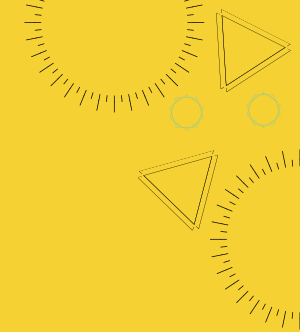




The Biography Of

AJ PITRE

*Writer, Director, Producer, & Development Producer
at Studio Yezi*



AJ Pitre is a Writer Producer with an infinite love for storytelling and an incurable passion for Animation and Video Games. Starting his career in the theatre as a classical dancer, AJ has secured roles such like Drusselmeyer in The Nutcracker, Rome in Shakespeare's Classic Romeo and Juliet, just to name a few.

At the age of 22, the artist felt an overwhelming patriotic duty and enlisted in the United States Army. Completing six years of service, AJ moved to Los Angeles to continue the pursuit of his dream to create compelling visual stories.

AJ successfully completed a degree at the New York Film Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Producing. The NY Film Academy is where AJ really dived into his creative skillset; writing, producing and directing several short films during his tenure. His unique talent has seen him working on Commercials, Music Videos, TV Series' and Films.

In 2019, AJ produced award-winning short film, "Ha:Na" receiving high critical acclaim at various international festivals including a Gold Award for Best Short Film in the Sci-Fi/Fantasy category from the Queen Palm International Film Festival, Best Actress at the Los Angeles and New York Film Awards as well as Best Director.

When AJ isn't writing, production and directing his visual stories, he can be seen in acting roles and has appearances in the following films:

- Distinct (2015) - Short Film - Role: Villain,
- Beyond Eyesight (2017) - Short Film - Role: Demon,
- Facebook Confetting App (2018) - Commercial - Role: Player,
- Angels Never Cry (2018) - Feature Film - ADR Voice Actor]

After collaborating with his best friend and spirit sister, Thandiwe Mlauli in many special projects, AJ's transition to Studio Yezi - South Africa's first woman-founded animation studio - as a Development Producer was the next logical step and this is how he spends most of his time today.

In his free-time, AJ enjoys playing Volleyball competitively but when he's not in the court you can find him playing Assassin's Creed or The Witcher in his very fancy Gaming PC.



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Studio Yezi is a development and animation studio based in South Africa. "Yezi" is short for "inkanyezi" which means "Star" in isiZulu.

As a company, we intend to be a symbol of hope and light, we intend to serve the world with our storytelling.

Studio Yezi is dedicated to creating and telling stories made for people of colour, and black people in particular. Black people are extremely underrepresented in the global animation space, and Studio Yezi intends to equalize the playing field, and create economic opportunity for artists and animators on the continent.



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