



## CHRISTIAN J. SURTZ

FILM EDITOR &  
MEDIA PROFESSIONAL



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### How I Create

#### Editing

Adobe Creative Suite  
DaVinci Resolve  
on Mac Studio &  
MacBook M1 Max

#### On Set

RED Komodo  
Canon C300 III  
Canon R3

## Work Experience

○ August 2015 - present

### SurtzMedia | Founder & Creative Director

**St. Charles, IL** Emmy-nominated film production company & post house working with brands, nonprofits, and other production companies committed to doing good in the world. Started in college with a DSLR - since then, all funding has come directly from client projects, now with 3 full-time employees, five onsite edit bays in 1500 sqft facility, and projects worldwide.  
[surtzmedia.com](http://surtzmedia.com) | [vimeo.com/surtz](https://vimeo.com/surtz)

○ January-May 2022

### Spirit Juice Studios | Post Production Supervisor

**Alsip, IL** Developed, managed, and assisted 8-person editing team for five-time Emmy-winning production company, after previously contributing as a contract editor, producer, and camera operator since 2017. Responsible for establishing new workflows & procedures, team structure, and assisted in screening/training successor.  
[spiritjuicestudios.com](http://spiritjuicestudios.com)

## Notable Projects

○ **Souls of the Y: Jenny**

Emmy-nominated branded short documentary about finding community amidst loss. Director, DP, Editor through SurtzMedia for YMCA.  
<https://vimeo.com/547001202>

○ **Schilke Trumpets**

Short documentary on the history & spirit of a leading music manufacturer. Provided gear, crew, producing & editing services through SurtzMedia for Sonic Palette Productions.  
<https://youtu.be/WopPSEspM6U>

○ **The Chair**

Producer & post-production supervisor for 88-episode documentary series. Edited a prototype, then built and managed a 6-person editing team.  
<https://thechair.vhx.tv/>

○ **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**

Edited sizzles & provided assistant editing services through SurtzMedia for upcoming feature documentary with theatrical release.  
<https://vimeo.com/732371904/da0a06731b>

## Academics

○ 2016 - 2020

### Northwestern University

Bachelor of Science in Journalism March 2020, Entrepreneurship Certificate

### Other Involvement

**TEDxNorthwesternU** | Executive Director

**IAPP Member** Photographer

**Castletown Media** | Contract Creative Director

**The Daily Northwestern** | Photographer

