

**Samsung Fresh Films Filmmaker Bio**  
**2006 NYC Team: Jason Swiniuchowski**



For Jason Swiniuchowski, the love for film came about from the loss of a dream. As a young and active athlete with a love for fitness, Jason had large hopes to pursue a career as a personal trainer. However, back pain led to a diagnosis of spinal stenosis, a medical condition that puts severe pressure on spinal nerves, making it impossible for Jason to pursue a dream in athletics. With dreams of a future in sports coming to a close, Jason saw it as an opportunity to pursue a future in filmmaking.

With a positive attitude and the drive to overcome his circumstances, Jason applied to the 2006 Samsung Fresh Films program, by submitting a film idea about a young art student who is discouraged with the “banality of life” and begs for change on the streets of a city dressed as a clown. Jason’s script was the right combination to earn him a spot on the Samsung Fresh Films New York City Team.

Not only is Jason inspired by films such as “Donnie Darco” and “Requiem for a Dream”, but he has also found solace in the genres of film that steer away from the pop-culture trends.

Jason aspires to one day become a director or a director of photography in film or music videos. For now however, Jason is only planning a few years ahead; he plans to attend the University of Southern California and tackle the art of filmmaking one step at a time.