

# SAM TOCKE



## ABOUT ME

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Sam Tocke is an award-winning filmmaker, currently studying in the highly selective and competitive Television and Film Arts program at Buffalo State University. With a deep interest in the comedy and horror genres as well as narrative storytelling, Sam focuses on stories that explore taboo female experiences, love (in all its forms), youth culture, and society's underdogs and undesirables. Her short film, "All Tied Up," recently won Best Screenplay at her school's TFA Pioneer Awards.

Along with being one of the few TFA students, Sam also double majors in Public Relations and Advertising, serving as her school's Vice President of their PRSSA chapter, and minors in Legal Studies. Check out Sam's portfolio on her website, [samtocke.com](http://samtocke.com).

 [@sam.tocke](https://www.instagram.com/sam.tocke)

 [Samantha Tocke](https://www.linkedin.com/in/SamanthaTocke)

## PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

**Director** | Short Film | "Jekyll As Hyde" | 1<sup>st</sup> AD: Kevin Emmanuel Thompson | Producer: Sam Tocke

**Boom Operator** | Short Film | "Lord of the Cans" | Director: Gray Muller | Producer: Gray Muller

**Producer and Writer** | Short Film | "986" | Director: Abigail Wisz | 1<sup>st</sup> AD: Melody Mendoza | Producer: Abigail Wisz

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**Producer and Writer** | Short Film | "All Tied Up" | Director: Will Glodzik | Producer: Matthew Savoy

- 2026 TFA Pioneer Award Recipient for "Best Screenplay"

**DP and Co-Writer** | Short Film | "The Sleepover" | Director: Abigail Wisz | Producer: Abigail Wisz and Takla Younes

**Director, Writer, and Producer** | Short Film | "The Usual" | Producer: Abigail Wisz

**1<sup>st</sup> AD and Producer** | Short Film | "rent-a-pony" | Director: Kevin Emmanuel Thompson

**Director and Producer** | Short Film | "Donations"

**DP** | Short Film | "Figures After Midnight" | Director: J.R. Lynch

## WORK EXPERIENCE

American High | June 2025 - August 2025

Development Intern

- Read and write script coverage to help determine the most exciting projects to consider packaging and producing through American High's output deal with Hulu
- Critique and analyze scripts for their storytelling and compatibility with American High's brand and aesthetic.

## EDUCATION

Buffalo State University | 2024 - Present

Television and Film Arts | Public Relations and Advertising | Legal Studies

- Tau Sigma
- Lambda Pi Eta
- TFA Representative for Dean's Council
- 4.0 GPA

## REFERENCES

Jeffrey Hirschberg

TFA Director | WGA Writer

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## SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Final Draft

Final Cut Pro

Microsoft Office

Adobe Illustrator

Adobe Photoshop

## WORKSHOPS

Line Producing with Marc Porterfield |

March 2025 - April 2025

through American High

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