

MICHAEL SAPONARA

MISSION

Journalist ready to leverage six years in field gained in print, online and broadcast media. Exceptional storyteller and interviewer with extensive experience in delivering captivating visual, written and online pieces. Diligent on checking sources, verifying facts and finding interesting angles of stories.

EXPERIENCE

News Writer

HipHopDX | New York, NY | September 2020 - Current

- Produce six news stories per day for digital website.
- Interview talent for digital editorials.
- Cover events/concerts to produce social media content and recaps.
- <https://hiphopdx.com/author/michael-saponara>

Freelance Contributor

Billboard | New York, NY | September 2017 - Current

- Interview hip-hop artists for digital Q&A's.
- Cover news for online as needed.
- Produce editorial rankings, lists and various event recaps.
- <https://www.billboard.com/author/michaelsaponara24gmail-com/>

Editorial Intern

Vibe Magazine | New York, NY | June 2016 - June 2017

- Supported workflow by generating 5+ news stories daily.
- Interviewed talent and transcribed interviews as needed.
- Hosted first *VIBE TRIBE Podcast* episode with Joe Budden.
- Covered events on behalf of Vibe Media.

BYLINES

Billboard, HipHopDX, Vibe Magazine, Genius, XXL

PORTFOLIO

- <https://michaelsaponara24.journoportfolio.com/>

INTERVIEWS

- Juice WRLD
- Virgil Abloh
- Lil Durk
- Wiz Khalifa
- Joe Budden
- Post Malone

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SKILLS

- Writing
- Editing
- Interviewing
- Podcasting
- Adobe Photoshop
- Fact Checking
- Media Operations Understanding
- Time Management
- News Reporting
- Background Research
- Script Writing
- Microsoft Office
- Public Speaking
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Feature Writing
- Public and Media Relations

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master of Arts

Public Relations
Iona College, New Rochelle, NY
May 2017

Bachelor of Arts

Communications
SUNY CORTLAND, Cortland, NY, Italy
May 2015