

THE ENTERTAINMENT CAREER CONNECTION, INC.

Student and Mentor Testimonials

Film Connection Testimonials

“With Film Connection you learn more do more and are better equipped to get a job in the film industry upon graduation. Those over-priced film schools just don’t work. You come out under-trained, unemployed and broke. The Film Connection concept is brilliant. It’s the alternative that really works.”

–**Mars Callahan, Writer, Director and Mentor, *Pool House Junkies***

“If you want to learn to write screenplays don’t go to a regular college and take courses from an instructor who is not making their living in Hollywood. Film Connection Screenwriting program hooks you up with a real screenwriter so you can learn the craft from someone like me while we work on your screenplay.”

–**Christian Darren, Screenwriter and Mentor, *Surf’s Up***

“I started getting my first breaks within six months of starting the Entertainment Career Connection Film program in the year 2000. It is much more practical and real world than traditional film schools. I did my first two shorts the first year, and then got a great job as a production coordinator. Today, I have directed my first full length feature film which is in Target, WalMart, and Hollywood Video and is being distributed by York Entertainment. I am now a mentor in New York City for Entertainment Connection and have my own production company.”

–**Derek Cohen, New York City**

“Film Connection is the curriculum that gets you trained the right way. If accepted into their six month intensive program, you will study film making one-on-one under a real-life director, editor producer, or camera operator. I highly recommend Film Connection to anyone looking to break into the business.”

–**Adam Martin, Director, Producer, Mentor, *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and *Ice Road Truckers***

“Film Connection works. I know. I am a mentor for their line producing and producing programs. They hook me up with students and I train them on real sets. Film Connection is the practical, inexpensive, smart way to learn film. Many of my students are working in the film business because of this program.”

–**Lawrence Kalder, Producer and Mentor, *Directing Eddie***

“I learned Final Cut Pro from a real editor in his real post production studio in my home town of Toronto. Film Connection is not just a film school, their one-on-one training and structured course curriculum is the best out there. I know I checked them all out.”

–**Robert Slanner, Editing Program Student, Toronto, Canada**

“The old saying, ‘it’s not what you know but who you know’ is very true in the film industry. Film Connection helps by providing their students with good people to guide them and create opportunities to succeed. Film Connection was an ace-in-the hole and I wish I had heard of them when I was younger.”

–**Marshall Lee, Editor and Mentor, *In the Crease***

“As a student in Film Connection’s I mentored under many line producers, assistant directors and producers. As part of my one-on-one training I went on many film sets and worked with John Malkovich, Alec Baldwin, and Tom Arnold. I loved this program.”

–**Melissa Brown, Production Program Student, Los Angeles, California**

“I signed up for the Directing Program with Film Connection and it works. Once a week I met with my mentor to go over camera placement, shot selection, production design, casting, screenwriting and editing. Their one-on-one training is the best way to learn.”

–**Sam Henry, Directing Program Student, Los Angeles, California**

Recording Connection Testimonials

“I particularly like gaffer and grip work. It fascinates me the way light is modified and changed to fit certain purposes. Recording Connection sounded too good to be true, but it isn’t. The program works. This is not just an internship it’s an apprenticeship.”

–**Tervel Yurukov, Production Program Student, Chicago, IL**

“There is no way that a regular audio school can beat the Radio Connection. Anyone that thinks you can learn more in a school, in a classroom, than in a real world, is wrong. The Recording Connection is the program that works.”

–**Jason King, Recording Connection Student Seattle, WA**

“The Recording Connection Audio Program is an amazing experience. You train in a working studio with professional engineers on real sessions and in six months time you have the experience and industry contacts to land that A2 job.” –**Dana Strong, Recording Connection Student, Philadelphia, PA**

“There’s no doubt about it, the Recording Connection mentor/apprentice program really works. I am working in the business and making my living in the music business because of the Recording Connection,”
–**Billy Flores, Sound Engineer (Eminem, Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin.)**

“During my apprenticeship I got to meet P. Diddy, Master P. and Jermaine Dupri. I had the honor of working with David Banner in Atlanta. I can’t even explain to you how much this program did for me. I thank you and bless you” –**Leslie Greer, Recording Student, Atlanta, Georgia**

“To see the Recording Connection students come in here and processing, doing stuff is the most rewarding thing. They’re actually doing things not reading a book, sitting in a classroom; they’re involved in all aspects of the studio. [Recording school alternative](#) students don’t just learn to record, they learn the studio business.” –
Donny Baker, Engineer, Producer, Mentor, Burbank, CA

“I am a Philadelphia Recording Connection graduate, and loved my first experience with Entertainment Connection. After graduating I got internship opportunities with Philadelphia’s largest recording studio where I recording bands doing concert promos from live sound to studio recordings. This work eventually led me to start my own company doing promotions, animation sound effects and online media.” –**Rachel Debbaros**

Radio Connection Testimonials

“Radio Connection rocks. I am going to a real radio station here in Florida and learning while I work on the job. Like my mentor says, ‘there’s no way you can duplicate real world experience.’ I love that my alternative [radio school](#) classes take place in a real radio station, not some boring classroom.” –**Jake Pearlman, Radio Connection Student, Sarasota, Florida**

“In doing research on broadcasting schools I started calling up radio stations and asking for their advice. One of the guys I talked to was Garner Goin from Clear Channel. He told me to check out Radio Connection and I did. It ended up saving me \$40,000 and I am learning from a real pro.”
–**Ryan Stevens, Radio Connection Student Sarasota, Florida**

“What I enjoyed most was the one-on-one relationship with my mentor that enabled me to pick up good traits and practices from professional broadcasters. Radio Connection got me in the door and trained me. There is no way any college on the planet any college can compete with their training.” –**Cynthia Flores Salinas, Chicago, Illinois**

“Since my second day at Radio Connection I have been doing on-air commercials and now have almost 20 on-air that I using tot on my demo reel. I am thrilled to hear my work on air and even happier when my mentor tells me the sales people have requested me for their spots.” –**Isadora O’Boto, New York, NY**

About the Entertainment Career Connection

Founded in 1984, the Entertainment Career Connection, Inc. a fully accredited academic institution certified by the National Private Schools Accreditation Alliance, provides mentorship radio, music recording and [film school alternative](#) programs in more than 100 U.S. cities in all 50 states. The programs provide the entertainment industry with graduate apprentices and entry level employees. The Entertainment Connection offers a complete financial aid package from Sallie Mae the nation’s leading provider of student loans, and other financial aid programs.

Students learn from successful mentors in real world situations including active recording studio sessions, on real film sets and at actual on air radio stations. The company is headquartered at Hollywood and Vine, by the historic Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, California. Visit www.film-connection.com, www.radioconnection.com or www.recordingconnection.com.

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