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ABOUT ME

I'm a friendly, passionate and enthusiastic DOP with 17 years experience in the Television Industry. I began my career as a camera assistant on TV Dramas before moving to my preferred fields of documentary and reality TV - in which I spent 5 years as a camera assistant and focus puller assisting many incredibly talented DOPs.

Through my experiences of assisting DOPs in the various fields of film-making listed above, I've developed a versatile approach to shooting and lighting.

I thrive in run-and-gun documentary situations, when quick lighting, an editorial mindset and fast decision-making is key in deciding how a situation will be presented on camera. However, I also flourish in extensive planning and shotlisting for elaborate cinematic sequences - working closely with the director to tell the story in the most fitting visual style.

I am committed to achieving the strongest aesthetic to suit the production.

DOCUMENTARY + FACTUAL

Last Person on Earth | Boldprint Studios | Apple TV | In Production
Molly Mae: Behind it All S1 & S2 | Navybee | Netflix | Series DOP
Simon Cowell: The Next Act | Box to Box | Netflix
Jesy Nelson: Life after Little Mix | Navybee | Prime Video
At Home with the Fury's S1 + S2 | Optomen | Netflix | Master IVs DOP
The Reluctant Traveller S1, S2, S3 | TwoFour | Apple TV | 2nd Unit DOP + Main Unit Camera Operator
Murdered or Missing: The Millionaire's Babies | Woodcut | Prime Video
The Nilsen Files | Wall to Wall | BBC Two
Nikki Grahame: Who is she? | Angel Eye | Channel 4
Stories of a Generation with Pope Francis | StandbyMe | NETFLIX | UK Unit
Fergie's Killer Dresser: The Jane Andrews Story | Optomen | ITV1
Tyson Fury: The Gypsy King | Optomen | ITV1 | Pre-titles | Master IVs
Inside Prison: Britain Behind Bars | Chalkboard TV | ITV1 | Stylised content
Darbar: Women in Music, Darbar: Dance Rebel | Darbar Arts Culture | Sky Arts
Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine | Studio Ramsay | ITV1 | Camera Operator
Till Death Do Us Part: Series 2 | Lightbox | iD | Two episodes
The Yorkshire Ripper Files: A Very British Crime Story | Wall to Wall | BBC Four | Master IVs
BAFTA WINNER
Ross Kemp and the Armed Police | Renegade | ITV1
Back in time for the Corner Shop | Wall to Wall | BBC Two: 1950s - 1960s
Is it safe to be gay in the UK? | Century Films | BBC Two
My Online Nightmare | Blast Films | Channel 4 | Drama DOP
Back in time for Tea | Wall to Wall | BBC Two
People of Science with Brian Cox: Sir David Attenborough | Contra Agency | BBC | Camera Operator
Hidden History: Before Grenfell | Blast Films | BBC Two
Boy George's 1970s: Save me from Suburbia | IWC Media | BBC Two
Further Back in time for Dinner | Wall to Wall | BBC Two
Secret Life of the Zoo | Blast! Films | Channel 4
Saving lives at Sea (Series 1) | Blast Films | BBC One | Master IVs
Back in time for the Weekend | Wall to Wall | BBC Two
Beatrix Potter with Patricia Routledge | Daisybeck Studios | Channel 4

KIT

Sony FX9 + Sony FX6 kits | DJI Ronin 4D | Spherical & Anamorphic Primes | Extensive Lighting Kit |

VEHICLE

Volkswagen Transporter T6.1 Van

EXTRAS

Hostile environment and first aid trained

REALITY + ENTERTAINMENT

Love is Blind UK S4 | CPL | NETFLIX | In Production
Dynamo Vs. Houdini | Shine TV | SKY
Love is Blind UK S1, S2, S3 | CPL | NETFLIX
Squid Game: The Challenge S1, S2, S3 | Studio Lambert | NETFLIX | Drama/GV Unit DOP
The Hunt: Prey vs. Predator | CPL | Channel 4
Buying London | NKDTV | NETFLIX
Snowflake Mountain | NKDTV | NETFLIX
Dance Monsters | Lime Pictures | NETFLIX | VT DOP
Dance100 | Studio Lambert | NETFLIX | VT DOP
Sexy Beasts S1 + S2 | LionTV | NETFLIX
From Couple to Throuple | NKDTV | Peacock
Too Hot To Handle S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 | Talkback/Thames | NETFLIX | S2/S3/S4/S5/S6 2nd Unit DOP/Camera Operator | S1 Lighting Camera
Love Island Series 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 | ITV Studios | ITV2 | Off-Rig DOP
50 episodes S5, S7, S8 | Off-rig Camera Operator (series 2 - 8)
The Circle USA + UK | Studio Lambert | NETFLIX | Channel 4 | VTs DOP
Soccer Aid: Various Celeb Profiles + TV Commercials | ITV | Unicef
The Voice 2020 | 2019 | ITV Studios | ITV1 | Backstory VTs
Gordon, Gino and Fred's Great Christmas Roast | Studio Ramsay | ITV1 | Camera Operator

SCRIPTED

Comic Relief: All By Myself - Comedy Sketch | BBC/BBC One
The Big Night In: Lord Melchett Comedy Sketch | BBC/BBC One

COMMERCIAL + BRANDED CONTENT

Trillion Dollar Trip | Coinbase | Future Studios | 4 Episodes
3M Claw | 3M | Warner Bros. Discovery
Coutts - Tea's and C's | VaynerMedia