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Experience

Films

2014 - Present

Various, Canada

- Created and worked on over 30 films of various genres: documentary, fiction narrative, promotional and music videos. Developed a strong and applicable understanding of picture editing, sound recording and editing, visual effects, cinematography, writing and storytelling, directing, lighting, and stunt & fight choreography.
- In university, my experimental film "Concussion" became part of the Toronto Metropolitan University Film Program curriculum.
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Cloud, Avid Media Composer, DaVinci Resolve, Pro Tools & Final Cut software.
- Skilled at shooting with and editing 16mm film.

Production Assistant

2021 - Present

Various Film & Television Sets, Vancouver, BC

- Extensive on-set experience having assisted the production team on 25 different big budget film, television and commercial productions.
- Responsible for lockups, traffic control, preparing and tearing down sets at the beginning and end of shoot days, location van driving, announcing rolls and cuts to production team during shooting, responding to requests from production and helping all departments when called upon.

Digital Media Specialist

2021 - 2022

Make Believe Media, Vancouver, BC

- Integral team member of Make Believe Media, a creative documentary production company based in Vancouver, Canada, founded in 1999 by CEO and executive producer Lynn Booth.
- Held the position of associate producer, concept developer, editor, and sound designer for most recent documentary series about nature and wildlife conservation in British Columbia currently in pre-production.

2nd Assistant Director

2021

Ultravision Studios Music Video, Vancouver, BC

- Guided the movements of the cast, wrangled extras, and provided support in carrying out the orders of the 1st AD.
- Served as a liaison to the talent. Processed actors through makeup and wardrobe, and lead them between the green room and the set. I also organized and positioned background talent on their marks.
- Off set, I ensured that everyone involved with the production was kept up to date on all pertinent information.

TV Editor & Cinematographer

2020 - 2021

Chef Style Online Cooking Show, Vancouver, BC

- Paid contract to shoot and edit full season of culinary web series presenting a day in the life of high-end chefs and restaurateurs in the Vancouver area.

Awards**2019**

Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON

- Editor of short documentary "The Hurt That Binds Us" focusing on Indigenous mental health; won the Best Documentary Award at the Toronto Metropolitan University Film Festival.
- Won the August 2019 Art With Impact film competition and is now part of the OLIVE Film Collection touring across North America to every university and college as a part of mental health workshops, and was also shown at the VOX film festival in Thunder Bay.

Editing & Cinematography Intern**2018 - 2019**

Fathom Film Group, Toronto, ON

- Shot two separate 1.5 hour performances and was responsible for editing the performances which included working with 4K footage, picture editing, sound editing, colour grading, and designing graphics.
- Worked under the mentorship of award-winning Canadian documentary director and producer Ann Shin in partnership with the Pia Bouman School for Ballet and Creative Movement to produce the charitable video recording of the longest running annual Nutcracker ballet in Toronto.

Television Commercial**2017**

Les Cercles de Fermières du Québec, Montréal, QC

- Lead cameraman, assistant director, and editor of a 90-second commercial airing month-long on CBC / Ici Radio-Canada Télé.
- Paid contract for the 34,000-member not-for-profit organization fundraising initiative to aid women and children in need.

Languages

Fluent in French and English

Education

Canadian Cinema Editors -**Assistant Editing Workshop with Paul Whitehead****2021**

Vancouver, BC

Toronto Metropolitan University - BFA in Film Studies**2014 - 2020**

Toronto, ON

Vancouver Film School - Digital Design Intensive Course**2013**

Vancouver, BC