# CHRIS ESKA

OBJECTIVE
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## Film Director/Writer/Educator

#### **EDUCATION**

1998 – 2003 UCLA *M.F.A. Film Directing* 

Los Angeles, California

1994 - 1998 Rice University

Houston, Texas

B.A. Sociology and Art

Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors Thesis

1990 - 1994 Gonzales High School

Gonzales, Texas

Valedictorian, National Merit Scholar

### FILM AWARDS AND SCREENINGS

- 2004-2005 PBS National Series, Independent Lens
- 2004 Texas Filmmaker's Showcase
- 2003-2004 KCET (PBS Los Angeles) Series, Fine-Cut
- 2003 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Palm Springs International Film Festival
- 2003 Audience Award, Toronto Reel Asian Film Festival
- 2003 Special Screening, Los Angeles/IFP West Film Festival
- 2003 Spotlight Award, UCLA Festival
- 2003 Finalist, Ozu Festival (Japan)
- 2000 Finalist, Coca-Cola Refreshing Filmmaker Award
- 1999 KUHT (PBS Houston) Series, The Territory
- 1998 Texas Young Filmmaker's Showcase
- 1998 Russ Pittman Award for Artistic Merit
- Works Screened at the Director's Guild of America Theater, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, and Film Festivals worldwide

2003 "Doki-Doki" UCLA

Writer/Director/Editor

 DV, B&W/color, 29 minutes, narrative, Japanese with English subtitles

2001 "Soccer Moms Do It On A Schedule" UCLA Writer/Director/Editor

■ 16mm/Super 8, color, 6 minutes, narrative

2000 "Vertof Goes To Hollywood" UCLA Writer/Director/Editor

• 35mm, color, 50 seconds (Coca-Cola Commercial)

2000 "Breather" UCLA

Cinematographer

• 16mm, color, 14 minutes, narrative

1999 "The Diamond Way" UCLA

Writer/Director/Editor

■ 16mm, color, 12 minutes, narrative

1998 "The Cookie Tosser" Rice University

Writer/Director/Editor

• 16mm, color, 35 minutes, narrative

1997 "Conscious Convenience" Rice University

Writer/Director/Editor

■ 16mm, color/B&W, 12 minutes, narrative

1997 "Bliss" Rice University

Writer/Director/Editor

■ 16mm, B&W, 6 minutes, narrative

## INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Travel in approx. 40 countries, ESL Instruction, Learning Japanese, Music Composition, Robot Construction, Tennis, Ping Pong