

Ethan Tran

Cinematographer | Camera | Lighting | Post-Production | Production Assistant

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PROFILE: Early-career filmmaker with a focus in cinematography and hands-on experience across camera operation, lighting, and post-production on narrative, documentary, and live-event productions. Comfortable working in fast-paced, collaborative environments on both small crews and professional live productions. Experience creating short-form and narrative video content from capture through delivery.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Camera & Imaging: Arri Alexa Mini, RED Komodo, Sony FX series, Canon EOS R5, Nikon D750

Post: DaVinci Resolve (editing & color), Adobe After Effects, ProTools, Media Encoder

Lighting: Studio and location lighting, DMX lighting control, exposure and color workflows

Live Events: Multi-camera and live-event workflows, projection and playback systems

Production: Media management, fast-turnaround delivery, on-set coordination

FILM & EVENT EXPERIENCE

Production Assistant | DePaul Visiting Artist Series — Chicago, IL 2024–2025

- Managed projection, media playback, and DMX lighting for large-format industry screenings and events
- Captured and organized promotional photo/video content; maintained equipment across a full year of programming
- Assisted visiting professionals with setup, breakdown, and on-site logistics

Director / DP / Editor / Camera Op | Independent Film Productions — Chicago, IL 2023–2025

- Contributed to 40+ narrative and documentary projects across multiple crew roles
- Designed and executed camera and lighting setups across narrative, documentary, and experimental formats
- Edited and color-corrected in DaVinci Resolve; delivered projects in multiple formats for academic and public exhibition under tight deadlines

Camera Operator | Arlington Independent Media — Arlington, VA 2019

- Filmed live community events and public programming
- Assisted with camera and sound operation at festivals and local events
- Mentored youth participants in filmmaking and storytelling techniques

EDUCATION

BFA Film & Television | DePaul University — Chicago, IL 2021–2025

Recipient of Dean's Scholarship all four years (2021-2025)

Dean's List 2023, 2024