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Bio

I am an experienced DoP/Camera Operator with extensive working knowledge of all film, video and digital imaging formats.

I enjoy filming across all genres whether it be documentary, drama, commercials or corporate productions. My particular expertise is in shooting history, anthropology, travel, science, expedition and adventure films. I am also completely comfortable working in what might be considered more 'extreme' and challenging environments, having filmed in over seventy countries across the world covering the full range of conditions and environments - Jungles, Deserts, Mountains and also both the Arctic and Antarctica.

Before becoming a Director of Photography, I worked my way up through the 'grades' as a clapper-loader then focus-puller on over one hundred 16mm/35mm films including commercials, film documentaries, TV dramas, feature films, pop promos and corporates.

I am also available for stills photography assignments. My work has appeared in a number of national newspapers and magazines - including The Daily Telegraph, The Times, The Daily Mail, The Daily Express, The Sun, The Daily Mirror and Hello Magazine.

Expertise

Expert **ALPINE SKIER**.

[Raced at national level as a teenager]

Also proficient **X-COUNTRY SKIER**.

Experienced **WHITE-WATER CANOEIST / SEA KAYAKER**
and **MOUNTAINEER**

Experienced **AERIALS** Cameraman with many hours
on both **FIXED WING & HELICOPTER** work.

Risk Assessment in Hostile Environments Certificate
[Category One]

Advanced Medicine for Remote Foreign Travel Certificate.

POLAR & HIGH ALTITUDE Medic Course, Alta Norway.

SWIFT WATER RESCUE Technician Certificate.
[SRT Level One]

Industrial **ROPE ACCESS / TECHNICAL CLIMBING**
[Certificate IRATA Level One]

Valid **USA** | Work **Visa**.

FPoS (I) Medic Certificate

HSE First Aid at Work Certificate

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HELEN'S POLAR CHALLENGE

BBC ONE / SPORT RELIEF

Director: MORAY LONDON

Helen Skelton skis, kites and cycles across Antarctica to the South Pole for Sport Relief.

THE MEN OF WASHEM STATION

OR MEDIA / AL ARABIA TV (In Production)

Director: TOM ROBERTS

Following a group of firefighters over their busiest month of the year. Unprecedented access with previously uncaptured footage alongside the men as they fight fires.

INSIDE NATURE'S GIANTS

WINDFALL / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: JAMIE LOCHEAD

Taking us inside the bodies of an elephant, giraffe, crocodile and whale. (shared camera credit)

TRIBAL WIVES – NAMIBIA

DIVERSE BRISTOL / BBC

Director: JOSEPH MAXWELL

A housewife from Lancashire spends four weeks living amongst the Himba people of Northern Namibia.

THE PROTESTANT REVOLUTION

IWC / BBC / HISTORY CHANNEL

Director: JOSEPH MAXWELL / ASHLEY GETHING

Historian Tristram Hunt uncovers how Protestantism has shaped the seemingly secular worlds of modern art, literature, science and commerce.

BRITAIN'S LOST WORLD: ST KILDA

IWC / BBC

Director: CRAIG HUNTER / ISHBEL HALL

(Incl. Climbing & Sea Kayaking sequences) Presenters Kate Humble, Steve Backshall & Dan Snow explore the natural and social history of this remote island.

HUMAN FOOTPRINT

TOUCH / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: NICK WATTS

Using science and art to explore the huge impact each and every human has on the planet in an average lifetime.

HOW WE BUILT BRITAIN

– GEORGIAN PERIOD

BBC

Director: NIGEL WALK (Additional Camera)

David Dimbleby presents a series of films on how the British landscape has been shaped & changed over the centuries.

GOING TO EXTREMES – NEPAL

KEO FILMS / NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Director: WILL ANDERSON

[Including filming technical climbing sequences at >300 ft of wild-honey collectors on the cliffs of Nepal's Gurung region and filming ice-climbing sequences at >17 000ft

Winner - BAFTA 2010 Best Specialist Factual Programme

Winner - Broadcast Awards 2010 Best Popular Factual Programme

Winner - RTS Awards 2009 Best Science & Natural History Programme

Nomination - Broadcasting Press Guild Awards 2010 Best Factual Entertainment Programme

