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DOP, CAMERA & STEADICAM OPERATOR

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PROFILE

I am a freelance DOP, camera and Steadicam operator based in Queenstown, New Zealand. Having trained in the UK as a staff cameraman for Yorkshire Television I now have over 10 years experience working with, and for the best in the industry. I am familiar with all video formats through DV to HD and XD to P2. My clients include Natural History NZ, Mountain Film Unit, CBS, Columbia Tristar, Gibson Group and South Pacific Pictures.

Specialising in world-class documentaries, my work is broadcast regularly on the Discovery and National Geographic channels. In addition I am an experienced Steadicam and 'A' camera operator whose drama credits include 'The Strip' and the Emmy nominated 'Being Eve'.

I have a passion for adventure, and am experienced in a variety of extreme outdoor sports. These skills enable me to work safely to capture dynamic and beautiful images in the most spectacular of locations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1993-1996 BSc (Hons) First Class - Electronic Imaging and Media Communication
UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD, WEST YORKSHIRE, UK

SELECTED CREDITS

- 2008** 'ORANGUTAN ISLAND' – NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for ANIMAL PLANET
DOP/Operator/Field Director
1 x 1 hr special and 12 x half hours, HD. Second series following the rehabilitation of 35 orphaned Orangutans as they journey to adulthood on an island in Indonesian Borneo.
- 2007** 'BURTON OPEN SNOWBOARD CHAMPS' – KINETIC MEDIA for BURTON & C4
Main unit HD operator
3 x half hr. The World's elite snowboarders risk life and limb for US\$100K.
- 'ECO-SEAGATE' – MAKING MOVIES Ltd.
Main unit HD operator
Corporate documentary of Seagate's adventure racing and team building in Queenstown.
- 'CBS EARLY SHOW'S 'ALL ACCESS' TOUR OF NZ'- MOUNTAIN FILM UNIT for CBS
DOP/Operator
CBS weather anchor and feature reporter Dave Price hosts a whistle stop tour of NZ.
- 2006** 'FIORDLAND' and 'KAKADU' – MOUNTAIN FILM UNIT for DISCOVERY HD.
DOP/Operator
2 x 1hr HD documentaries showcasing NZ's Fiordland National Park and Australia's Kakadu National Park.
- '42 BELOW WORLD COCKTAIL CHAMPS'- GREAT SOUTHERN TV.
DOP/Operator
Mixology and mayhem in Queenstown. Hosted by USA's Cynthia Garrett.
- 'KIA KAHA' - TUMANAKO PRODUCTIONS for TVNZ.
DOP/Operator
Documentary about NZ fashion designer Charmaine Love.

'TRUE GRIT' - GIBSON GROUP for TVNZ.

DOP/Operator

Documentary about NZ's adventure racing icon Nathan Fa'avae.

'ECO-SEAGATE' – MAKING MOVIES Ltd.

Main unit operator

Corporate documentary of Seagate's adventure racing and team building in Queenstown.

2005-2006

'NZ JOURNEYS' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd and NZ MINISTRY for CULTURE and HERITAGE for CCTV China.

DOP/Operator

5 x 1hr. Documentary series showcasing NZ's natural history, people, innovations, film locations and Chinese immigrants.

2005

'MEDICAL INCREDIBLE' – BEYOND INTERNATIONAL for DISCOVERY HEALTH

DOP/Operator

Life saving Cranio-facial surgery on two young children at Wellington Hospital.

'MOST EXTREME'- NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for DISCOVERY

DOP/Operator

17 stories for this Emmy nominated series shown on Animal Planet. Shot in the USA.

'WHAT LIES BENEATH' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for TVNZ.

DOP/Operator

8 x half hours. Documentary series on NZ archaeology fronted by Simon Dallow.

'WICKED WEATHER' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for TVNZ.

DOP/Operator

3 x 1hr. Presenter led documentary series on the highs and lows of NZ weather.

2004

'MONSTER NATION' – ODYSSEY FILMS LTD for DISCOVERY

NZ Producer/Director/DOP

8 x five min segments featuring various 'extreme' activities including the NZ sporting trials car racing champs.

'ROCKET CREW' - WELLINGTON

DOP/Operator – Freelance

Various productions including: Frontseat, Asia Downunder, My house my castle.

'FINN BROTHERS CONCERT' – SATELLITE MEDIA for TVNZ and DVD

Camera operator

Wellington concert recorded 'as live'.

'POWER TOOL DRAG RACING'- NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for DISCOVERY.

DOP/Operator

4 x 1 hrs. Documentary series featuring a select group of mechanical artists as they design, build and race the ultimate power tool dragster. Shot in San Francisco, USA.

'THE AMAZING RACE' - NZ- MOUNTAIN FILM UNIT Ltd for CBS.

Climbing camera operator

Coverage of this Emmy award winning show's visit to NZ included using rope access techniques to shoot the 'money shots'.

'ECO-SEAGATE' – MAKING MOVIES Ltd.

