

Behnam Karbassi

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SUMMARY

Dynamic Head of Production / Executive Producer with a passion for boundary-pushing storytelling and deep expertise in physical and digital production across a wide range of formats: from cinematic multi-cam broadcasts to interactive experiences. Proven ability to lead end-to-end global productions, oversee and develop cross-functional teams, manage multimillion-dollar budgets, and deliver award-winning projects for top brands and studios.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Physical & Digital Production | Multi-Platform Storytelling | Branded Content | Experiential | AI | AR / VR | Creative Direction | Cross-functional Leadership | Sponsorships | Marketing Strategy | Emerging Tech | IP Development | Budgeting & Operations | Audience & Fan Engagement

SELECT CLIENTS

Apple | Netflix | Amazon | Google | Microsoft | Snapchat | Cisco | Toyota | Hyundai | Ford | Paramount | Lionsgate | Warner | Sony | Fox | NBC | PBS | Niantic | Imani | Mattel | Toho

AWARDS

Primetime Emmy Award | Cannes Lions Grand Prix | Clios | Addys | One Show | Webby Award

AFFILIATIONS & SPEAKING

TV Academy | Producers Guild of America | SXSW Mentor Program | USC Annenberg School | Digital Hollywood by Variety Magazine | OTT-CON | TVOT | Lincoln Center Film Society

EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT (2007-Present)

Executive Producer / Director / Multi-Platform Consultant – Los Angeles, CA

- Produced and directed award-winning live productions and events, content, experiential, and emerging tech projects
- Developed integrated branding, marketing, and content strategies for global brands

DIGITAL CINEMA COLLECTIVE (2021-Present)

Executive Producer / Creative Director – Los Angeles, CA

- Oversaw creative and production for clients including Apple, Netflix, Amazon, Disney, Google, Snapchat, Sony, and the U.S. Department of State
- Produced high-profile virtual, live multi-camera shows, branded content productions
- Collaborated with vendors, creators, and agency teams to deliver cinematic livestreams and multi-cam event content

77X / LUKA DONČIĆ (2022-2023)

Executive Producer – Los Angeles, CA

- Produced branded content and developed AI-driven alter-ego for NBA star Luka Dončić using Unreal Engine Metahuman and LumaAI
- Managed production operations, vendor relationships, and creative execution

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EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

NO MIMES MEDIA (2009-2020)

Founder / Head of Production – Los Angeles, CA

- Founded one of the world's leading interactive entertainment and alternate reality games companies, continually pushing the boundaries of audience engagement
- Led production of innovative multi-platform marketing campaigns and original content with millions of dollars in billings in 10 years
- Managed business development and client relationships with major studios, networks, brands, and agencies, achieving objectives while maintaining creative integrity
- Oversaw staff and crews ranging from 3 to 300 and day-to-day operations including accounting, legal, insurance, and hiring

FOURTH WALL STUDIOS (2011-2013)

Vice President of Production – Los Angeles, CA

- Led producing teams to create multiple original scripted projects including Emmy Award-winning interactive series *Dirty Work*
- Created complex multi-platform budgets, schedules, workflows, and production systems from concept through completion
- Collaborating with directors, writers, and showrunners to align studio objectives with narrative arcs
- Spearheaded multi-screen platform development; led production and post workflows
- Assisted in new business development, operations, marketing, and PR strategy.
- Managed studio relationships and top-tier talent

42 ENTERTAINMENT (2008)

Producer – Los Angeles, CA

- Part of the team that produced ground-breaking transmedia campaigns including the Cannes-winning *Why So Serious?* for The Dark Knight called the “the most viral marketing campaign of all time” by the LA Times
- Developed world-building extensions and events for Sony/Insomniac Games' *Resistance: Fall of Man* featuring Battlestar Galactica's Katee Sackhoff

SAATCHI & SAATCHI (2001-2007)

Management Supervisor – Los Angeles, CA

- Oversaw \$500M Toyota *Moving Forward* brand campaign, teams, and strategy
- Led the \$140M advertising launch of Toyota's best-selling Camry
- Spearheaded branded content initiatives for NBC's *Sunday Night Football*
- Managed integrated strategy across TV, print, digital, and events

EDUCATION

B.A. Communications and Media, California State University, Fullerton (1996)

- Dean's List, Honor Society, Creative Director – American Advertising Federation

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SELECT PROJECTS

Crunchyroll Anime Awards (Crunchyroll / Sony / DCC) – Executive Producer

- One of the first cinematic multi-cam awards shows live from Tokyo, Japan.

Amazon Music Live (Amazon / Contrast Films) – Producer

- Cinematic live multi-cam productions featuring Green Day, Ed Sheeran, GloRilla, MGK, Metro Boomin', Post Malone, and more.

Netflix Baby Animal Cam & Baby Gorilla Cam (Netflix / DCC) – Producer

- 2-season episodic series, one of Netflix's first live multi-cam streams

Imagine Dragons: Destination Unknown (Hyundai / Greenlight Media and Marketing) – Executive Producer / Director

- Live scavenger hunt across Los Angeles leading to a secret Imagine Dragons performance live streamed to iHeart Radio's Times Square billboard in New York City.

Dirty Work / Rides Storytelling Platform (Fourth Wall Studios) – Producer

- Winner of the first Interactive Primetime Emmy for Original Programming.
- Ground-breaking interactive series and content pieces.

Why So Serious? The Dark Knight ARG (WB / Syncopy / 42 Entertainment) – Producer

- Part of the team that worked directly with Chris Nolan to create the Cannes Lions Grand Prix-winning 'most viral marketing campaign of all time' (LA Times).

Leaders' Summit on Climate (The White House / U.S. Department of State / Castlepoint) – Executive Producer / Creative Director

- First-ever virtual summit live from The White House with over 60+ world leaders

Sea of Thieves: Quest for the Golden Bananas (Microsoft / Rare Games / Edelman UK) – Executive Producer / Director

- Global live treasure hunt and content campaign across 6 markets simultaneously.
- Attracted 1M+ online players on launch day making it the fastest selling AAA game.

Snapchat Partner Summit (Snap / Mitie Tucker Productions) – Executive Producer

- Live stream and event of Snapchat's latest accomplishments and future plans

Temple Run Campaigns (Imangi Studios / PsyOp) – Executive Producer / Director

- The popular game's "Demon Monkey" was brought to life to over 100M views.

Toho Anime Expo Activation and Booth (Toho) – Executive Producer

- Multi-room experiential activation featuring Toho's top anime titles at Anime Expo in LA

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