

JAKE SYKES

Photojournalist

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Photojournalist with 4+ years of experience capturing dynamic news and sports visuals, utilizing expertise in Premiere Pro and Sony Cameras. Known for helping deliver impactful live coverage and collaborating on high-profile events like the Big 12 Championship and State of the Union, enhancing storytelling through innovative visual techniques. Passionate about contributing to dynamic media environments with a focus on advancing visual storytelling.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

PHOTOJOURNALIST

KVUE

Aug 2023 - Present

Austin, TX

- ◆ Collaborate daily with reporters to produce high-quality same-day news packages, including shooting interviews and b-roll in diverse locations and conditions
- ◆ Contribute to long-form investigative pieces with the KVUE Defenders team; earned a Lone Star Emmy for outstanding work
- ◆ Serve as the station's lead sports videographer, regularly covering Texas Longhorns football and other major sporting events
- ◆ Highly proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro and Adobe Lightroom, with extensive experience editing video and stills under tight deadlines
- ◆ Capture professional still photography for use on the KVUE website and social media platforms, supporting both daily news coverage and special features

PHOTOJOURNALIST

KXAN

Jul 2022 - Aug 2023

- ◆ Produced news packages with reporters, enhancing evening broadcasts.
- ◆ Captured VO/SOTS footage for impactful news storytelling.
- ◆ Managed live shots, ensuring seamless broadcast delivery.

CAMERA OPERATOR, LIVE PRODUCTION TEAM

ESPN Plus Texas State University Sports Production Team

Oct 2021 - May 2022

- Worked football, basketball, and volleyball games.
- Involved in building and breaking down cameras and live production equipment.

PART OF STUDENT CONTENT TEAM

South by Southwest

Mar 2022

- Part of a 25-student team that covered the 2022 SXSW Conference and Film and Music Festivals for the SXSW Brand & Marketing digital content team.
- Captured photo and video content, coordinated content delivery, and transcribed key moments from Keynotes, Featured Sessions, film screening Q&As, and other event programming for usage on SXSW's social media accounts and website.

LAB ASSISTANT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT ASSISTANT

Texas State School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Aug 2021 - Oct 2021

- Checked out and managed camera equipment.

EDUCATION

BS, ELECTRONIC MEDIA AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA STUDIES

MINOR

Texas State University

Aug 2018 - 2022

San Marcos, TX

- Dean's List - Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2021

SKILLS

Premiere Pro (*Experienced*), Videography (*Experienced*), Sony ENG Cameras (*Experienced*), Sony Mirrorless Cameras (*Experienced*), InDesign (*Skillful*), Photoshop (*Skillful*), iOS, PC Building, Live Production, Video Editing (*Experienced*), Communication, Equipment Management, Storytelling (*Experienced*), Photography (*Experienced*), Field Production (*Experienced*), Event Coverage (*Experienced*), Adobe Lightroom (*Experienced*).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SXSW STUDENT CONTENT TEAM

Content Creator

Part of a 25-student team covering the 2022 SXSW Conference and Film and Music Festivals. Captured photo and video content, coordinated content delivery, and transcribed key moments from Keynotes, Featured Sessions, film screening Q&As, and event programming for SXSW's social media accounts and website.