

FBA Pictures - Crew

Matt Francis (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2848295/>)

Matt Francis has written seven feature length scripts and numerous and award winning shorts. He's also directed two feature length films that contend for top prizes at film festivals around the country. Matt made two short films at Spring Arbor University while studying for his Bachelors of Arts in Film Studies, each with greater acclaim. From there, Matt dove into his first feature length endeavor, the quirky adventure comedy *Grave Robbers*, in which he also starred in and edited. Using the momentum from a packed premiere and solid DVD sales, he returned with the comedy/action satire *The True Life Adventures of Tommy Spagota* -- writing, directing, and handling cinematography duties.

Matt took a brief hiatus from feature film making to study at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center, where he was one of four directors chosen for class wide film projects based on a strong reel. While studying, Matt also worked at Shadowmachine Film studios in Hollywood, California as a storyboard artist. There, Matt worked on the Emmy award-winning show, *Robot Chicken*, and a still in development stop-motion feature. He's also contributed his editing skills and shot footage for broadcast television, airing on both National Geographic and the Discovery Channel networks. Matt has also produced two commercials for the web, a court video, a music video, multiple band and political documentaries, two animated web shorts, a stop-motion claymation film, and multiple short student films featuring L.A.-based actors.

Matt is both a curriculum writer and teacher for FBA After School, which he co-founded with Eric, where students learn the creative and technical process of filmmaking. Matt's deep knowledge of production, from thousands of hours behind the camera and in the editing room, coupled with his success as an actor and proven skills as director and writer make him the ideal candidate to helm *A Spark That Lights Up the Night*.

Eric Carlson (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3401382/>)

Eric Carlson has produced two feature films with FBA Pictures, fresh out of graduating college with a minor in film studies. Since then, Eric has produced multiple commercials for the web, a series of short films, and even an animated web series for which he lends his talents as a voice actor. He has brought his creativity to the table through co-writing FBA's latest *A Spark that Lights Up the Night*, as well as penning the short film *Apnea*, about living with loss and sleep deprivation.

Eric is also a co-founder in FBA After School, where students learn the creative and technical process of filmmaking through hands on project and carefully designed curriculum, of which Eric helps write and teach. Eric uses his organizational skills and administration to keep the director and talent focused on the task at hand, as well as moving forward with important behind-the-scenes tasks that keep the film set running.