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MikiHellerbach

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
BFA in Theatre

SKILLS

→ Writing & Editing,
→ Audio Editing
→ Copy Editing
→ SEO
→ Interviews
→ Artist Relations
→ Team-Building
→ Podcast Hosting & Producing
→ AP Style
→ Google Drive Proficiency
→ Wordpress Knowledge
→ Communication

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WORK EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE MUSIC & CULTURE JOURNALIST

Okayplayer (2021-Present)

- Featured prominently on Okayplayer's Hip-Hop 50 landing page: Essay on Kendrick Lamar's Cinematic album narrators + piece on artist's giving up a year to the algorithm
- Profiled Baltimore's H3irloom Food Group and covered their 2nd 'A Story To Tell' Hip Hop dinner
- Interviewed producers Jordan Waré & Gaetan Judd about being secret weapons behind Brent Faiyaz + Noname albums
- Interviewed French Montana and Harry Fraud about comeback collaborative album 'Montega'
- Followed DJ Five Venoms (Rolling Loud Tour DJ) for 3 days at NY festival and documented experience
- Lists: Top producers of 2021, EOY lists, '10 Tik Tok Producers & Instrumentalists You Should Follow Right Now, & 22 Best Hip Hop Movie Soundtracks All Time
- Crafted a piece chronicling the career of classically trained composer Johan Lenox's journey into rap music
- First Look Friday series pieces (Dreamville & Smino producer Groove + Baltimore MC John Wells)

MUSIC WRITER & EDITOR/CONTENT CREATOR/

PODCASTER

CentralSauce, Online Publication (2020-Present)

- Op-Ed, Artist Interview, & Music Discovery Journalist (Rappers Movement to Media, Miss Kam)
- Editor of song reviews, features, interviews, podcast episodes, etc
- Creator of THE FLYING SAUCER weekly newsletter & "Sleepy Sauce" daily updated interactive tweet and playlist
- Co-Host: In Search of Sauce Podcast Highlighting other journalist's work plus Interviews (Elliott Wilson, Yoh Phillips)
- Artist Relations Saucefest Virtual Festival (Abhi The Nomad, STORRY)
- Producer 'Inside The Show Series' for visual and written media (Kevin George, Afro Carnival)

FREELANCE REPORTER

WYPR Baltimore/NPR (2021-Present)

- Contributed to Morning Edition with pieces on communal food bloggers, local artists with disabilities, Juneteenth food, and Preakness coverage.
- Covered election events through interviews, cut sheets, and spot delivery.
- Provided on-the-ground reporting for Preakness coverage.

FREELANCE MUSIC, ART, & CULTURE WRITER + COLUMNIST

Artnet News, Alt Press, MTV News, Complex, GUAP Magazine (2021-2023)

- Profiled Baltimore Museum of Art's 'The Culture' exhibit dismantling societal separation of Hip Hop & High Art
- Artist Profiles (Wesley Joseph, Chiiild, Adanna Duru) & Ranked Album Lists (Foo Fighters & Incubus)
- Profiled Fotografiska & Mass Appeal's "Hip Hop Conscious Unconscious" Photo Exhibit
- Profiled Afro R&B singer Nonso Amadi & DC rapper Yung Kayo
- Weekly Column (24 Weeks) 'The Producer's Voice': highlighting stories of music producers

SHORT DOCUMENTARY FILM PRODUCER

Beyond The Blue Wall (2020-2021)

- Produced short film that interviewed ex whistleblower detective dissecting the "blue wall of silence"
- Garnered support from the NFL Players Coalition & Accepted Sedona International Film Festival