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Dear Portfolio Show Visitor,

Hello, my name is Aaron Elijah Clausen, and I am graduating from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Film. I have experience taking multiple classes in narrative production, documentary production, cinematography, and sound editing/recording; this combined with my outside-of-school work experience, has prepared me to undertake a variety of roles across different media production environments including live action, stop motion, and animation.

While at Portland State, I worked as the Technical Director of PSU.tv, the student-run media production organization. In this position, I trained students on production equipment such as cameras, sound recording devices, and lights, as well as fixed broken equipment, made sure the equipment was maintained and kept as up to date as possible. This role not only allowed me to develop skills with many filmmaking softwares and in various production and post-production areas, but it helped me learn to be a better student and leader.

While I'm prepared and excited to take on entry-level positions in filmmaking, my ultimate goal is to be behind a camera. I'm connected to the hip-hop dance culture and recently produced a branded media piece showcasing Portland and some of its dancers. One thing I'd like to do is produce high quality footage for dancers across the globe to use in promoting their art and to make event videos and documentary projects for dance communities.

My other end goal is to work as a director of photography for stop-motion animation content. I recently secured an internship on a major stop-motion feature and I look forward to getting back to work once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime, I'm available to meet with you by video chat or by phone call and would appreciate the opportunity to hear about the work that you do and how my skill sets may be of use.

Sincerely,

Aaron Elijah Clausen