013) and "Oedipus Rex" (2018), as well as memorable co-starring performances in "The Barber of Seville" (2014) and "Freaks and Geeks" (2016), earning recognition and accolades for my outstanding contributions on stage.
- Passionate playwright, creating thought-provoking and entertaining works such as "Wake The Bear" (2023), demonstrating my ability to craft captivating stories that engage and resonate with audiences.

Innovation Projects - Phoenix, Arizona

Innovative Leadership in Broadcasting and Production.

Student 2013-2018

- .Anchored Pinnacle News, delivering informative broadcasts to 3000+ students weekly, showcasing exceptional communication and presentation skills in 2022.
- Spearheaded innovative student workforce initiative, offering hands-on experience across diverse fields, fostering practical expertise by 2023.
- Led meetings, achieving production objectives, and showcasing strong leadership and organizational abilities. Proactively directed projects thorough script study, collaborating with stakeholders for optimal outcomes.

Education

Empowering Futures: Education, the Key to Unlocking Limitless Possibilities and Transforming Lives.

Student 2004-2023

- Bachelor of Arts in Film, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (Expected May 2026)
- Student: First Year, Arizona State University (2022 Current)
- High School Diploma, Pinnacle High School (2018 2022)
- Berlin Brandenburg International School (BBIS) (2013-2018)
- BBIS Student Government President (2013-2016)
- Frankfurt International School (FIS) (2012-2013)
- International School Frankfurt (ISF) (2011-2012)
- American International School Bucharest (AISB) (2004-2011)
- New York University (NYU) Meisner Program 2021, 3.7 GPA
- Merit Scholarship Recipient 2022
- Academy Honors Scholarship 2022
- The American Academy of Dramatic Arts

Languages: English, Hebrew, Romanian, German, & Spanish

 $Portfolio\ link:\ \underline{https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY8fODvKLMe1Pc\ 9UMaZB5sXMz3c8L-4k}$