Nomination - Broadcast Awards 2009 Best Documentary Series

Nomination – Gemini Awards 2008 Best Photography - Documentary

Nomination - BAFTA Scotland Awards 2008 Best Factual Programme

Nomination - RTS Awards 2007 Best Science Programme

Winner – Banff Film & TV Festival 2008 Best Environmental Film

Nominated by Channel 4 for RTS Craft Awards 2007 Best Photography : Factual

Short listed – Prix Italia 2007

Nomination - RTS Awards 2007 Best Arts Programme

Finalist - Kendal Mountain Film Festival 2006

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on the glaciers of the Langtang Himal area]

ANGELA'S DYING WISH TOUCH

Director: NICK WATTS
(Additional Camera)

Winner – RTS SOUTH Awards 2006 Best Factual Film

FIGHTING THE WAR BBC

Directors: NEIL GRANT / ROBI DUTTA

Nomination – RTS Craft Awards 2003 Best Photography – Factual

2 months embedded with British Forces during the fighting in the Gulf in 2003. Capturing unique historic footage: the first ever film of a nuclear submarine on active duty.

HMS Splendid unleashes Tomahawk cruise missiles into the heart of Baghdad.

FAKING IT : USA – COWBOY

RDF / ABC
Director: ROZ PONDER

FAKING IT : USA – SOMMELIER

RDF / ABC
Director: EMILY FIELD

FAKING IT – STUDIO DIRECTOR

RDF / CHANNEL FOUR
Director: PADDY WIVELL

FAKING IT – BALLROOM DANCER

RDF / CHANNEL FOUR
Director: JONATHAN SMITH

I also filmed additional camera on **DRAG QUEEN, SURFER** and **FASHION DESIGNER**

Winner – BAFTA 2003 Best Features Programme
Winner – Montreux Television Festival 2003 Rose D'Or
Winner – Indie Television Awards 2003

WHEN LOUIS MET THE HAMILTONS

BBC
Director: WILL YAP

Nomination – BAFTA 2002 Best Documentary

LIVING PROOF: THE FACEMAKERS

CENTURY FILMS / BBC

Director: KATIE BAILIFF

Plastic surgeons and Neurosurgeons carry out facial/cranial reconstruction in Indonesia and the USA.

Winner - US Circle of Excellence Media Awards 2001 Best Medical Documentary
Finalist - New York Film & TV Awards 2001 Best Humanitarian Documentary

REAL LIFE: A GOOD NIGHT OUT

CENTURY FILMS / ITV

Director: NICHOLAS O'DWYER

"An intriguing snapshot of life in a Yorkshire town...conveyed through some exceptional camerawork" *TIME OUT*

Nominated by ITV for RTS Awards 2000 Best Single Documentary Category

JAMIES' AMERICAN ROAD TRIP – WYOMING

FRESH ONE / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: PAMELA GORDON

(Shared Camera Credit)

Jamie Oliver joins real cowboys at the rodeo, on the range, branding cattle and cooks in the wilds of Montana and Wyoming.

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AUSTIN STEVENS ADVENTURES – GRIZZLIES

TIGRESS / DISCOVERY / CHANNEL FIVE

Director: JOSEPH MAXWELL

(Incl. Aerial Filming)

Presenter Austin Stevens gets up close and personal with Grizzly Bears in the temperate rainforest of Canada's British Columbia.

EXTREME FISHING

WITH ROBSON GREEN : SERIES 2

IWC MEDIA / CHANNEL FIVE

Directors: JAMIE GOOLD / JOHN LONSDALE

/ JASON HOLMES

Robson Green catches Rainbow Trout at the foot of Niagara Falls, 140lb Tuna off Boston, Pacific King Salmon in Alaska, Sturgeon on the Fraser River, Heli-Fishes for Steelhead in British Columbia and works aboard a Sable trawler in treacherous storms and gale force winds off Victoria Island's Pacific Coast.

SPITFIRE ACE

RDF / CHANNEL FOUR / DISCOVERY

Director: NICK WATTS

(Incl. Aerial Filming)

Critically acclaimed series on the famous WWII fighter.

BOMBER CREW

RDF / CHANNEL FOUR

Directors: ROB COLDSTREAM / JOSEPH MAXWELL

(Incl. Aerial Filming)

Series on WW2 Bomber crews and their training.

SCIENCE OF SURVIVAL – KENYAN SAVANNAH

DARLOW-SMITHSON / DISCOVERY

Director: ROBERT EAGLE

(Incl. Aerial Filming)

How to survive in the hostile African savannah.

