

# Michelle Zender

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Dear Portfolio Show Viewer,

Thank you for taking the time to read my Cover Letter. My name is Michelle Zender and I am graduating this spring term with a Bachelor of Arts in Film and Minor in Business. I can't wait to collaborate with you!

Ever since I was a child, I've been drawn towards creativity and coming up with stories. I was constantly reading and writing every chance that I could. And when I got into high school I found a creative outlet in theater, specifically in acting and wardrobe. Then in college, I fell in love with filmmaking and the collaborative creative process.

Some of my favorite aspects in film include screenwriting, directing, and production design. Screenwriting was a natural progression for me because I've written since I was a child, and I have always found dialogue to be the easiest aspect of writing. Production Design was something I never considered until I was Production Assistant on *Baby Fever (2021)* a short with incredibly well crafted art design and 70s Prom aesthetic. I got to help with a lot of different departments as a PA but I always found I had the most fun around Production Design, making props and dressing the sets. I was really able to expand my abilities when I was in charge of all things Production Design for *Harper's World (2022)* in my Short Film class. I got a lot of hands-on experience photoshopping posters, putting together costumes, and crafting the makeup to create a cohesive look for the film. It felt like it came very naturally to me as I've always had an eye for aesthetics and have practiced by doing my own makeup, decorating my own room, and putting together creative outfits.

Outside of film I have a lot of experience in customer service jobs, meaning I know how to deal with conflict. I have learned a lot of patience and understanding through these jobs, which prepares me to be flexible for all different types of situations. I am very adaptable and love change and working with other people, so I'm excited to see what the future holds!

Thank you for taking the time to view my Portfolio! Please reach out to me via email if you are interested in working with me or have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you!

Best,

Michelle Zender