



YOUSEF KAZEMI Biography

Yousef Kazemi serves as the Administrative Assistant for the Oklahoma Film & Music Office (OF&MO). Kazemi began his work with OF&MO as an intern in 2005. While still a college student, Kazemi continued his internship with OF&MO for nearly four years. This afforded him the opportunity to assist OF&MO on a variety of different film and music events including the deadCenter Film Festival, D-fest, and scouting for the hit TNT show *Saving Grace*.

Kazemi graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts. Upon graduation, Kazemi accepted a full time position with OF&MO as the office's administrative assistant.

To this day, Kazemi continues to learn from opportunities as the OF&MO works to market Oklahoma as a viable location for producing motion picture, television and music projects. With the implementation of an ever-growing incentives plan, the OF&MO helps recruit films to the state. In 2009, the combined efforts of both OF&MO and state legislature helped increase the size of the rebate to 35-37%. Recently, the OF&MO recruited one of the state's largest film productions to date, *The Killer Inside Me*, on which Kazemi concurrently interned while serving OF&MO.

An active participant in a number of arts and volunteer service organizations during his college career, Kazemi continues to nurture his passion for service leadership through many of the state's organized charity and art events.