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GAFFER

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Since joining the film industry in 1995, I have spent over two decades working as a Gaffer, collaborating with Directors, Producers, and Cinematographers from New Zealand and around the globe. This has given me extensive experience on international and local feature films, TV series, commercials, music videos, short films, and stage lighting.

As a co-owner of Flashlight Film Services, I manage a fleet of three lighting trucks and a customised jumbo van, ensuring top-quality equipment for every shoot. I'm passionate about working with

Cinematographers, Directors and Production to craft visual narratives through the artistry of light.

I'm recognised for my teamwork, composure under pressure, and commitment to delivering quality lighting in a safe and timely manner. I value clear communication and a positive attitude to bring the whole on and off set experience to its best.

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Selected Gaffer Credits

Films

2023

Tinā Tu' Fa'Atasi Films

Director Miki Magasiva Cinematographer

..... Andrew McGeorge

Award: Gold, Feature Films - Budget up to \$10 mil, 2025 NZCS Awards for Cinematography

2022

Samara Independent

Director Logan Marshall Cinematographer Ziga Zupancic

Award: Silver, Feature Films - Budget under \$5 mil, 2024 NZCS Awards for Cinematography

2021

Evil Dead Rise Pacific Renaissance

Directors Lee Cronin and Charlie Haskell Cinematographers Dave

..... Garbett and Ziga Zupancic

Award: Gold, Feature Films - Budget \$10 mil +, 2025 NZCS Awards for Cinematography

2019

By The Balls Rogue Productions

Director Chris Dudman Cinematographer David Paul

Gurl Patangaroa Entertainment Limited

Director Mika Haka Cinematographer Darryl Ward

2017

The Breaker Upperers Miss Piki Films Ltd

Directors Jackie van Beek & Madeleine Sami Cinematographer Gin Loane

2016

Maui's Hook Kura Productions

Director Paora Joseph Cinematographer Bevan

Crothers

Monster of Mangatiti Screentime NZ

Director Ric Pellizzeri Cinematographer

..... Dave Cameron

2015

Hunt for the Wilder People - Pick Ups Majestical Pictures Ltd

Director Taika Waititi Cinematographer Lachlan Milne

Selected Gaffer Credits

TV Series

2026

The Sanctuary Kevin & Co
Directors Madeline Sami, Tim Van Dammen Cinematographer Tim Flower

2025

NZ Spy Kevin & Co
Director Tim Van Dammen Cinematographer Tim Flower

Blue Murder Motel Great Southern Television
Directors Josh Frizzell, Jacqueline Nairn, Lucy Lawless, Mark Beesley
..... Cinematographers Bevan Crothers,
..... Drew Sturge

2024

Homebound 3.0 Season 2 Kevin & Co
Directors Johnny Barker, Hweiling Ow and Michelle Ang..... Cinematographer Tim Flower

Red Rocks..... Libertine Pictures
Director David Stubs Cinematographer Simon Tutty

Double Parked Season 2 Kevin & Co
Director Madeleine Sami Cinematographer Paul Mockridge

2023

Vince Kevin & Co
Director David De Latour Cinematographer Lance Wordsworth

Raised By Refugees Season 2 Kevin & Co
Directors Pax Assadi, Kate McGill and Bree Peters Cinematographer Lance Wordsworth
Award: Silver, New Zealand Drama and Drama Series, 2025 NZCS Awards for
Cinematography

Double Parked Kevin & Co
Director Madeleine Sami Cinematographer Paul Mockridge

Black Coast Vanishings, 4 Episodes Augusto
Director Alyx Duncan Cinematographer Adam Luxton

2022

Far North Golden Retriever family Ltd & White
..... Balance Pictures
Director David White Cinematographer Adam Luxton
Award: Gold, New Zealand Drama and Drama Series, 2025 NZCS Awards for
Cinematography

