

# Jacob E. Ochoa

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## Professional Summary

Multi-Media Director, Animator, and Special Effects Technician with professional experience on network television, national commercials, and independent productions. Expert in practical effects fabrication, pyrotechnics, atmospheric effects, and digital animation. Proven leader managing creative teams, equipment rental operations, and full YouTube channel productions while delivering high-impact visual storytelling on time and on budget.

## Education

Scottsdale Community College (Pursuing)  
Certificate in Motion Picture & Video Editing (Pursuing)  
Certificate in Welding Technology (focus: metal fabrication for film & practical effects)

## Credits

### **Waffles + Mochi: Holiday Feast** (2021-2021) - Netflix Studios

Special Effects Technician

Produced by Michelle and Barack Obama I provided practical effects including books magically opening themselves, steam from a stove and the majority of my work was providing set-wide snow and wind to complete the holiday ambiance.

### **Home Economics** (2021-2023) - ABC/Disney Television Studios

Special Effects Technician

Comedy series following three siblings navigating wildly different financial lives. Built and executed practical gags, atmospheric effects wind/fire, and mechanical rigs for multi-camera sitcom format.

**Crank Yankers** (Season 6 - 2022) - Comedy Central / Kimmelot  
Special Effects Technician

Revival of the legendary puppet prank-call series. Designed and operated puppet-scale practical effects, smoke, wind, and liquid rigs to create a salad puppet vomit out ranch dressing.

**Heineken "Holidays at Home" National Commercial** (2022)

Fabricator & Practical Effects Engineer

Engineered and fabricated a life-size pop-up bar delivered inside a giant gift box to consumers' doorsteps during COVID lockdowns. Handled all structural welding, rigging, and on-location atmospheric effects.

## **Technical Skills & Proficiencies**

**Post-Production:** Adobe Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve (color + fusion), Adobe After Effects, Adobe Photoshop

**3D & Animation:** Blender (modeling, rigging, animation), Adobe Animate

**Fabrication:** Certified welder (MIG/TIG/Stick), metal & wood shop proficiency

**Cameras:** Sony FX3, Blackmagic Pocket Cinema Camera 8K

**Lighting:** Aputure (600d, Nova, Amaran), DMX wireless control systems

**Practical Effects:** Industrial smoke/fog machines, high-output wind machines, fire effects (licensed)

**Grip & Electric:** C-stands, grip hardware, safe working load rigging

### **Leadership & Entrepreneurship**

**Founder & Manager** - Film equipment rental supplying grip, lighting, and practical effects gear to indie productions in Arizona

**Channel Director** - Lead creative and production team for growing YouTube channel

(script-to-screen oversight, crew management, budget, and delivery)

**Reference**

James Ochoa

J&K Industries / Practical Film Effects

(Available upon request)