

JORGE RIVERA – *Writer / Producer*

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One-hour Drama, Sci-Fi, Horror, Fantasy, Music, Crime/True Crime, Broadcast, Cable, Streaming



Jorge Rivera's past lives have included touring rock musician, hip hop producer, school teacher, web developer, Berklee College of Music student, survivor of domestic violence and addiction, a survivor of sixteen years of Catholic school, grandson of Santeros, descendent of Taínos, student of Ayahuasca and the Santo Daime, and the first-generation Puerto Rican son of a bar owner in Jersey City, N.J.

Ask him about his family's history with Santeria and he'll tell you how his life was once saved by ceremonial magic at the age of nine months. Or, was it basic digestive science that saved baby Jorge from starving to death? That's a debate that rages on with his family and in the themes of the genre pieces he writes.

Jorge loves writing elevated genre, crime dramas, and music-related material with a socially relevant point of view. His writing produces character-driven and profoundly emotional stories about people who cannot seem to make the right decisions no matter how well-intentioned they are. They populate strange and sometimes magical versions of otherwise familiar worlds.

Jorge toured the U.S., Cuba, and El Salvador as the bass player for the Latinx rock band Bay of Pigs, taught filmmaking to at-risk teens, and is a mentor in the WGA's Veterans Writing Project. Prior to joining the WGA, Jorge had produced 41 episodes of true-crime documentary television for the Investigation Discovery Network. As the first-generation son of Puerto Rican parents growing up in New Jersey, he has a healthy respect (and disdain) for the cops, criminals, and Catholicism that populated his childhood.

CREDITS:

THE REAL MURDERS OF OCEAN COUNTY. - Oxygen - Story Producer	2022
PHROGGING: HIDER IN MY HOUSE - Lifetime - Consulting Producer	2021
BETRAYED - Investigation Discovery Network - Supervising Producer	2020
TWISTED LOVE - Investigation Discovery Network - Producer	2019
A.P.B. - 20 th Century Fox Television - Staff Writer	2018
TWISTED SISTERS - Investigation Discovery Network - Producer	2017
KILLER CONFESSIONS - Investigation Discovery Network - Associate Producer	2016
UNUSUAL SUSPECTS - Investigation Discovery Network - Associate Producer	2015
I SPEAK FOR THE DEAD - Investigation Discovery Network - Associate Producer	2015
SCI-FINE DINING - digiRiot Productions, LLC.,- Co-Creator, Executive Producer	2014
EAST WILLY B. - Masaya Films / MVMT Productions - Writer	2013

SCRIPTED TV WRITING SAMPLES:

BATTLE - (period / crime-drama): The true story of the NYPD's first black cop. SAM BATTLE faces racism and a corrupt police force during the 1920's Harlem Renaissance on the case that would ultimately earn him the rank of detective.

DARK WATER - (sci-fi / fantasy) A marine biologist sets sail in search of answers to her father's death due to a naval experiment gone horribly wrong when she discovers she may be the mermaid savior of two worlds poised to destroy each other.

AWARDS:

Fellow – National Hispanic Media Coalition TV Writers Program	2021
Nominated - Humanitas New Voices	2018
Fellow - Fox Writers Intensive	2016
Winner - Independent Film Quarterly, Best New Media/Digital Series	2011
Winner - New York Television Festival, SYFY Network's Imagine Greater Award	2011

EDUCATION:

UCLA School of Theater and Film, Television - Professional Program in Producing	2015
TVWS at Steiner Studios – Brooklyn, NY - MFA - Television Writing and Production	2012