

Mikayla Lewis

Award-Winning Television News Reporter + Multimedia Journalist.
Videographer. Video Editor. Filmmaker. Photographer.
Multimedia Specialist. Musician.

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PROFILE SUMMARY

Professional Video Production, Editing + Photography. Award-winning, broadcast news journalist providing original, visual creations tailored to clients. 15 years of network + independent production experience (in front of / behind the lens; and edit bay). Owner and operator of Be Reel Co. Multimedia: a one stop shop for production needs.

Musician, producer and singer-songwriter: contributing to rhythmic flow editing and sound design. Voiceover artist.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- TV, Theater + Radio background
- Camera Operations, Directing, Producing + Video Editing
- Music Videos, Short Films, Documentaries + Brand Promos
- Final Cut Pro X, Adobe Premier, Avid software, Photoshop
- Strong creative vision + communication
- Public speaking + Team player mentality
- Focused + Adaptable to environment
- Concept development + Scriptwriting
- Lighting, Set Design + Production Management
- Freelance + Network productions

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Be Reel Co. Multimedia | Owner + Operator | 2016 - Present | Nashville, TN

- Video production, editing + photography for businesses, individuals, music artists, nonprofits, and more.
- A one-stop shop for original, visual creations tailored to each client and project.
- Clients have included: Tennessee Voices for Victims, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Tennessee Valley Authority, Las Vegas Review Journal/NFL Draft, Rackley Roofing, restaurants, realtors, music artists (independent and label backed) and many more.
- Documentary Filmmaker (Director, Editor, Producer, Cinematographer, Camera Operator, Researcher, Narrator + Scriptwriter): Currently in post-production on an original, feature-length documentary film; *"Mary Martin: Music Maven"*, on the legendary music executive and crime victim/advocate, Mary Martin.

WZTV News | Award-Winning Television News Reporter | May 2013 - August 2018 | Nashville, TN

- On-air, TV news reporter + multimedia journalist; also responsible for shooting, editing, writing, and producing stories on a tight deadline daily.
- General assignment, hard news, politics + weather coverage: Producing multiple stories and packages daily; especially on weekends. Featured nationally and internationally, including on CNN.
- Daily social media and web requirements filled for news content promotions.
- Televised reporting in live, in-studio, recorded, online and breaking news platforms.
- National Press Photographers Association (NPPA workshop certification, 2016)
- Entertainment news reporter; covering press junkets and Fox show sets; interviewing numerous network show actors + talent in Vancouver, Los Angeles and Nashville.

KSN News | Award-Winning Television News Reporter | January 2012 - April 2013 | Wichita, KS

- On-air, TV news reporter + multimedia journalist; also responsible for shooting, editing, writing, and producing stories on a tight deadline daily.
- General assignment + hard news: Producing multiple stories and packages daily.
- Coverage included: Tornadoes and other severe weather, bank robberies, murders, politics, and community events.
- KSNC News Central Kansas Bureau chief reporter + KSNW News reporter.
- Televised reporting in live, in-studio, recorded, online and breaking news platforms.

CMT (Country Music Television) | Intern | May 2009 - January 2010 | Nashville, TN

- Internships with two CMT departments, including: CMT's weekly entertainment, insider show and assisting the Vice President of Original Programming and Development.
- Duties ranged from office work, transcribing, viewing and managing original program ideas, personal + production assistant: live and recorded projects; CMT events, awards, red carpet and after-parties; photo and video shoots for various productions.

EDUCATION

Fort Hays State University | Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism + Telecommunications

2007 - 2011 | Hays, KS

- Graduated on dean's honor roll
- University television & radio station host, anchor, reporter and studio operator, sports commentator

Trinity Academy | Diploma | 2007 Graduate | Wichita, KS

- College Preparatory high school
- Activities included: Varsity Volleyball, Honor Roll, Student Council, school newspaper writer (award-winner) + community service volunteer

AWARDS

Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Breaking News | 2018 | Nashville, TN

On Sunday, September 24, 2017, a gunman opened fire at the Burnette Chapel Church of Christ in Antioch, TN; killing one person and injuring seven others.

Unchained Movement Voices of Truth Award | 2016 | Nashville, TN

Volunteerism giving trafficking survivors a voice through the art of storytelling + media production.

Kansas Association of Broadcasters (KAB AWARDS)

- 1st Place: In-Depth News Reporting (2013)
- 1st Place: Single Topic News Coverage (2013)
- 2nd Place: In-Depth News Reporting (2012)
- 2nd Place: News Feature/Enterprise report (2012)

VOLUNTEERISM

Tennessee Voices for Victims | Multimedia Volunteer | 2016 - Present | Nashville, TN

- Video production and editing for the nonprofit's various multimedia projects helping crime victims: televised public service announcements, award videos, awareness campaigns, promotional + social media videos.
- Roles include: video director, producer, cinematographer, editor, camera operator, scriptwriter.
- Moderator of several, Metro Nashville and state sponsored crime victims rights events and remembrance ceremonies.

Unchained Movement | Multimedia Volunteer | 2015 - 2017 | Nashville, TN

- Unchained Movement is a Tennessee non-profit that helps adolescent victims of sex-trafficking become survivors. The group has a residential program and focuses on recovery, education and community awareness.
- Roles included: Producing, shooting, editing and creating all digital media content for Unchained Movement.
- Multiple shoots in a single day; promotional and awareness campaigns.
- Spent time with survivors to help tell their stories authentically.