

GAVIN KRESSER | Creative Resume

Wrote Six Comedy Sketches, Upright Citizens Brigade (UCB), Los Angeles, Sep. to Nov. 2024

In Sketch Comedy Writing 101 course, developed and learned the fundamentals of writing and performing comedic sketches, focusing on structure, character, and comedic premises; collaborated on pitches and had weekly table-reads.

Comedy Improv Class, Upright Citizens Brigade, Los Angeles, December 2024

Learned basics of UCB's comedic principles such as "Game" and pulling comedy from "Unusual Things," as well as other improv basics such as collaboration, quick-thinking, and justification; Performed in class showcase at UCB Annex Theater.

Upright Citizens Brigade (UCB) Improv Program

Taking weekly classes learning fundamentals of scene work, including active listening, character building, base reality, game of the scene and collaboration. Expected graduation from UCB Improv Program—June 2025.

Ongoing Industry Work

Signed with manager and currently auditioning for roles in TV, film and commercials; Actively applying to Production Assistant jobs for student films & short films. Just wrapped the lead role in an industrial project for Subject.com—air date coming soon.

Director & Actor, "The Illiad, The Odyssey, and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less," Palos Verdes High School, May 2024

Led a group of twelve in this student-run comedy performance. Through humor and teamwork, this project combined a love of mythology with directing, improving leadership abilities and broadening knowledge of storytelling.

Director & Actor, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," California Educational Theatre Association (CETA), January 2024 & April 2024

Won First Place at the CETA High School Theater Festival for this scene; Won Best Actor award; Won CETA Stand Up 4 Arts Education Scholarship & traveled to Sacramento representing CETA & met with California legislators about the importance of arts education.

Short Film, "Rise and Shine," October 2023

Wrote, directed, and edited first short film, crewed by close friends from Drama. First narrative filmmaking experience, and self-taught Final Cut Pro. Experimented with interesting and unique set design as well as lighting techniques.

Script, "Let's Stay Together," October 2024

Wrote a 5-page spec-script for a short film, "Let's Stay Together." Worked with working director Matt Devine to polish and edit further drafts preparing to hopefully put it to screen one day.

Production Assistant, The Outcasts (short film), January 2024

Learned multitasking skills on a low-budget short film, switching between the roles of official clapper board operator, prop wrangler, and hydration specialist (also known as water bottle fetcher) with ease. Did whatever needed to be done, often all at once.

ComedySportz Promotional Videos for Palos Verdes High School ComedySportz High School League, September 2021 to June 2024

Wrote, directed, filmed, edited (as well as starred in) ComedySportz one to two minute promotional videos to advertise matches. Commercials played on Live From 205 PV High School television station and social media.

Game Master for My Home Dungeons and Dragons World, Personal Hobby, 2019 to present

Run a monthly Dungeons & Dragons game in a homemade fantasy universe with a group of five friends. Learned about longform narrative structure, how to convey themes and ideas over a story that spans a large period of time, and the story structures of the "Epic Hero," and the "Epic Quest" as well as engaging, working with and inspiring my friends and collaborators.