# Maya Solanki

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#### **EDUCATION**

Northeastern University, D'amore-McKim School of Business

Boston, MA

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Design

May 2025

Concentrations in Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Interaction Design

GPA: 3.4

Honors and Awards: Dean's List, Academic Scholarship

**Basel Academy of Art and Design FHNW** 

Basel, CH

Typography & Graphic Design

May 2023 – June 2023

**EXPERIENCE** 

**Hot Press Magazine** 

Dublin, IE

Photography & Videography Co-op

July 2024 – December 2024

- Captured live music, portrait, and festival photography for both print and digital publication.
- Directed, shot, and edited video interviews and reels, generating 700k+ TikTok views and 256k+ Instagram views.
- Produced multimedia content optimized for TikTok, Instagram, and HotPress.com, ensuring brand consistency and accessibility.
- Collaborated with editors and marketing to align photography, copy, and video with publication strategy.
- Published and maintained articles in WordPress CMS, applying SEO and editorial best practices.

The Avenue Video Director & Content Strategist

Boston, MA

January 2023 – May 2025

- Directed, produced and edited short films, teasers, and editorial campaigns across digital, print, and social platforms.
- Designed layouts and spreads in Adobe InDesign, blending typography, photography, and illustration.
- Managed creative rollout timelines, coordinating with writers, editors, and design staff.
- Guided a team of photographers, videographers, and editors; provided feedback on shoots and post-production.
- Experimented with multimedia formats (film, photography, illustration) to push editorial storytelling.
- Produced promotional video content for new issues, ensuring brand voice and engagement.

**ELEMENT Productions** *Production & Post Co-op* 

Boston, MA

July 2023 – December 2023

- Provided client services on set and during prep, acting as point-of-contact to ensure smooth communication.
- Organized pre-production logistics including prop ordering, catering, location scouting, and call sheets.
- Coordinated administrative workflows, maintaining project documentation and production schedules.
- Supported shoots on location, troubleshooting last-minute issues, ensuring client and crew needs were met & handling scheduling adjustments
- Selected and organized clips for editors, ensuring continuity and alignment with creative direction.
- Trained and onboarded the incoming Post-Production Coordinator to maintain workflow efficiency.

### **UX/Product Design Projects**

Boston, MA

Academic Work

September 2021 – May 2025

September 2022 – May 2025

- Designed and prototyped responsive websites and mobile apps in Figma.
- Conducted user research, interviews, and usability tests to refine interaction flows.
- Built wireframes and high-fidelity prototypes, applying principles of accessibility and visual hierarchy.
- Created concepts such as a student-focused travel booking site and a social music-sharing feature.
- Applied HTML/CSS for responsive layouts; iterated on design through user feedback and audits.

## **Tastemakers Magazine**

Boston, MA

Photographed live music performances, portraits, and editorial features for web and print.

• Edited images in Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop, balancing clarity, tone, and brand style.

## **SKILLS**

Photographer

Creative & Editing Tools: Adobe Creative Suite (Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition, Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign), DaVinci Resolve, CapCut, Frame.io, Canva, Figma

**Design & UX:** Visual Design, Prototyping, Responsive Web Design (HTML/CSS)

Content & Social Media: Social Media Management (TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest, Meta Business Suite), Trend Research, Campaign Ideation

Collaboration & Publishing: WordPress/CMS, Digital Asset Management, Asana, Miro, Microsoft Office, Google Suite