



LEIF EISENBERG

WRITER & DIRECTOR

Hello, I'm Leif Eisenberg, a writer and filmmaker with a strong fascination for historical, fairytale-like, and eerie themes. I'm 23 years old and was born in beautiful Upper Bavaria.

Recurring themes in my writing include romance and madness, the dark forest, the eternal search for God, and death as the only certainty. Since 2020, I've been studying screenwriting at the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg.

| CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

A QUESTION OF HONOR | 2024 | WRITER
COMING SOON TO THE ARTE MEDIA LIBRARY

A short film produced within the Atelier Ludwigsburg-Paris in collaboration with ARTE & SWR. It follows Ludwig (18) as he struggles to prove himself as the new "Fuchs" (freshman) in a fraternity where abuse, humiliation, and power plays are daily occurrences.

Desperate to fit in, Ludwig endures things he could never have imagined a year ago.



POOR SINNER | 2024 | WRITER, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER
CURRENTLY IN THE FESTIVAL CIRCUIT

Poor Sinner is a short film I created during my semester abroad in St. Charles, Missouri. It tells the story of a serial killer seeking solace in the sacrament of confession, posing the question of whether there are sins even a priest cannot forgive.

It premiered at the Lindenwood Theater, winning awards for Best Editing, Best Film, and Best Director.



OKPEŃ-ẸẸ | 2024 | CO-WRITER
CURRENTLY IN THE FESTIVAL CIRCUIT

OKPEŃ-ẸẸ (BY THE RIVERSIDE) is a short film created as part of the Filmakademie's Nollywood Workshop in Nigeria.

It follows Esohe, whose 10-year-old daughter Osayuki tragically drowns in a nearby river. By burial rites, the body should be interred near the river, but Esohe cannot part with her daughter's remains, which angers the water goddess Olokun, who then possesses the girl's body.

The film premiered at the Goethe-Institut in Lagos, Nigeria.



| PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS

DAEMONICON | 2024 | WRITER

CURRENTLY IN THE FESTIVAL CIRCUIT

DAEMONICON is a vertical horror & fantasy series developed during the Filmakademie's series class.

Set in a mystical empire, it follows Lutzia, a demonology scholar, and Götz, a former knight, as they investigate strange curses and battle demons.

With each solved curse, they uncover secrets surrounding a vast conspiracy of religion and power. The pilot was filmed in fall 2023.

THE BISHOP'S CROWN | 2024 | WRITER (SCREENPLAY)

A feature-length historical revenge drama.

It follows Magdalena, 18, who, left as a foundling at a convent's gates, grows up in isolation, raised as a nun in devotion to God and the Church. After she is raped by Prince-Bishop Hilarius, the country's most powerful man, she stabs out one of his eyes and flees into the surrounding dark forests, where she joins notorious bandit leader Albrecht Moorbrunn, sparking a peasant uprising against the Catholic rule of the early 16th century.

KNIGHT, DEATH AND THE DEVIL | 2023 | WRITER PRODUCER | AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

A 30 minute short film inspired by Albrecht Dürer's eponymous engraving.

It tells the story of disillusioned crusader Hieronymus, who summons the devil to bring his murdered wife, Aurelia, back from the dead.

The film premiered in Nuremberg on July 14, 2023.

AVALON | 2022 | WRITER, DIRECTOR

AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

AVALON is a medium-length feature about an orphaned girl named Ophelia, who lives in seclusion in a converted bus in a mystical forest.

She receives an unexpected visit from her sister Vivienne, whom she hasn't seen since their father's funeral. As the sisters reunite, dark secrets emerge, leading us into the psychedelic labyrinths of the mind.

Avalon has screened at various international and national film festivals, including "Paris in the Dark" and the German Film Festival (FILMZ) in Mainz.

THE GHOSTS I CALLED UPON | 2020 | WRITER DIRECTOR | AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

THE GHOSTS I CALLED UPON is a short film about two deserters in World War I whose friendship is tested to the breaking point when they argue over a cigarette.

| LATEST AWARDS AND FESTIVALS

MAX OPHÜLS PRIZE | 2025

Premiere of A MATTER OF HONOR

28TH TALLIN BLACK NIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL | 2024

Screening of OKPEN-EZE (BY THE RIVERSIDE)

HISTORY FILM FEST AUSTRIA | 2024

Screening of KNIGHT, DEATH AND THE DEVIL

SERIESCAMP COLOGNE | 2024

Premiere of DAEMONICON

SPRING 2024 CAPSTONE SCREENING | 2024

Premiere of POOR SINNER, along with award wins for Best Film and Best Director

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL "SEHSÜCHTE" | 2023

Nomination for Best Pitch for THE BISHOP'S CROWN

| EDUCATION

2018 - 2019

HFF Munich

Screenwriting Guest Student

2020 - 2026

Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg

Screenwriting Student

2023

Participation in the 32-day Nollywood Workshop at Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg in Nigeria

2024

Semester abroad at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri, in the Cinema Arts department

| PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Currently, I'm working on several feature-length screenplays, including a feature adaptation of POOR SINNER and a modern interpretation of ELECTRA.

I am also planning a short film based on the folk tale THE MARKSMAN.

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