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Derrick received his Masters of Fine Arts from UCLA's acclaimed Film & TV Screenwriting graduate program. While in the program, he was honored with the prestigious Showcase Award, gaining the attention of Hollywood agents and producers. Recently, Derrick expanded his creative territory, adding film producing and directing to his credits.

In 2012, Derrick was a producer on Lisanne Sartor's award-winning short film, *Six Letter Word*, starring Rumer Willis for AFI's Directing Workshop for Women. *Six Letter Word* was an official selection of the Telluride Film Festival (August 2013) as well as an official selection of the American Pavilion Emerging Filmmakers showcase at the Cannes Film Festival (May 2013). Derrick wrote and produced, *Marriage of Inconvenience*, selected by the Project Involve shorts program and presented during the Los Angeles Film Festival (June 2013). Project Involve is Film Independent's signature diversity program that fosters the talents of emerging filmmakers. In 2014, Derrick wrote, directed and produced, *Waste Paper*, a fantasy/adventure short film developed in partnership with the Oscar-award winning visual effects team at Digital Sandbox as well as Scarecrow VFX, a company formed by key VFX professionals previously at Digital Domain and Rhythm & Hues.

Derrick produced and/or directed several live concert events at some of the largest venues throughout Southern California, including, but not limited to the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live, The Forum, John Anson Ford Amphitheater and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Derrick has also assisted several non-profit or private institutions, including—The Brotherhood Crusade, The Coalition for At-Risk Youth, University of Southern California Black Alumni Association—with the planning and execution of their annual gala/concert events.

Derrick obtained his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Florida at Gainesville. He worked for Exxon Chemicals for four years in their research and development division. Derrick holds two patents related to the purification of highly reactive olefins in mixed hydrocarbons.

SCREENPLAYS

SEA TO SHINING SEA | Fantasy Western

After a slave catcher is murdered in the streets of New York City, the African American outlaw responsible becomes the target of a ruthless bounty hunter's deadly chase across America.

CENTRAL AVE. | Fantasy Musical

A jazz musician owns a mysterious club on a mythical street called Central Ave, and to save his club from certain ruin, teams up with a hip-hop diva and discovers the answer to the question: what if jazz fell in love with hip-hop?

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE | Fantasy Comedy

A robotics engineer, celebrated for his genius skill in artificial life, falls for his peer counselor in an unorthodox program dedicated to teaching the science of love and romance and discovers life is an unpredictable risk, for those who love.

NARRATIVE SHORT FILMS

SIX LETTER WORD | Drama

Producer. 16 minutes. An unlikely mother is forced to confront her young son's autism after an unlikely encounter with one of her johns. The award-winning short, Six Letter Word, has been an official selection of over forty film festivals throughout the world, including Telluride Film Festival (August 2013) and the American Pavilion Emerging Filmmakers showcase at the Cannes Film Festival (May 2013).

MARRIAGE OF INCONVENIENCE | Drama

Writer/Producer. 6 minutes. On the steps of City Hall, a pastor's wife must join her husband in protest against gay marriage, or compromise her religious beliefs to join her gay son on his wedding day. A short film sponsored by Film Independent's signature diversity fellowship program, Project Involve, in conjunction with the National Minority Consortia, with an option to air and webcast on PBS.

OVER HER DEAD BODY | Fantasy Drama

Writer/Director/Producer. 5 minutes. After a dead body's discovered in his small diner, a super hero who exchanged his cape for a quiet, "super ordinary" life, must face his past or risk the consequences.

REAL BIBLE WIVES OF BIBLY HILLS | Fantasy Comedy

Director/Producer. 9 minutes. A spoof on the housewives reality shows where the wives of biblical characters Job, Noah and Lot discuss their lives and confess their deepest secrets.

LOVE | Music Video

Director/Producer. 5 minutes. Neo-soul artist, OYA, debuts her hit single, LOVE with a complex single camera shot video performed on the New York Street lot of Paramount Studios. Cinematographer: Daniel Pearl (cinematographer for celebrity artists: Michael Jackson, Madonna, Whitney Houston, Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey, Ricky Martin, R. Kelly, Jennifer Lopez, Shania Twain, Usher, Kanye West & Jay-Z).