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EDUCATION

Mount St Mary's University, LA: MFA Film (Acting Concentration), 2021- current
University of California, Santa Cruz: BA in Film and Digital Media (2020).

PERFORMANCE

Film Performance	Year	Type	Role	Director
Janice Ian: The Art of Song	2024	Documentary (independent)	Journalist (day player)	Varda Bar-Kar
The Sovereign	2023	Science fiction (Feature film)	Andy (supporting)	Farah Mourad Vera
High School Never Ends	2022	Drama (web series)	Vice Principal (day player)	Elizabeth Vaquez
The Spectrum of You	2023	Drama	Lucas (lead)	Tomide Moore
A Date for an Update	2023	Romantic Comedy (short)	Zack (lead)	G. Lees /P. LePage
A Healthy World	2023	Documentary	Narrator	G. Lees
Changing Face of Silicon Valley	2022	Documentary	Self/narrator	Garrett Lees
Anxiety	2019	Experimental	Student (Lead)	Garrett Lees
Psychosis	2018	Drama/Horror	Ivar the robot (Lead)	Ben Firth/Lori Illes
Forest Man	2017	Comedy	Hiker (lead)	Jacob Gustafson
Revision	2016	Horror	Toby (lead)	Woody Henricksen
Child's Play	2015	Horror	Brother (Lead)	Gail Hildebrand
Behind the Scenes	2012	Documentary	Self (Supporting)	Ashley Bua
Theater/Live Performances				
EPIC Players, LA	2024	Cabaret – Catalina Jazz Club, LA	Song	Jessica Saul
EPIC Players, LA	2024	Cabaret – Bourbon Room, LA	Monologue (Fools Rush In)	Jessica Saul
Commercials, music, background	Year	Type	Role	Director
Central Casting (Burbank)	22-24	TV/cable/streaming/film	Background	NBC/CBS/Disney/Apple
Village Workspaces	2023	Commercial	Office worker	Oli Barry/S. Prevost
Zack's Music Video	2015	Music Video	Bored Teen/ singer	Zack Gibson

PRODUCTION

Name	Year	Type (short)	Role	Director
Freeway (music video)	2023	Music video	Production. Assistant	Savannah Pope, A. Bedrossian
A Moment in a life	2023	Narrative	Production. Assistant	J. Ayala,V. Resciniti
Platonic Love (Film festival selections 2023 p.2)	2022	Narrative	Assist/background	Nahyr Galaz Ruiz
La Siguanaba (Film festival selections 2023 p.2)	2022	Narrative	Covid/Project assistant	Jacqueline Ayala- Alonzo
Living Among Giants	2022	Documentary	Director/writer	Garrett Lees
Talk to me	2021	Documentary	Camera/editor	Kim Couture
Donuts, Dancing, and Drama	2020	Documentary	Director, editor	Garrett Lees
There are worse things	2019	Comedy	Producer	Olivia Whitney
Authenticity	2019	Drama	Producer	Danica Dileonardo
Tug of War	2017	Drama	Assistant Director	Zack Gibson
Zombie Party	2017	Comedy	filmography	Ryan Wegner, Joaquin Bear
Bliss	2017	Thriller	Writer, Co-Director	Woody Henrickson
Breaking bad habits (STN) Conference	2015	PSA	Director, Writer	Garrett Lees
Perpetual Woods (selected Cinequest Film 2016)	2015	Poetry adapt.	Assistant director	Zack Gibson

