

ALEXANDRA CUERDO

is an Emmy-nominated director, writer, and two-time cancer survivor, recently named one of the 100 Most Influential Women In the World by the Filipina Women's Network. Their work fuses fantasy, documentary and activism, with a focus on stories that uplift underserved communities and center joy. In 2021, they received the Logo30 award for LGBTQ pioneers, activists and artists who continue to move our community forward. With the radical art collective BUBBLE_T, they throw the biggest rave in New York City uniting the global queer Asian diaspora. Recent film work includes Emmy-nominated THE MIGRANT KITCHEN, THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM AWARDS starring Meryl Streep and Amal Clooney, and award-winning feature documentary ULAM: MAIN DISH. Their first book AMBOY was named one of Amazon's Best Books of the Year. Always an advocate for equality, they have spoken at Google, Spotify, Yale and at the Teen Vogue Summit about their career as a queer Asian writer and director. As seen in the NY Times, the LATimes, Vogue, PAPER Magazine, Filmmaker Magazine and more.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2023 LA Emmy Awards: Best Director | Nominated
The Migrant Kitchen: Brooklyn

2020 Editor's Pick: Amazon's Best Books of the Year
AMBOY: Recipes from the Filipino-American Dream

EDUCATION

2011 UCLA
B.A. Theater, Film and Television, Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR | **PBS' THE MIGRANT KITCHEN: BROOKLYN**

- 2020-2023 Emmy-award winning television show
- Nominated for Best Director at the LA Emmy Awards

DIRECTOR | **HÄAGEN-DAZS: THAT'S DAZS**

- 2023 national campaign at Governors' Ball in NYC

DIRECTOR | **SPOTIFY PRIDE: CLAIM YOUR SPACE**

- 2021 national campaign in Detroit, Nashville and NOLA

DIRECTOR & DESIGNER | **LIFEWTR: LIFE UNSEEN**

- 2020-2021 national campaign with Issa Rae
- Created a commissioned short film for Pepsi Lifewtr
- Designed a custom water bottle for LGBTQ rights

DIRECTOR | **NBC: INT'L PRESS FREEDOM AWARDS**

- 2020 global award show on NBC, CBS and ABC
- For the Committee to Protect Journalists, featuring host Meryl Streep and awardee Amal Clooney

WRITER | **HARPERCOLLINS: AMBOY**

- 2018-2020 co-wrote memoir AMBOY: Recipes from the Filipino-American Dream with chef Alvin Cailan
- Editor's Pick: Amazon's Best Books of the Year

DIRECTOR & WRITER | **VSCO VOICES ARTIST GRANT**

- 2019 Recipient of the VSCO Voices Artist Grant to create *Dancing On My Own*, a documentary on BUBBLE_T

DIRECTOR & WRITER | **ULAM: MAIN DISH**

- Created ULAM: Main Dish, the first feature Filipino food documentary to achieve worldwide distribution, premiering on Hulu in 2019 and Amazon Prime in 2020
- Preview screening moderated by LA Times' Jonathan Gold with an LA Times buyout of Grand Central Market