

JIM PICARIELLO

CitySoft

Co-Founded with Nick Gleason

1997 Global Fellow

PERSONAL BIO

Jim Picariello has been a socially conscious web entrepreneur, manager of a quaint food co-op, founder of a widely distributed all-natural frozen treat company, and an instructional designer at a local maritime college. Currently, Jim is a screenwriter/filmmaker who demonstrates near-genius decision-making skills by trying to break into the industry from rural, coastal Maine. Jim is a 2018 Stowe Narrative Labs alum. His dark romantic-comedy screenplay, *The Cult of Us*, was a quarterfinalist in the Nicholl Fellowship. His short script, *Ninja Chiropractor*, was a semifinalist in the 2019 Austin Film Festival screenplay competition, and he's a two-time Pitch Finalist at Austin. Jim's first short film, *This Time It's Shopping*, made for \$100, was selected by 18 film festivals, and won five top awards. This earned the attention of Sesame Street, which hired Jim to make a short film about "The Number 6" shot on an idyllic Maine farm, airing on HBO's Sesame Street in 2018. Jim's subsequent short film, *Passive Aggressive Dads*, was selected by 22 festivals, including Sedona, Nantucket, Breckenridge, SOHO, and BFI London. The film has also won three top awards, including Best Comedy (up against features), at the Beaufort International Film Festival. Jim is a 1997 Echoing Green Fellow.

Organization/Fellow Location

Brooksville, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

For-profit

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