FILM AND FESTIVAL AWARDS

- ***The Sovereign (Andy -- supporting actor) - 2023***
 - Winner: Narrative Nonfiction (Black Swan Film Fest)
 - Finalist (Minefield Albuquerque Film Festival)
 - Official Selection (Madrid International Film Festival)
 - Winner: Audience Award Best Feature (IFS L.A.)
 - Official Selection: San Diego Independent Filmmakers Fest.
 - Semi-Finalist (Santa Fe Independent Film Festival)
 - Winner: Best Comedy (Vancouver Independent Film Fest)
 - Exceptional Merit (LGBTQ Unbordered International)
 - Honorable Mention (Orlando International Film Festival)
 - Official Selection: (South Film and Arts Academy Festival)
- ***A Date for an Update: (Zack – lead)***
 - Official Entry Easter Seals Disability Challenge April 2023
 - Quarter Finalist Award for Best Super Short film: Student World Impact Film Festival (SWIFF) June 2023
 - Winner - Special Mention - One-Reeler Short Film Competition 2023
 - Champion Film Salon International Film Festival (Honorable Mention)
- ***Three Wishes for an Update Script Competition Co-writer (2023/24)***
 - Santa Barbara Screenplay Awards: Diverse Writers (Quarter Finalist)
 - Ethos Film Awards: (Finalist)
 - Grand Stories Screenplay Competition: (Semi Finalist)
- ***Perpetual Woods:*** short: Selected for Cinequest Film Festival – (2016) (assistant director, script supervisor, assist editor)
- ***Tug of War:*** short: selected for *The Bold Award* from the Think Fund (2015) (cinematographer, grip, background actor)

PODCASTS

- Lees, G. SWIFF podcast: (June, 2023) for *A Date for an Update* – (Quarter Finalist for Super Short Film) Spotify link: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/7p9bfEgynzRrYtoKv8pvGO?si=8iOIfAJGRgOfIzYRarMOTg>

PERSONAL ACDEMIC AND SERVICE AWARDS

- Merit Scholarship awarded for Mt Saint Mary's admissions (\$3000,00).
- Schwallie Family College Scholarship Award (\$3,000.00) for first year at UC Santa Cruz.
- Autism Social Connection Film Program Community Service Award (June 2013) selected by staff.
- Palo Alto High - Silver Seal Award, Golden State Seal Award, Distinguished Scholar Award, 2016
- Justin Zhang Award (2013): Most enthusiastic team member –Track/Cross Country-- selected by peers.
- Coaches Awards/ Trophy (2012) and (2016) – Most enthusiastic team member -- Track/Cross Country

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Universal Studios Theme Park, Parking attendant, Universal City, CA (2023-Present)
- Central Casting, Burbank CA, Background Actor (September 2021 to present)
- Amazon Warehouse Associate, Santa Clara, CA (June 2020 to September 2021)
- California's Great America, Ride Operator, Santa Clara CA (Summer, 2017, 2018, 2019)

AUTISM ACTIVISM: CONFERENCE, COLLEGE, AND K-12 PRESENTATIONS

- Lees, G. (January - February 2013). Spreading the Word about Autism. Autism Bay Area Magazine. 18-20.
- Lees, G. (May 9th, 2015). *Executive Function and Learning Conference*, Santa Clara, CA. (Invited, panel)
- Lees, G. (2015). National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association Conference (NSSLHA), SFSU
- LePage, P., Lees, D., and Lees, G., (July 2009). A Family's Experiences Creating a Socialization Program. *Autism Association of America*, Chicago, IL.

Teacher Education Workshops and Presentations

- January 7, 2012: SFSU Workshop in SPED (preservice teachers)
- September 22, 2012: SFUSD - San Francisco Unified (Inservice teachers)
- June 22, 2013, Redwood City Workshop (Inservice teachers)
- Sept. 2012: SFUSD - San Francisco Unified (Inservice teachers)
- March 9, 2013: SFUSD - San Francisco Unified
- September 27, 2013: Redwood City (Inservice teachers)

K-8 School Presentations

- February 2011 (Cabrillo Elementary School)
- March 2013 (Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School)
- February 2015 (Sunset Ridge Elementary)
- February 2012 (Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School)
- November 2013 (Sunset Ridge Elementary – Teen Panel)
- January 8th, 2016 (Lacy Middle School – Teen Panel)