

## **Tristan Vazquez**

#### Profile

Educator, Writer, Documentary Filmmaker, Videographer, Actor, Activist, and York University Bachelor of environmental studies graduate with emphasis on Urban Planning, Community Arts, Environment and Culture.

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Highlights of my Qualifications \*Filmmaking

\*Graphic design \*Video Editing \*Photography \*Spanish \*Event Organizing Equipment & Hard Skills \*Sony HD HVR-AIU \*Zoom & Wide Angle Lens \*Imovie \*Final Cut Pro \*Street Theatre \*Creative Writing \*Screenplay Writing \*Illustrating \*Researcher \*Media Outreach

\*Tripod \*Adobe Photoshop \*MS Word, MS Excel



### Filmography Experience

Videographer & Documenter, York University Las Nubes Field Course, Toronto/Costa Rica (2007) Wrote, Edited, Directed:

- 22 Ten minute long videos of each day of the Field course.
- 34 Minute Documentary titled "Las Nubes Field Course Riding the Crazy Wave in Costa Rica" summarizing the importance of the Las Nubes Program to the area.

Documentary Filmmaker, Fisher Fund for Neotropical Conservation, Costa Rica (2007-2008) Wrote, Edited, Directed:

- 34 minute Documentary on research being done by MES student Chris Saker on Pale-Billed woodpeckers as indicator species in the Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor.
- Followed and collected data on woodpeckers and squirrel monkeys within the Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor from a safe distance.
- Created fifteen minute education video for children about the Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor

## Documentary Filmmaker, York University, Toronto (2004-2006)

Wrote, Edited, Directed:

• 35 minute documentary titled "Electrical Pollution" about the health effects of electronic equipment and dirty electricity on human health.

Documentary Filmmaker, Nutritional Weight and Wellness, Minneapolis (2009)

Wrote, Edited, Directed:

Made 18 short cooking videos and filmed several lectures.

Street Theatre

Youth for Environmental Sanity

Art In action Camp-2003

• Created a performance in Santa Cruz with others using various art forms like acting, giant puppets, hip-hop, dance and other art forms to address issues of race, class, militarism and globalization.

3 Week Sustainable Living Skills Retreat-1998

Created street theatre performance for festival in Eugene, Oregon addressing issues of globalization and oppression.

Peacemaker Training Institute-

Performed a skit about the growing divide between the rich and poor at a Mall near Lockheed Martin in Pennsylvania.

Paramount Theatre and Creative Arts Centre, St Cloud, MN My Fair Lady-2001



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• Played an announcer and drunk.

Improv-Personal Plays for Family

• With friends would play an insane starship captain and his reluctant pilot sidekick who got everyone in trouble by always ordering the crew to shoot and ask questions later.

#### Acting Classes

- Acting for Everyone-with John Cimics at St. Cloud State University
- Acting II-with John Cimics at St. Cloud State University
- Acting for Non Majors- with Michael Kelly at York University, Ontario

#### Advocacy Experience

Educator & Videographer, Las Nubes Field Course, Quixarra, Costa Rica April-May 2007

- Participated in educating children at Quixarra School about the importance of the Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor in Costa Rica to bird, fauna and other animals.
- Learned about tropical conservation, sustainable development, fair trade and shade grown coffee

Lobbyist, East Timor and Indonesian Action Network, Washington DC, 1999-2008

- Set up meetings with congressional offices in Washington DC for our ETAN lobby days.
- Participated in ETAN'S Lobby Training.
- Lobbied congress urging them to sign dear colleague letters being circulated through congress supporting justice for the people of East Timor and also urged congressional offices to support military restrictions on the Indonesian Military.
- Volunteered in ETAN'S Washington DC office sorting informational papers into congressional folders, writing addresses onto ETAN's newsletters.
- Conducted follow-up calls to congressional offices.

Workshop Facilitator, Eco York booth at Kids Worl of Energy Festival, Toronto On, May 12-15, 2009

• Facilitated a bird migration game with school children that taught them about climate change, bird migration patterns and habitat loss.

Event Coordinator, Nonviolent Alternatives & Amnesty International, St. Cloud State University, MN Week on Non-violence-Jan 2003

Invited, coordinated transportation, funding and housing for:

- Ocean Robbins, the founder of Youth for Environmental Sanity to do a workshop, radio interview and speak about "When Hope Takes a Stand."
- Diane Farsetta to speak and do a radio interview about East Timor.
- Erin Rafael, a biologist to talk about health .

Spring Peace Forum - May 1999

- Invited, coordinated transportation and housing for journalist Allan Nairn to come to SCSU to speak about East Timor.
- SCSU Amnesty International Speaker Coordinator- Spring 2002
  - As part of ETAN's speaking tour, I arranged for East Timorese activist Filomena Barros dos Reis to speak at SCSU.

Wildlife Hotline Volunteer, Toronto Wildlife Centre, Toronto, Ontario

Researcher and Transcriber:

- Transcribed Wildlife Centre hotline messages.
- Data entry.
- Conducted research for hotline staff on wildlife, wildlife organizations and other various resources needed.

#### Education

Bachelor of Environmental Studies Honours, York University, Toronto

Community Arts Practice Certificate, York University, Toronto



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In Loving Memory Cesar Chavez Founder, United Farm Workers of America David Brower Director, Earth Island Institute John Denver Singer & Songwriter, Founder, The Windstar Foundation River Phoenix Actor, Singer & Activist As the founder of a non-profit organization that has worked with young leaders from 55 nations, I have been blessed to work with many remarkable people. I am particularly proud to have had the opportunity to work with Tristan Vazquez. He is talented, creative, insightful, and pours his whole heart into whatever task he undertakes. I have always observed Tristan to be dedicated, honest, and reliable.

July 9, 2005

Tristan has been a friend, a camp participant and assistant facilitator in our environmental summer camps, a volunteer, and a source of inspiration for me for seven years. Since he first attended a three-week long environmental leadership camp that I facilitated back in 1998, he has attended numerous environmental leadership summer camps with our organization, helping young people to have the support and skills they need to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Based on my observations, Tristan brings perseverance, and he carries a positive attitude through life that has no doubt already brought smiles and hope to countless people. It is an honor to consider him a friend and colleague.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ocean Robbins

Ocean Robbins Founder & Co-President Youth for Environmental Sanity

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