THE REAL DAD'S ARMY

DIVERSE / CHANNEL FOUR

Directors: JOSEPH MAXWELL / JANE CAMERON

Presented by Francis Prior. The history of the Home Defence Units and the little known secret army of Auxilliers set up to fight the 'expected' German invasion.

WINE – THE FAITH

OXFORD TELEVISION / BBC

Director: NICK ANGEL

Charting the creation of the 2008 vintage at Chateau Margaux.

BRIAN COX'S JUTE JOURNEY

HOPSCOTCH / BBC

Director: BRIAN ROSS

Filmed on location in Dundee and Calcutta, Hollywood actor Brian Cox examines the Jute industry that links these two cities.

SECRETS OF THE IRAQ WAR

FILMS OF RECORD / ITV

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Director: ED HARRIMAN

In Baghdad just weeks after US forces took the Iraqi capital. The story of CIA trained Arab spies and their role in the Iraq conflict.

REAL LIFE: COMMANDO

LWT / ITV

Director: DAVID WISE (Incl. Aerial filming)

The Royal Marines claim to have the hardest military training in the world. With only half of today's' recruits now making it through the thirty-two week course, do the instructors now need to rethink their approach?

REAL LIFE: SIZE MATTERS

RDF / ITV

Director: DAVID WISE / ZAC BEATTIE

A short man who wants to change the world, a short woman who wants to change her legs and a short boy who just won't grow...

DISPATCHES: SUPERMARKET SECRETS

TWENTY TWENTY / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: MIKE BRENAN

Presented by Jane Moore. A look at the influence the major supermarkets have on what our farmers grow and ultimately the effect on the nation's diet.

CUTTING EDGE: MOVING ON UP

FLAME TV / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: RIETA OORD

With estate agents making an unprecedented fortune what about the clients who are caught up in the nightmare?

CUTTING EDGE: THE DEAD BODY SQUAD

NORTH ONE TV / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: ZAC BEATTIE

Following a unit of specialist cleaners who clear up after dead bodies have been found.

THE GREAT CLIMB

TRIPLE ECHO / BBC SCOTLAND

Director: IAN RUSSELL

(Simultaneous Live HD TV/Web Transmission)

Tim Emmett & Dave MacLeod attempt Sron Ulladale in Outer Hebrides. Largest overhanging cliff in UK.

Winner - BAFTA Scotland Awards 2011

Winner - GTC Award for Excellence 2012

ULTIMATE ROCK CLIMB

DARLOW-SMITHSON / BBC

Director: AMELIA HANN / PAUL COPELAND

Presenter Julia Bradbury and extreme sportsman Tim Emmett attempt three classic British rock -climbing routes.

KILIMANJARO – SOAP MOUNTAIN

RDF / CHANNEL 5

Director: KATYA NELHAMS-WRIGHT

(Incl. Filming sequences at >19 000ft)

Following the efforts of a team as they climb Africa's' highest mountain.

71 DEGREES NORTH

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FEVER MEDIA / ITV

Director: DAVID TIBBALLS

(Incl. Filming in temperatures of -30 C)

Shot on location entirely inside Arctic Circle as two teams compete in a gruelling race to reach Norway's Nordkapp.

WILD WEATHER - COLD

BBC

Director: ALEX MORENGO

(Ice-climbing & Skiing sequences)

Ice-climbing and skiing with the ski-patrol in Chamonix, as they pre-empt avalanches with controlled explosions.

EVERESTS' LAST SECRET

(In production)

CHANNEL FOUR / EAGLE FILMS

Director: ROBERT EAGLE

(Incl. Filming at >22 000ft on the North Col)

Following a US led expedition as they search for Sandy Irvine's' body and attempt recovery of the expedition camera that perhaps holds the answer to the question : 'Did Mallory and Irvine summit Everest in 1924?'

I AM KYLIE'S BODY DOUBLE

PROSPECT PICTURES / BBC

Director: ROWAN DEACON

The world of body part doubles: men and women whose features stand in for the stars.

ONE LIFE: OLD DRIVERS

BBC

Director: NICK BETTS

A gentle look at some of the more mature motorists on London's roads.

MARADONNA – KICKING THE HABIT

DOUBLE BAND FILMS / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: MIKE HEWETT

An examination of Diego Maradona's fall from grace.

