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SUMMARY

Producer and Director of Photography with 20 years of experience in unscripted series, feature documentary, and high-pressure field productions from concept through post. Combines strong visual instincts with hands-on creative leadership. Known for consistent results across cinematic storytelling, field producing, and talent direction. Comfortable adopting and integrating new production technologies, from AI-assisted workflows to building original tools from the ground up.

SKILLS

Production leadership • Story Development • Talent Direction • Editorial Judgment
Decision Making Under Pressure • Multi-Camera Production and Coordination
Lighting Integration • Live & Remote Production • Brand Integration • AI-Assisted Production

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Photography & Producer

2021-2026

North South Productions, Tampa FL
HGTV - 100 Day Dream Home

- Oversaw multi-episode field production with concurrent, yet independent storylines
- Controlled the entire visual look of a series averaging 20+ million viewers per season
- Frequently operated as a solo shooter/producer, responsible for talent prep, story capture, interviews, and media management end-to-end
- Worked brand elements into shoots so they felt natural to the story while still delivering for clients such as Amazon and Disney
- Led field crews through fast-moving production days, delegating to stay on schedule while navigating active construction environments

Director of Photography & Executive Producer

2025

Purple Tree Productions INC., Pennsylvania
Feature Length Documentary - Greene County

- Created, produced, and shot feature-length documentary in festival submission
- Led creative direction and story from concept through post
- Addressed ongoing production challenges across crew, gear, and scheduling, maintaining efficiency throughout the shoot

Director of Photography & Camera Operator

2019-2021

Remedy Branded + Television, Tampa FL

National Geographic - Secrets of the Zoo

- Shot a full range of content daily including scenes, interviews, and b-roll across an active zoo environment
- Captured animal behavior in active zoo environments, balancing strong visuals with strict safety and handling guidelines
- Developed camera approaches that showcased animals in a natural, undisturbed way

Director of Photography & Producer

2019

Bungalow Media + Entertainment, New York NY

History Channel - The Lost Corvettes

- Designed and executed all lighting for an active auto shop environment, from working scenes through final beauty builds of priceless classic Corvettes
- Followed each build over several months, shaping story as issues and setbacks emerged during the restoration process
- Directed non-actor cast naturally in scene and interview while managing solo production 75% of the time

Director of Photography

2013-2019

Magilla Entertainment, New York NY

HGTV - Beach Front Bargain Hunt, Lake Front Bargain Hunt

- Served as episode DP across 100+ episodes of a series that ran for 29 seasons
- Mentored and guided junior camera operators on set, maintaining visual consistency across a large rotating crew
- Navigated demanding international shoots by quickly solving issues such as inadequate power, overheating cameras and transportation of gear
- Built and managed shot lists to maximize efficiency across packed shooting days

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

B.A. The Pennsylvania State University

Board Member of PSU Tampa Alumni Association

Part 107 FAA Drone Pilot License