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Ru is a South African based creative with a research based approach to her technical contributions in the creative industry. Her work is indicative of her nature: detail oriented and innovative. Despite being active in the technical departments of filmmaking, her continued pursuit of formal education is as a result of her belief in education directly correlating with increased creativity. How an educated mind and a strong sense of self, create a sight for sore eyes, be it in human form or bodies of work.

about.

With training in Cinematography, Color Correction & Color Grading [Davinci Resolve Studio], Ru's work benefited the most from receiving training in the technical field of filmmaking, allowing her to harness her creativity and learn to incorporate her interest in various mediums of art [visual, musical & theatrical] to her planning and practical application and remains eager to refine her technical expertise, in hopes of expanding on her creative vision.

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DJ Fundamentals | 2022-2022
Short Course
Cape Audio College

Bachelor Of Arts In Motion Picture
Medium - Cum Laude | 2022-2024
Undergraduate Degree
AFDA

Graphic Design | 2024-2024
Short Course
Canva

Web Design | 2024-2025
Short Course
Wix

Web Design | 2025-2025
Short Course
Squarespace

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Davinci Resolve Certification
Examination | 2025-
Short Course
Blackmagic Design Davinci Resolve

Bachelor Of Arts Honours In Film
Theory & Practice | 2025-
Postgraduate Degree
University Of Cape Town

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experience.

Independent Colorist & Cinematographer | 2024-

Davinci Resolve Studio, Arri Alexa Mini, Canon C70, Nanlite Lighting, Aputure Lighting, Digital Imaging Technician, Focus Puller, Gaffer, MilaNote, Canva, Final Draft & Microsoft Office Suite.

Pre-Production - Production - Post-Production.

Founder @GuguWestgate Pictures | 2025-

A Developing Independent African Creative Production House currently in the process of growth and establishment, GuguWestgate Pictures is the 1st of two sister companies in the Gugu Westgate network, dedicated to crafting distinctive narrative-driven projects across film, documentary, television, and digital media.

Independent Creative Writer | 2024-

2I2I Thursday St. - A developing newsletter offering insightful perspectives and creative solutions to help cement a unique, authentic standard for African cinema. By bridging the gap between scholarly research and creative innovation, this platform aims to spark dialogue, inspire collaboration, and propel the African film industry towards a future defined by its own narrative and aesthetic vision.

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languages.

English | Full Working Proficiency

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skills.

COLOR GRADING
DAVINCI RESOLVE

CAMERA OPERATER
FOCUS PULLER
GAFFER
GRIP
DIT

WRITING
MICROSOFT OFFICE
RESEARCH
CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT
CREATIVE DIRECTION

SET DESIGN
STYLING

SHOOT COORDINATION
LOCATION SCOUTING
SCHEDULING
BUDGETING
PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE

DESIGN & BRANDING
MARKETING
BRAND MANAGEMENT

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CAMERA TRAINEE

CAMERA ASSISTANT

FOCUS PULLER ASSISTANT

GAFFER ASSISTANT

DIT ASSISTANT

SCRIPT SUPERVISOR

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

SET DESIGN ASSISTANT

WARDROBE ASSISTANT

SHOOT COORDINATION ASSISTANT

SCHEDULING ASSISTANT

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

JUNIOR COLORIST

ASSISTANT COLORIST

TRAINEE COLORIST

open to work.

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cover letter.

My name is Ru, and I am a creative based in South Africa with an interest in expanding the scope of what uniquely African cinematic storytelling can be. I envision a standard of cinema that draws from the continent's complex history and channels that into bodies of work that feel rooted and unapologetically African.

I believe in shifting the narrative away from perceptions of Africa as being "behind," and instead recognising how adversity often breeds innovation. These challenging conditions are not setbacks, they're a catalyst for creativity. My approach to storytelling is one that starts from within: an authentic voice which has been shaped by experiences and then projected outwardly with confidence and care.

Over the years, I've built a strong foundation in creative work and remain committed to pushing artistic boundaries. I seek out innovative solutions that move projects forward without compromising on their core values. As I continue to grow, I'm eager to expand my skill set, collaborate and meaningfully contribute to work that prioritizes an informed and well researched vision, grounded with integrity, and has a predicted impact.

I am committed to my craft and confident that my drive, creativity, and resilience would serve as valuable assets to any project I work on.

Feel free to contact me via email at [info@ruwestgate.com] to arrange a conversation.

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