GEORGE BEST'S BODY

DOUBLE BAND FILMS / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: DIARMUID LAVERY

Biographical X-ray of the famous footballer.

TOUGHEST JOB IN BRITAIN

BBC

Director: MIKE MONTGOMERY

[Incl. filming technical climbing sequences at >400ft also shooting in temperatures >40 Centigrade in the Oman desert]

DANGERMEN – GALE FORCE CONSTRUCTORS

DRAGONFLY / CHANNEL FIVE

Director: JESS ORR

Wind farm construction in Montana.

TERRIBLE TASTES OF GREAT DICTATORS

SHINE LTD / SKY ONE

Director: CHARLIE SMITH

Profiles of Saddam Hussein, Kim Yong-il, Idi Amin, Mao, Pol Pot and Hitler

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IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

ORTV / BBC

Director: CHARLIE SMITH

HOLLYWOOD GREATS: STEVE MCQUEEN

BBC

Director: RICHARD DOWN

Profile of Hollywood legend.

TALES FROM ROME

IWC GLASGOW / BBC

Director: PAUL TUCKER

Presented by Kirsty Wark and Simon Davis.

MY CHILDHOOD - ANTHONY WORRAL THOMPSON

ENDOMOL SCOTLAND / BBC

Director: KATHRYN ROSS

MY CHILDHOOD – KIM MARSH

ENDOMOL SCOTLAND / BBC

Director: KATHRYN ROSS

EVERYMAN: SINGLE GIRLS

BBC

Director: DANIELLA VOLKER

Unmarried women argue that spinsterhood means freedom and financial independence and certainly not being 'miserably left on the shelf'.

EVERYMAN: MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

BBC

Director: ARIF NURMOHAMMED

Two Islamic companies Quibla Cola and Mecca Cola take on the US soft drinks giants.

AFRICAN ER

BBC

Director: ROBI DUTTA

Mercy Ship surgeons perform 'medical miracles' in Freetown. As Sierra Leone attempts to recover from the ravages of civil war.

ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS

BBC WORLD

Director: GUY EVANS

IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD – ISLAM

MENTORN / CHANNEL FIVE

Director: JANE CAMERON

Presented by former president of Pakistan Benazir Bhuto.

IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD – TERRORISM

MENTORN / CHANNEL FIVE

Director: JANE CAMERON

Presented by former Archbishop of Canterbury's Special Envoy Terry Waite.

ARTWORKS: EDWYN COLLINS - HOME AGAIN

BBC

Director: PAUL TUCKER

Exclusive access to the singer/songwriter on the road to

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recovery after a stroke. Following him through therapy and back to the recording studio as he completes the solo album 'Home Again'

ADOPTING ABROAD: SAIRA'S STORY

BBC

Director: PAMELA GORDON

[Shared Camera

Credit]

SEVEN DWARVES

GARDEN PRODUCTIONS / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: JAMIE O'LEARY

ART ROCKS: GEORGE CLINTON

HART DAVIS

Directors: DAVID HART / JO HART

Profile of the funk legend

EXTRAORDINARY ANIMALS – GENIUS PARROT

BLINK / CHANNEL FIVE

Director: WILLIAM HICKLIN

The bird that performs tasks previously thought to be exclusive to humans, great apes and monkeys.

THE REAL CHERIE BLAIR

LION TV / BBC

Director: HILARY ROSEN

Fiona Bruce gets a behind the scenes look at the life of the Prime Minister's wife.

BEHIND THE CRIME: CAR THEFT

HART RYAN / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: PADDY WIVELL

'Tweekers', getaway drivers 'cut and shunt' mechanics and other 'car villains' tell their stories.

INNOVATION NATION

BBC

Director: JAQUI FARNHAM

Amateur designers attempt to new versions of well established products.

MODERN MORALITY: SIN

LION TV / BBC

Director: BELINDA CHERINGTON

Everyday tales of lies, deceit and betrayal.

MY FAVOURITE PLACE

BLAST TV / HISTORY CHANNEL

Director:

Peter Snow looks at one of his favourite historic sites; Dover Castle.

PANORMA - LEHMAN BROTHERS

BBC

Director: RICHARD GRANGE

How the collapse of confidence in the world financial markets has affected us all.

