

Ken Kwapis



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Ken Kwapis is an award-winning director of motion pictures and television. He has directed eleven feature films, among them *A Walk In The Woods*, based on Bill Bryson's acclaimed comedic memoir; *He's Just Not That Into You*, inspired by the New York Times

bestselling advice book; and The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, adapted from the beloved young adult novel. Other films include the rescue adventure Big Miracle, and the romantic comedies License to Wed and He Said, She Said (co-directed with Marisa Silver). His feature debut was Sesame Street Presents: Follow That Bird, starring Jim Henson's Muppets.

For television, Kwapis helped launch nine series, including the groundbreaking HBO comedy The Larry Sanders Show, Fox's Emmy Award-winning The Bernie Mac Show, and NBC's The Office. Kwapis directed the pilot of The Office and its series finale, along with many memorable episodes - "Casino Night," "Booze Cruise," "Diversity Day," to name a few. He earned an Emmy nomination for directing the episode "Gay Witch Hunt."

Kwapis also earned an Emmy nomination for his work as a producer-director of Fox's Malcolm In The Middle. Other series Kwapis helped launch include NBC's Outsourced, Showtime's Happyish, and Netflix's #blackAF. He directed numerous episodes of shows such as Freaks and Geeks, One Mississippi, and Santa Clarita Diet.

Kwapis studied filmmaking at Northwestern University and the University of Southern California. He won the Student Academy Award in Dramatic Achievement for his USC thesis film "For Heaven's Sake," an adaptation of Mozart's one-act comic opera Der Schauspieldirektor ("The Impresario").

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# Speech senior's film wins honor

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"Road Movie," a three-minute experimental film by Speech senior Ken Kwapis, is one of four regional winners of the sixth annual Student Film Awards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Kwapis' film is a satire on using rear projection to create a moving background. It was chosen from 43 entries by a panel of film experts from Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The film will now advance to the national competition in Hollywood where it will compete against experimental films from the nine other regions. Kwapis said the winner of the national competition will receive a trip to Hollywood and \$1,000.

"Road Movie" was the first movie from Northwestern to be entered in the student film competition in four or five years.