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ABOUT ME

I'm a friendly, passionate and enthusiastic DOP with 12 years experience in the Television Industry. I began my career as a camera assistant on TV Dramas and features before moving to my preferred fields of documentary and entertainment, reality TV and promos - 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.

KIT

Arri Amira, Sony FX9 + Sony FX6 kits | Zeiss Standard Speed Primes | Extensive Lighting Kit | DJI RS2 Gimbal and more

VEHICLE

Volkswagen Transporter T6.1 Van

EXTRAS

Hostile environment and first aid trained

DOCUMENTARY + FACTUAL

The Nilsen Files | Wall to Wall | BBC Two | Master IVs

At Home with the Fury's | Optomen | NETFLIX | Coming Soon

The Reluctant Traveller | TwoFour | Apple TV | Camera Operator - Coming Soon

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

Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine | Studio Ramsay | ITV1 | Camera Operator

The Secret Life of 5 year olds on Holiday | RDF | Channel 4 | 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 | Best specialist factual 2020

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

999: What's your Emergency? Series 3/4 | Blast Films | Channel 4 | Master IVs

Secret Life of the Zoo | Blast! Films | Channel 4

Saving lives at Sea (Series 1) | Blast Films | BBC One | Master IVs

Virginia McKenna's Born Free | Daisybeck Studios | Channel 4 | Additional photography

Back in time for the Weekend | Wall to Wall | BBC Two

Back in time for Christmas | Wall to Wall | BBC Two

Beatrix Potter with Patricia Routledge | Daisybeck Studios | Channel 4

Queen Victoria's Letters: A Monarch Unveiled | What Larks! | BBC Four | Camera Operator

REALITY + ENTERTAINMENT

Snowflake Mountain | NKDTV | NETFLIX

Dance Monsters | Lime Pictures | NETFLIX | VT DOP - Coming Soon

Dance100 | Studio Lambert | NETFLIX | VT DOP - Coming Soon

Sexy Beasts S1 + S2 | LionTV | NETFLIX

Too Hot To Handle S1, S2, S3, S4 | Talkback/Thames | NETFLIX | S2/S3/S4 2nd Unit DOP | S1-4 Lighting Camera

(NETFLIX #1 WORLDWIDE) | DOP: Ben Hughes

Comic Relief: All By Myself - Comedy Sketch | BBC/BBC One

The Big Night In: Lord Melchett Comedy Sketch | BBC/BBC One

Love Island Series 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | ITV Studios | ITV2 | Off-Rig DOP |

50 episodes S5, S7, S8 | Off-rig Camera Operator (series 2 - 8) | DOP: Ben Hughes

The Circle USA + UK | Studio Lambert | NETFLIX | Channel 4 | Cover VTs DOP

Camera Operator | DOP: Ben Hughes

Soccer Aid: Various Celeb Profiles + TV Commercials | ITV | Unicef

The Voice 2020 | 2019 | ITV Studios | ITV1 | Backstory VTs

HBO Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel | HBO | USA | UK VT

Gordon, Gino and Fred's Great Christmas Roast | Studio Ramsay | ITV1 | Camera Operator

Love Island: The Winter Reunion | ITV Studios | ITV1 | PSC Lighting Camera | DOP: Ben Hughes

Survival of the Fittest | ITV Studios | ITV2 | PSC Camera Operator | DOP: Ben Hughes

COMMERCIAL + BRANDED CONTENT

Trillion Dollar Trip | Coinbase | Future Studios | 4 Episodes

Coutts - Tea's and C's | VaynerMedia

3M Claw | 3M | Warner Bros. Discovery