

# **CEPHRA STUART**

# WRITER | DIRECTOR | ACTRESS

I have over a decade of writing, directing, acting & musical theater experience. I enjoy bringing stories to life, particularly those that highlight protagonists & characters from underrepresented communities. I connect with characters that are complicated and comedic – I love making audiences laugh out loud, while making them feel less alone.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### **AWARDS - WRITING & DIRECTING**

# 2023 Austin Film Festival Second Rounder

• Selected from 11,000+ scripts entered (top 20%)

2019 Bay Area Harmony Sweepstakes 3rd Place, Audience Favorite & Best Original Arrangement

#### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Production: Casting, Budgeting, Contract
Negotiation, Production Scheduling, Crew Hiring,
Location Scouting & Management, Pitch Decks,
Coverage/Script Analysis, Story Editing,
Inventory/Equipment Management
Software: Python, HTML, CSS, Javascript, SQL
Industry Tools: Tableau, Looker, Airtable, JIRA,

Asana, GSuite, Canva, Survey Monkey, Culture

Amp, Notion, Loom, Keynote

# **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

Languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin Musicianship: Arranger, A Cappella Singer, Alto II - Soprano I vocals, flute, songwriter Sports: Basketball (Adv), Volleyball (Adv), Tennis (Adv), Track & Cross-Country (Adv), Lacrosse (Adv)

#### **STATISTICS**

Height: 5'4 Weight: 125lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Playing Age: 16 - 30

# WRITING/DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

#### **FILM & TELEVISION**

2023 - Writer | Dir. | Prod. of <u>San Francisco Bae - Feature Film</u> 2023 - Writer of "Sisterly Love" - Short Film (Second Rounder AFF) 2023 - Writer | Dir. of "Sraws" - Short Film (in post-production) 2022 - Story Editor | Prod. of Wonderkin - TV Series Pilot

#### A CAPPELLA PERFORMANCE

2016 - 2020 Founder & Director of Vocal Edition A Cappella

#### **ACTING EXPERIENCE**

#### **THEATER & FILM**

#### Current Student at John Ruskin Acting School

2023 - Sarah Mitchell in "Leftovers" - Short Film 2023 - Keke in "Where Did You Go" - Music Video

2023 – Olivia in "Straws" – Short Film

2023 – Extra in "Missing Pieces" – Feature Film

2014 - Billie Holiday in "Black Broadway" - Live Arts Theater

2011 - Eve in "God's Trombones" - ShenanArts Theater

2009 - Blind Seer in "Oedipus the King" - St. Anne's Belfield

2005 - Malcom in "Macbeth" - Nelson County Theater

2002 - Dorothy in "The Wiz" - ShenanArts Theater

# **EDUCATION**

## **UCLA**

#### **Extension Coursework in Directing, Writing & Producing**

- Script Analysis for Film & Television Taught by Ian Jeffers
- The Craft of the Director Taught by Peter Lauer
- Adaptation for Screenwriters Taught by Warren Lewis
- Entertainment Financing Taught by Jeanette B. Milio
- The Business of Entertainment Taught by Randy Greenberg

#### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Bachelor's Degree in Leadership & Public Policy; Spanish