



GABBY DREES

Photojournalist

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Award of Excellence
CPOY 80 Multimedia: Online
Storytelling
Found in Translation

Served as director of photography,
creating two short films about
immigrant families living in Cedar
Rapids.

Finalist | Environmental Portrait
ACP 2022 Photo of the Year

REFERENCES

Leah Latella

Visuals Coach | The Daily Iowan
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Experiences
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SKILLS

Photoshop · Premiere Pro ·

Photo Mechanic · Mirrorless Canon ·

DSLR Canon · Web Design · Filmmaking

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Multimedia Narratives

Photo Storytelling

Multimedia Storytelling

Visual Communication and
Design

SUMMARY

Experienced photojournalist and visuals editor with a strong background in delivering compelling visual content under tight deadlines. Skilled in multimedia storytelling, digital presentations, and collaborative team leadership. Proven ability to advance stories through impactful photography and video, with accolades including a CPOY Award of Excellence and ACP Photo of the Year finalist recognition.

EXPERIENCE

Visuals Editor, Photojournalist, Filmmaker 08/2025 - Present
The Daily Iowan Iowa City, IA

- Delivers impactful visual work in a timely and appropriate manner
- Collaborates with a team of 15 photojournalists as visuals editor
- Adheres to tight deadlines
- Plans out visual coverage as visuals editor
- Works closely with digital to deliver visuals in digital formats
- Tones and selects images for digital and print formats
- Selects images for social media platforms using Social News Desk

Director of Photography 05/2025 - 06/2025
ISLE Documentary Workshop Iowa City, IA

- Shot and edited visually compelling video throughout the workshop
- Storyboarded throughout filming
- Created two impactful short documentaries
- Collaborated in large and small groups
- Publicly premiered and answered audience questions

Photojournalist, Filmmaker 08/2021 - 12/2022
The Daily Iowan Location

- Produced slideshows for news, sports, politics, and arts stories
- Worked closely with editors to deliver relevant visuals
- Advanced stories visually

Training Specialist, Shift Lead 02/2023 - Present
Panera Bread Coralville, IA

- Responsible for keeping up with trainings for a staff of 30
- Made meaningful connections with customers and coworkers

EDUCATION

B.A. Journalism and Mass Communication 2021 - Present
Multimedia Production and Design Track

University of Iowa Iowa City, IA, United States

B.A. Sociology 2021 - Present
University of Iowa Iowa City, IA, United States