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EDUCATION

American Film Institute, Los Angeles — Master's Degree in Cinematography

International Center of Photography (ICP), New York — Photography Arts

University of Auckland, New Zealand — Bachelor of Arts, Film Studies / Philosophy

FEATURE FILM — CINEMATOGRAPHY

Year	Title	Director	Production / Producers
2026	Big Girls Don't Cry Sundance • SXSU • BFI Flare • TIFF Next	Paloma Schneidman Dir / Writer	POP Films / BlueFox Entertainment P: Vicky Pope, Thomas Coppel EP: Jane Campion, Philippa Campbell, David Ross, Lisa Gutberlet, James Huntsman
2025	Moss & Freud BFI London Film Festival • Rome Film Festival	James Lucas Dir / Writer	GFC Films / XYZ Films P: Matthew Metcalfe EP: Tom Blackwell, Nate Bolotin, Maxime Cottray, Phil Hunt, Jason McNab, Kate Moss, Compton Ross
2024	We Were Dangerous SXSU – Special Jury Prize, BFI , imagineNATIVE	Josephine Stewart-Te Whiu Writer: Maddie Dai	Piki Films P: Morgan Waru, Carthew Neal EP: Carthew Neal, Taika Waititi, Bill Way, Elliott Whitton, Emily Gotto
2023	Uproar TIFF 2023 • Best Cinematography – Buenos Aires International Film Festival 2024	Hamish Bennett & Paul Middleditch	Velvet Moss / Caravan Films P: Emma Slade, Sandra Kailahi, Angela Cudd EP: Emma Slade, Paul Middleditch, Troy Lum, James Huntsman, Lisa Gutberlet
2022	The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck	Nathan Price	GFC Films / Ingenious Media / Trellick Films P: Mark Foster, Matthew Metcalfe EP: Fraser Brown, Christelle Conan, Jonny Fewings, Helen Parker, Peter Hampden, Peter Touche, Mark Manson
2013	Pulp: A Film About Life, Death & Supermarkets World Premiere: SXSU • Opening Night: Sheffield Doc/Fest • Best Music Film – NME Awards • Jury Mention – Athens IFF	Florian Habicht	Pistachio Pictures (UK) P: Alex Boden EP: Will Clarke, Edward Fletcher, Eve Gabereau, Hugo Heppell, Susan Jacobson, Steve Milne, Mike Runagall
2025	Caterpillar (In Post)	Chelsie Preston Crayford Dir / Writer	Misconception Films P: Georgina Condor, Andrew Marshall
2020	Mothers of the Revolution	Briar March	GFC Films P: Leela Mannon, Matthew Metcalfe EP: Johnny Fewings, Emma Feast, Fraser Brown, Helen Parker
2018	Maui's Hook Hawaii International Film Festival • NZ International Film Festival	Paora Joseph	Kura Productions P: Karen Waaka, Quintin Hita

2017	Vermilion Atlantic International Film Festival	Dorthe Scheffmann	P: Michelle Fantl, Nik Beachman, Dorthe Scheffmann, Paul Scantlebury
2012	Love Story London Film Festival • New Horizons (Poland) • Rooftop Films NY	Florian Habicht Dir / Producer	

TELEVISION

Year	Title	Director	Production / Producers
2026	Bust Up – Season 1, Eps 4–6 Sky New Zealand Originals • ZDF Studios	Awanui Simich-Pene	Lippy Pictures (NZ) / Made For Film (Germany) P: Paula Boock, Donna Malane, Nicole Horan, Gunnar Juncken, Katrin Goetter, Sebastian Krekeler, Sarah Eichenlaub, Claus Wunn, Frank Seyberth, Thomas Robins
2020	Good Grief – Season 1	Kiel McNaughton Writers / Creators: Eve Palmer, Grace Palmer, Nick Schaedel	Brown Sugar Apple Grunt Productions P: Angela Cudd, Kerry Warkia

SECOND UNIT CINEMATOGRAPHY

Year	Title	Director	Production / DoP
2019	The Justice of Bunny King	Gaysorn Thavat	Firefly Films P: Emma Slade DoP: Gin Loane
2021	Nude Tuesday	Armağan Ballantyne	Firefly Films P: Emma Slade DoP: Andy Commis

COMMERCIAL WORK

Commercial cinematography for production companies including: Finch • Flying Fish • Good Oil • The Sweetshop • Rabbit • Revolver

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SHORT FILMS

Year	Title	Director	Producers / Festivals
2024	L'ea Tupuanga Sundance Film Festival • Winner – Best of NZIFF 2024	Vea Malifeo Writer: Luciane Buchanan	P: Alex Lovell, Eldon Booth
2020	When We Were Kids Winner – Best of NZIFF 2021	Josephine Stewart-Te Whiu Dir / Writer	P: Sarah Cook
2019	Hush Berlin Film Festival (Competition) • Palm Springs • Raindance	Armağan Ballantyne	P: Larissa Tiffin
2019	ANI Berlin Film Festival (Competition) • Toronto International Film Festival	Josephine Stewart-Te Whiu Dir / Writer	P: Sarah Cook
2017	Last Summer TIFF • Palm Springs International ShortFest • Rhode Island IFF • São Paulo Short Film Festival • NZIFF	Asuka Sylvie Dir / Writer	P: Kosuke Onishi
2017	Shadow Cut TIFF • Miami Film Festival • New Orleans Film Festival • Wairoa Film Festival	Lucy Sues Dir / Writer	P: Johnny Lyon
2017	Mouse Wairoa Film Festival • NZIFF • Adelaide Film Festival	Lani-Rain Feltham Dir / Writer	P: Alyx Duncan, Emma Mortimer
2016	Clarity Winner – Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Award • Best Sci- Fi Short, WorldFest Houston • LA Shorts Awards	Dustin Brown Dir / Writer	P: Jason Smith