

KELS COOPER

ART DEPARTMENT

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Experienced, hardworking, and enthusiastic creative professional ready to apply my diverse and unique skills to the film industry with a passion for bringing visibility to the Indigenous and Deaf communities.

CREDITS

PRODUCTION DESIGNER - "THE END IS ALWAYS NEAR/A BETTER WORLD"

MUSIC VIDEO - DIR. DUSTIN HOWARD - GROUCHO - TULSA, OK - JANUARY 2026

PRE-PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION DESIGNER - "LIKE FAMILY"

SHORT - DIR. LAURA WINTER - STORMFRONT STUDIOS - COWETA, OK - JANUARY 2026

• Coordinating creative/practical plans for pandemic story, designing outdoor set, leading a team of set dressers

PRODUCTION DESIGNER - "EPILOGUE"

SHORT - DIR. LAURA WINTER - STORMFRONT STUDIOS - TULSA, OK - NOVEMBER 2025

• Coordinating creative/practical plans, designing specialty labels and newspapers, acquiring/supervising all props/set dressing, leading art department on set

PROPS ASSISTANT/KEY SET PA - CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESS

COMMERCIAL - ORIGIN MARKETING LTD. - SALLISAW, OK - NOVEMBER 2025

• Acquiring and assisting with camping props, starting/supervising fires for camera, safely preparing edible food for actors to eat on screen

PRODUCTION DESIGNER - "THE SETTLEMENT"

SHORT - DIR. CARLOS GARCIA - PRAX FILMS - TULSA, OK - NOVEMBER 2025

• Designing sets and acquiring props for paranormal horror, creating specialty scenic kit to make prop food look rotten, rigging vintage camera to flash on demand

SET DRESSER - "PRETTY BABIES"

FEATURE - DIR. TYLER-MARIE EVANS - REBELLUM FILMS - TULSA, OK - AUGUST 2025

• Prep/striking of sets on location, sewing custom window treatments and bedding, inventory of furniture and set decorations

ART DIRECTOR - "JULIE TAKES A WALK"

SHORT - DIR. SHEA GOMEZ & FRANKIE PETERSEN - CLOUDS IN MY COFFEE PRODUCTIONS - TULSA, OK - APRIL 2025

• Creating original maps/documents and recreating vintage family photos, resets and continuity of set dec/props for wedding, bar, home, and gas station

ART DIRECTOR & PROP MASTER - "TEPACHE"

SHORT - DIR. CARLOS GARCIA - PRAX FILMS - TULSA, OK - MAY 2024

• Designing and building tables rigged for stunt team to be thrown into, safely managing prop weapons for intricate fight scene, managing resets and continuity

ART DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT - "RESERVATION DOGS"

SERIES - DIR. STERLIN HARJO - FX/HULU & MINIM PRODUCTIONS - TULSA, OK - FEBRUARY-JUNE 2023

• Printing/preparing art for set, maintaining calendar and clearance logs, recreating unique art on specialty papers, excelling in research and plotter printing

SET DECORATOR & PRODUCER - "SIREN OF THE WOOD"

SHORT - DIR. CHRIS COURSEY - NATIVE FABLE PRODUCTIONS - TAHLEQUAH, OK - FEBRUARY 2023

• Cultural consulting for re-creation of historical Cherokee artifacts and clay art, managing continuity, preparing traditional Cherokee foods for props/set dressing

SET DRESSER ASSISTANT - "FARMER WANTS A WIFE"

REALITY - PROD. CLAIRE BEASON - FOX NETWORK - COYLE, OK - OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022

Building furniture for ranch house, creating aesthetics for unique dates, preparing food/drinks for camera, greeking and redecorating to comply with clearances

SPECIALIZED SKILLS | STRENGTHS | ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Administrative skills and logistical coordinating
- Acquiring or recreating unique photos/props
- Cherokee and Deaf cultures
- Patience and positive attitude
- Recipient of Netflix Native American Writers Accelerator Grant (2025)
- Plotter printing
- Graphic design
- Preparing and styling prop food
- Award-winning cosplayer
- Creative, historical, and legal research
- Legal clearances and artist identification
- Sewing/altering fabric treatments and set dressing
- Circle Cinema featured artist (2022)
- Circle Cinema comedy event partner

EDUCATION | TRAINING

MLS Indigenous People's Law - University of Oklahoma College of Law - Tulsa/Norman, OK - CLASS OF 2022

BA Sociology & Human Services - Fort Lewis College - Durango, CO - CLASS OF 2015

Netflix/NBCUniversal TV Writers Lab - Tulsa, OK & Los Angeles, CA - SPRING/WINTER 2025

Cherokee Film Institute - Owasso, OK - SPRING 2025

United Keetoowah Band Film Production Academy - Tahlequah, OK - WINTER 2022

REFERENCES

Yelena Krivosheyeva - Stormfront Studios CEO - yelenakrivosheyeva@gmail.com

Ashley Stewart - Art Coordinator/IATSE Local 484 Recording Secretary - ashley.stewartad@gmail.com

Aaron Rodriguez - Art Director/Leadman - aaronrodriguez@protonmail.com

Mack Smith - Set Decorator - macksmithfilm@gmail.com