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Tommy Whalen is an educator, filmmaker, and traveler with a diverse array of talents and experience.

Since 2004, Tommy has been involved with filmmaking and has worked on everything from short films to Hollywood productions. After working on no-budget productions locally as a student at UMASS Dartmouth (class of 07'), he relocated to California and took film-based extension classes at UCLA and attended graduate film school at Loyola Marymount University. After working and interning at 20th Century FOX (Scripted Development) and Benderspink (Producers of "The Hangover") he returned to southeastern Massachusetts to work as a teacher and part-time independent film writer/producer.

On an educational level, Tommy is a certified Massachusetts teacher with licenses in Middle and High School English, Instructional Technology and Educational Leadership. In addition to teaching AP Computer Science Principles and overseeing the New Media program at Joseph Case HS in Swansea, he runs workshops for students and Professional Development for Educators with his businesses Innocation FP and Great Place to Learn: Technology Partners.

Most recently, Tommy has been working closely as a writer/producer with Director, Don Burton (also a UMD graduate) on a variety of award-winning short films in New England.