



Colorado Mesa University
Media Professionals Career Connection
Tuesday, April 19th
Lecture Hall - Escalante Hall 243
Building 39

Presentation and Q&A

2:00 – 4:15PM

2:00

Donald Zuckerman, Colorado Film Commissioner

2:20

Mariel Rodriguez-McGill, Producer, Rocky Mountain PBS

2:40

Alexandre Philippe, Documentary Filmmaker, Exhibit A Pictures

3:00

Todd Sheets, Creative Director, Hutman Media

3:20

Vincent Gonzales, Assistant Director

Speakers

Donald Zuckerman has produced over twenty major motion pictures and documentaries with some of Hollywood's top directors and actors. His most recent feature films include *CASINO JACK* with director George Hickenlooper starring Kevin Spacey, and *GREEN STREET HOOLIGANS*, starring Elijah Wood and Charlie Hunnam. Zuckerman has also produced multiple television series, created a number of successful New York City nightlife venues, and managed recording artists and sports professionals. Zuckerman graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and received a law degree from the Boston University School of Law.

Mariel Rodriguez-McGill is an Emmy Award-Winning creative producer, director and editor focused on documentary filmmaking with a passion for telling inspirational and compelling stories. Currently at Rocky Mountain PBS in Denver, Colorado, Mariel helped develop the food-themed web-series *Great Ingredients*, and the historical documentary series *Colorado Experience*, which will launch its fourth season fall 2016. Mariel received a BA from Boston College and holds a Masters Degree from University of Denver in Media, Film & Journalism Studies.

Alexandre Philippe holds a Masters Degree in Dramatic Writing from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, and is Creative Director of Denver-based Exhibit A Pictures. He has written, directed and produced numerous award-winning films and documentaries, including **DOC OF THE DEAD**, **THE LIFE AND TIMES OF PAUL THE PSYCHIC OCTOPUS**, and **THE PEOPLE vs. GEORGE LUCAS**. He is currently in production on **78/52**, a feature about the iconic shower scene in Alfred Hitchcock's **PSYCHO**, and in pre-production on **MONSTERS WITHIN**, an animation/documentary hybrid, with Paul Sullivan (Art Director, **THE BOOK OF LIFE**, **GHOSTBUSTERS**). Alexandre has also served on numerous film festival juries, including the Edinburgh International Film Festival, Rome Film Festival, Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival (Spain), BiFan (South Korea), Strasbourg European Fantastic Film Festival (France), and the New Zealand Film Awards.

Todd Sheets has produced dozens of films in Western Colorado over the last seven years and has more than two decades of experience creating national TV spots in California. He climbed the film production ladder working as a Union Property Master and Art Director in Hollywood. Over the course of his chosen career path he has connected with many "A- list" Directors and Cinematographers. His passion for creating documentary films led him to Rockport College in Maine where he continued his education in filmmaking. His time in Maine was the catalyst and inspiration to start his own company Hutman Media llc. which is located in Hotchkiss Colorado. Hutman Media creates short films independently for non profits and community-based organizations. The Colorado based company's focus is to produce films that promote awareness, inform and educate. In addition to almost three decades of experience in the film industry, Todd's enthusiasm and his unique ability to genuinely connect with people to tell their story is reflected in the work that he creates.

Vincent Gonzales is a 4th generation Colorado native and attended the University of Colorado at Boulder. Upon graduation, he began working his way up the film industry ladder from office PA to DGA Assistant Director. His work on features and TV, have taken him around the world to Beijing, China and around the country to small towns like Senoia, Georgia. Some of his credits include, *The Walking Dead*, *Boston Legal*, *Charmed*, *The Sandlot*, *The Limey*, and *Encino Man*; second units for *Transformers 4*, *Neighbors*, *The Tooth Fairy*, *Fast and Furious 6*, *Traffic* and *Speed*.