TOP GEAR – 2006/07 SERIES

Winner - National Television Awards 2006 Most Popular Factual

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BBC

Director: ANDY WILLMAN / ED BAZELGETTE
(Additional Camera)

RESTORATION VILLAGE

ENDEMOL

Director: PAUL TUCKER / KATE COTTER
(Additional Camera)

Presented by Griff Rys-Jones.

RIVER COTTAGE HQ

KEO FILMS / CHANNEL FOUR

Director: ANDREW PALMER
(Additional Camera)

Presented by Hugh Fearnly-Whittingstall

BATTLE FOR THE FALKLANDS

ITN FACTUAL

Director: MIKE BECKHAM
(Additional Camera)

THE ELGIN MARBLES

CIRCUS / HISTORY CHANNEL

Director: MIKE BECKHAM
(Additional Camera)

LIFE ETC

LION TV / BBC

Director: BELINDA CHERINGTON
(Additional Camera)

Rosie Boycott discusses moral dilemmas with a range of people who have found themselves faced with making life and death choices.

DON'T CALL ME STUPID

BBC

Director: SUZIE SAMANT
(Additional Camera)

Actress Kara Tointon confronts how dyslexia is defining her and how her condition effects her life.

THE GREAT SPERM RACE

BLINK / CHANNEL FOUR / DISCOVERY

Director: JULIAN JONES
(Shared Camera Credit)

WOOTTON BASSETT: THE TOWN THAT REMEMBERS

BBC

Directors: HENRY SINGER / STEVE MCQUILAN
(Shared Camera Credit)

PHILLIPS Commercial

TURNER COMMERCIAL

Director: MARTIN LAING

POLISH TOURIST BOARD Commercial

TURNER COMMERCIAL

Director: MARTIN LAING

ERICSSON / VOLVO YACHT RACE Commercial

Programme

Winner - National Television Awards 2007 Most Popular Factual Programme

Nomination - BAFTA Awards 2006 Best Feature

Winner - Gemini Awards 2010 Best Science Documentary.

Winner - RTS West Awards 2011 Best Documentary Factual

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TURNER COMMERCIAL
Director: MARTIN LAING

WESTIN HOTELS – MILAN Commercial
TURNER COMMERCIAL
Director: MARTIN LAING

AUDEMAR-PIQUET WATCHES Commercial
TURNER COMMERCIAL
Director: MARTIN LAING

NESSPRESSO Commercial
TURNER COMMERCIAL
Director: MARTIN LAING

UKRAINE TOURISM Commercial
TURNER COMMERCIAL
Director: MARTIN LAING

RANGE ROVER Commercial
GERARD DE THAME FILMS
(2nd Unit DoP / Camera Operator on Base-Jumping Sequences in Majlis Al Jinn Cave, Oman)
Director: GERARD DE THAME
Main Unit DoP: Michael Coulter

ALPHA PROJECT Commercial
THE MOB FILM COMPANY
(2nd Unit DoP / Camera Operator on Rock Climbing Sequences on Cenotaph Corner, Llanberis)
Director: DAHLAN LASSALLE
Main Unit DoP: August Jackobsen

YOUNGS SEAFOOD Commercial
2am FILMS
(Camera Operator)
Director: GUS FILGATE
DoP: Rob Peyton

LG - LIFE IS GREAT Corporate
BBM COMMERCIAL
Director: JOSEPH MAXWELL

THE WILDEST DREAM
[Feature Film]
ATLANTIC / NAT GEO ENTERTAINMENT

(2nd Unit Camera Operator on Climbing Sequences on Fenivue del Monte Bianco, Italy)
Director: ANTHONY GEFFEN
Main Unit DoP: Chris Openshaw
Feature length drama-doc on ill fated 1924 expedition to climb Mount Everest.

"Thrilling camerawork....amazing shots" -
San Francisco Chronicle

CONFETTI [Feature Film]
BBC FILMS
(Camera Operator)
Director: DEBBIE ISETT
DoP: Devald Akema

Winner - Giant Screen Cinema Association Awards 2011 Best Film

Winner - Boulder International Film Awards 2010 Best Adventure Film

Nomination - Empire Awards 2007 Best British Film

Nomination - British Comedy Awards 2006 Best Comedy Film

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Mockumentary romantic comedy starring Jessica
Stevenson Jimmy Carr Martin Freeman and Robert
Webb.