

# Nikolai Hamel (Writer/Director/Producer)

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Nikolai is a dual US/Italian citizen. He attended the London Film School from 2012-2014. While there he distinguished himself as a filmmaker with a keen visual eye for storytelling and an ability to write provocative stories in any genre. His graduation project (*Basilisk*) won the Best Student Film prize at the New Hampshire Film Festival and played at internationally recognized fests like Rhode Island International Film Festival and Palm Springs International Film Festival.

After film school he moved to Los Angeles and continued his career writing and directing shorts along with working on features such as *Buster's Mal Heart* (Rami Malek) and *Age of Summer* (Peter Stomare) or on TV shows and pilots.

In 2020 Nikolai moved to Greece to begin work on his first feature project *The Rhapsodist*, which premiered at the 2023 Thessaloniki International Film Festival and won the Youth Jury Award. After a successful festival run, it is now available to stream on Amazon Prime UK and will soon open in other Prime markets around the world. He currently splits his time between Athens and Rome.

## Director

- **The Rhapsodist** (87 mins, Fiction, 2023, Writer/Director)  
*Premiered at Thessaloniki International Film Festival*  
*Won Youth Jury Award at the Thessaloniki International Film Festival*
- **The Melancholy of Leftovers** (11 mins, Fiction, 2016, Writer/Director)  
*Awarded the Panavision New Filmmakers Grant*  
*Premiered at the New Hampshire Film Festival*
- **Basilisk** (14 mins, Fiction, 2015)  
*Won Best Student Film at the New Hampshire Film Festival*  
*Premiered at Palm Spring International Shorts Fest*
- **The Final Moments of Poe and Nina** (9 mins, Fiction, 2014, Writer/Director)  
*Presented at the Art in Space Show at Gallery 788 Baltimore, MD*  
*Premiered at The Portobello Film Festival*
- **Move** (5 mins, Fiction, 2013, Writer/Director/Editor)  
*Won the Raindance Film Festival Collabor8te 48 hour competition*

## Producer

- **Boks** (7 mins, Fiction, 2015, Producer/Production Designer)  
*Won an Honorable Mention at the Nordic International Film Festival*  
*Premiered at the Norwegian Short Film Festival*
- **Mast Qalandar** (15 mins, Fiction, 2015, Producer/Script Editor/Production Designer)  
*Won Best Student Film at the Manchester International Film Festival,*  
*Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival, and won the Jury Prize for Best Film at Flicks*  
*International Student Short Film Festival*
- **Ecdysis** (17 mins, Fiction, 2014, Writer/Producer)  
*Won New Talent Award at the DRAMA International Short Film Festival*

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*Premiered at Cinequest Film Festival*

## ***Other Notable Film Experience***

Production Designer | The Pilgrim (2020 Independent Feature Film)

Key Assistant Location Manager | Age of Summer (2018 Independent Feature Film)

2nd Assistant Director | Buster's Mal Heart (2016, Independent Feature Film Starring Rami Malek)

Editor | You Will Never Find My Body (2016, Short Film premiered at The Montana Film Festival)

## ***Education***

2012 - 2015 London Film School, London UK | Masters Degree in Filmmaking

2005 - 2009 University of Maryland, College Park MD | BA in English

## **LINKS**

### ***Films***

The Rhapsodist - [\*\*VIMEO LINK\*\*](#) pw: storyteller

The Melancholy of Leftovers - [\*\*VIMEO LINK\*\*](#)

Basilisk - [\*\*VIMEO LINK\*\*](#)

The Final Moments of Poe and Nina - [\*\*VIMEO LINK\*\*](#)