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My name is Peter Consiglio, and up until my retirement in June 2019 I was the Director of Graphics and Studio Operations for HBO Studios in New York City. For many years I was the direct supervisor of Mike Sadowitz.

When I met Mike Sadowitz, he had just joined HBO as a virtual reality intern. Wide-eyed and eager to learn, I informed Mike that while we had a world class Graphics and VFX department, we lacked experience in Virtual Reality and were counting on Mike to bring us to speed on what he knows. Mike was instrumental on educating us and merging senior engineers with Emmy-Award winning VFX artists to produce groundbreaking products. Mike led our internal production studio to create their first-ever virtual reality promos and earned himself a full time position as our 'VR guy.' We had no title for VR so we created a position in our VFX team. No real title fit Mike's box, however. Mike was so much more. He was a forward thinker and confident with new tech, but I always told him it was his storytelling capabilities and his ability to entertain people that set him apart. He knows how to make people laugh, read a room and an audience, and somehow get the attention of people who mattered. One day we got a call from Sheila Nevins the president of HBO documentaries asking for an hour appointment to meet with Mike. The main reason I hired Mike, aside from his excellent communication skills, was his ability to get things done. I knew I could trust him to fly to the MGM with HBO sports, carrying thousands of dollars worth of equipment and bring us back a working VR production. Weather it was directing talent on set, procuring equipment and budgeting, planning, or stitching behind the scenes footage for the Deuce, Mike was never afraid to roll up his sleeves, never lost his cool, and always remained calm -- even in the most stressful of time constraints, Mike pulled together grade A products for tier I shows. There are no limits to Mikes capabilities, I think we would be a huge asset to any project he is involved with.

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