

Omer Ben Shachar

A recent AFI Conservatory graduate, Omer Ben Shachar is an Israeli director based in Los Angeles. Prior to his studies, Omer served his three years of mandatory military service in the IDF Spokesperson's Unit in the film-making branch as a Director and Video Editor. Spending his childhood between Tel-Aviv and Texas, ballet training and army training, Jewish and public schools, Omer found that cinema was the ideal home for living in all worlds. Omer enjoys telling honest, character-driven stories that find the comedy in our insecurities and fears of being outsiders, and that ultimately celebrate the joy of individuality. In addition to narrative filmmaking, Omer has directed music videos that consecutively won first and second prizes in Israel's Young Music Video Awards, "Clip Tzair."

His latest film, TREE #3 (2019), won the <u>Audience Award for Best Student Short</u> at the Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films and was nominated by the Television Academy Foundation for a College Emmy Television Award in Comedy.