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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY | PRODUCER | CAMERA OPERATOR | DRONE PILOT

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Multi-Camera Studio & Remote Production | Digital Camera Packages (Arri, RED, Sony, Panasonic, Black Magic) | Production Lighting & Audio | Media Management | Post-Production (Adobe Creative Suite, DaVinci Resolve) | Studio Operations & Equipment Management | Workflow Optimization & Best Practices Implementation | Team Leadership, Training & Freelance Coordination | Equipment Procurement, Budgeting & Maintenance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Expert in cinematography, studio management, and video production, delivering high-quality content for news, documentary, action/ adventure shows, and branded projects. Skilled in overseeing both studio and field productions, ensuring seamless execution of creative vision and technical precision.

- Led cinematography and production efforts for high-profile clients, including HBO, Netflix, Apple TV+, National Geographic, and Discovery.
- Managed and operated multi-camera productions for television series, news, and editorial content, ensuring optimal shot composition, lighting, and sound quality.
- Supervised studio environments, troubleshooting technical issues and maintaining high production standards across various projects.
- Provided strategic input on visual storytelling, shot selection, and creative direction to enhance the narrative impact of video content.
- Trained and coordinated freelance crews, ensuring efficiency and consistency in production workflows.
- Advised on equipment procurement, maintenance, and upgrades to support evolving production needs.
- Collaborated with journalists, producers, and art directors to develop compelling, visually engaging stories.
- Maintained and organized high-end production equipment, optimizing workflow efficiency in fast-paced environments.
- Applied industry best practices in post-production, working with Adobe Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, and other tools to refine and enhance content.

SELECTED CREDITS — TELEVISION

2025	Rewriting Trump (Sky Originals)	D.P.
2025	Harpoon Hunters (Discovery, Discovery +)	Senior Producer Shooter
2025	Onside: Major League Soccer (Apple +)	Camera Operator
2024	I Am Not A Monster: The Lois Rises Murders (HBO MAX)	Camera Operator
2024	Wicked Tuna S.9 - 13 (Nat Geo, Disney+, HULU)	Producer Shooter
2024	To Catch a Smuggler (Nat Geo, Disney +)	Producer Shooter
2023	Deadliest Catch Season 19 (Discovery)	D.P. / Producer Shooter

2023	Wanted: The Escape of Carlos Ghost (AppleTV+)	Camera Operator/ AC
2022	Shark Attack Files Season 2 (Nat Geo, Disney+)	D.P.
2022	Panera Commercial	D.P.
2022	Jared from Subway: Catching a Monster (I.D.)	Camera Operator
2022	Wicked Tuna OBX Season 09 (Nat Geo, Disney+)	Producer Shooter
2022	Hoffman Family Gold (Discovery)	Producer Shooter
2022	Low Country: The Murdaugh Dynasty (HBO Max)	Camera Operator/AC
2021	Train Wreck: WoodStock 99 (Netflix)	Camera Operator/AC
2021	Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness (Netflix)	Camera Operator
2021	The Sons of Sam: A Descent into Darkness (Netflix)	2 nd Unit D.P. / Camera Op.
2021	Curse of Akakor (Discovery)	Producer Shooter
2021	Crime Scene: The Times Square Killer (Netflix)	Camera Operator/ AC
2020	Gov. Chris Christie PSA (National TV)	D.P. / Producer
2020	Crime Scene: The Vanishing and the Cecil Hotel (Netflix)	Camera Operator/ AC
2020	Regular Heroes (Amazon Prime)	Camera Operator/ AC
2020	Empires of New York (CNBC)	Camera Operator
2020	The Reagans (ShowTime)	Camera Operator/ AC
2019	Cop Watch America (BET)	D.P. / Camera Operator
2019	Field Roast (Bon Appétit)	Camera Operator
2019	High Score (Netflix)	Camera Operator/ AC
2018	Chain of Command (Nat Geo)	Camera Operator/ AC
2018	The Daily Show with Trevor Noah	Camera Operator/ AC
2017-2018	Explorer Season 1, 2, and 3 (Nat Geo)	Camera Operator/ AC

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN URBAN SYSTEMS

Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN CINEMA PRODUCTION

Minneapolis Community and Technical College | Minneapolis, MN

FAA PART 107 CERTIFIED DRONE PILOT

CPR & FIRST AID