Climbing camera operator

Documentary style film of Seagate's multi million dollar corporate adventure race in Queenstown.

- 2003** *'EXTREME TRIBE'* – MOUNTAIN FILM UNIT Ltd for DISCOVERY.
Camera and Steadicam operator
2 x 1hr documentaries featuring 4 of the world's most extreme skiers, wing suiters and base jumpers. Shot in the southern alps of NZ and the Sierra Nevada, USA.
- 'MUTANTS'* - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.
DOP/Operator
1 hr documentary investigating animal mutation. Shot in the USA and NZ.
- 2002-2003** *'THE STRIP' (series 2)* - GIBSON GROUP for TV3.
Steadicam and main unit Camera operator
20 x 45min drama/comedy series broadcast in NZ and Europe.
- 2002** *ECO CHALLENGE FIJI* - COLUMBIA TRISTAR / AXN.
Camera operator
One of two operators chosen by AXN to document the epic journey of 10 international teams as they took part in the 'hardest adventure race in the world'.
- 'STORM SHOOTER'* - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.
DOP/Steadicam & Camera operator for NZ segments.
Documentary featuring the exploits of extreme weather cameraman Geoff Mackley.
- 'LUMIN'* – GOOD COMPANY.
DOP/Steadicam & Camera operator
Half hour contemporary dance film directed by and featuring Daniel Belton. NZ and European film festival screenings.
- 'STUDIO D'* - THE DISNEY CHANNEL, AUSTRALIA.
DOP/Operator
Presenter led magazine items featuring various extreme sports, Queenstown.
- 'CIRCUS'* – TOUCHDOWN PRODUCTIONS.
DOP/Steadicam & Camera operator
7 half hour reality/documentary series. Behind the scenes at the Weber Bros Circus.
- 'WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA'* – BLUE BICYCLE FLICKS Ltd.
Steadicam & Camera operator
The 2002 official video.
- 'VJ SHOW'* – MTV INDIA.
DOP/Operator
Presenter led magazine items featuring various extreme sports, Queenstown.
- 'WIRELESS'* - GOOD COMPANY.
DOP/Steadicam & Camera operator
Contemporary dance film directed by and featuring Daniel Belton. NZ and European film festival screenings.
- 'AJ HACKETT BUNGY PROMO'* - THIRD EYE FILMS.
35mm Stunt Camera operator
'Jumpcam' operator – POV's, plates and 'air to air' tracking from the Kawarau and Shotover bridges, Queenstown.
- 2001-2002** *'MOUNTAIN RESCUERS'* - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.
DOP/Operator
One hour documentary following a summer season's search and rescue operations on and around Mt Cook - New Zealand's highest mountain.
- 2001** *'X FORCE – MOUNTAIN BIKING'* - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.
DOP/Operator
Featured extreme biking through the Bolivian Andes between 4000 and 5500 metres, including riding up 'the world's most dangerous road'.

'X FORCE – MOUNTAINEERING' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.

Climbing Camera operator

Shot rock and mixed alpine climbing sequences in the New Zealand Alps featuring NZ's Guy Cotter.

'BEING EVE' (Series one) – SOUTH PACIFIC PICTURES.

Main unit Steadicam & Camera operator

Emmy nominated drama series. Innovative & stylised look relied upon use of the Steadicam, which played as a 'character'.

2000

'THE SOUTHERN TRAVERSE' – CATCH & RELEASE for DISCOVERY.

White water kayak Camera operator

Adventure racing in the Southern alps of New Zealand.

'PIRATE PATROL'- NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for DISCOVERY.

DOP/Operator

Documentary on illegal activities in the South China Sea.

'INTERNATIONAL SOS' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for DISCOVERY.

Camera operator

Singapore based medical insurance company performing emergency evacuations throughout Asia.

'GIANT SQUID' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.

DOP/Operator/Field director

NGS photographer Emory Kristof's search for the Giant Squid off the east coast of New Zealand.

1999

'ADVENTURE CENTRAL' - NATURAL HISTORY NZ Ltd for DISCOVERY'S TRAVEL CHANNEL.

Camera operator

13 episode extreme sports/reality TV series. Extensive use of mini-cam technology. Shot in and around Queenstown, New Zealand.

REGIONAL TVC'S, CORPORATE VIDEOS AND SHORT FILMS.

Including promotional video for 'Go Tour NZ', NZ's premier motorcycle tour company.

ADDITIONAL CAREER EXPERIENCE

1998-1999

DIRECTOR of PRODUCTION - MAINLAND TELEVISION, NELSON NZ.

1996-1998

STAFF CAMERA OPERATOR - YORKSHIRE TELEVISION LTD, LEEDS, UK.

ITV news, documentaries, magazine shows, live OB's, live Steadicam.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Rock climbing/mountaineering (25 yrs exp), paragliding, white water kayaking, snowboarding, skiing, motorcycling, St Johns first aid, training for Private pilots licence.

NZ REFEREES

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UK REFEREE

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