Selected Gaffer Credits

TV Series

Kura Season 3 Reel Factory
Director Vince McMillin Cinematographer Tim Flower
Award: Silver, New Zealand Drama and Drama Series, 2024 NZCS Awards for
Cinematography

2021

SIS The Show Season 1 SIS The Show Ltd
Directors Hanelle Harris & Jeremiah Tauamiti Cinematographer Andrew McGeorge

2020

Cowboy Bebop Season 1, Additional 2nd Unit Gaffer,.. Intergalactic Productions Block 2
Director Michael Katleman..... Cinematographer Dave Perkal

Creamerie Season 1 Kevin & Co, TVNZ, Flat3 Productions
Director Roseanne Liang..... Cinematographer Marty Smith

2019

Stephen Colbert - The Late Show Kevin & Co
Directors Paige Kendig & Jake Plunkett Cinematographers Lance Wordsworth
..... & Drew Sturge

I Am Season 2 Screentime NZ
Director Rupert MacKenzie Cinematographer Scott Lee & Warren
Green

Kura Season 1 TVNZ & EXIT Films
Director Vince McMillan Cinematographer Tim Flower

2018

Sensing Murder Screentime NZ
Director Alexander Behse Cinematographer Scott Lee

2016

Grand Designs New Zealand Season 2 MediaWorks
Director Shay Logan..... Cinematographer Duncan Cole

2015

Shannara Chronicles Season 1, 2nd Unit MTV NZ
Director Brad Turner..... Cinematographer Renaud Maire

2015

Descent from Disaster Series 2 Screentime NZ
Director Rupert MacKenzie Cinematographer Scott Lee

2015

The Bachelorette Imagination Television
Director Joe Siddiqui..... Cinematographer Paul Moss

Selected Gaffer Credits

TV Commercials

2025

Gatorade Canada La and Flying Fish NZ
 Director Stuart Mclntyre Cinematographer Arseni Khachaturan

2023

Adidas Rugby World Cup Jersey Augusto
 Director Brendan Canty Cinematographer Fergus Cahill

2022

Women's Rugby World Cup Discovery
 Director Stacey Kearns Cinematographer Gus Leota

Air New Zealand Asset Refresh Reel Factory
 Director Andre Deere Cinematographer Ryan Heron

2021

Dubai Expo Workshop E
 Director Greg Wood Cinematographer Darryl Ward

Fire & Emergency New Zealand Finch
 Director Wade Shotter..... Cinematographer Ziga Zupancic

2020

Jarden Fish & Clips
 Director Je Wood Cinematographer Ziga Zupancic

Rexona - All Blacks..... Flying Fish NZ Ltd
 Director James Solomon..... Cinematographer Ziga Zupancic

Jaeger – Le Coultre
 “Project Time” Benedict Cumberbatch Flying Fish NZ Ltd
 Director Jason Bock..... Cinematographer Ziga Zupancic

AIG Japan with the All Blacks Augusto
 Director Shinri Abe Cinematographer Ryo Ogawa

2019

Air NZ Project T – Safety Video JetBlack
 Director Josh Frizzel Cinematographer Darryl Ward

Les Mills International..... Assembly
 Director Jonny Kofoed Cinematographer Duncan Cole

2018

Air NZ Project S – Safety Video Exposure International Ltd Director
 Kevin Denholm Cinematographer Darryl Ward

Les Mills International..... Virtual Campaign Alt Group Director
 Dean Poole Cinematographer Duncan Cole

Air NZ 787 Dreamliner..... Exposure International
 Director Kevin Denholm Cinematographers Darryl Ward &
 Renaud Maire

2017

Slingshot..... Eight New Zealand Ltd
 Director Miki Magasiva..... Cinematographer Aaron Morton

Air New Zealand Safety Video: A Fantastic Journey.... Assembly Ltd
 Directors Damon Duncan & Jonny Kofoed Cinematographer Jules O'Loughlin

Selected Gaffer Credits

Short Films

2023

AMAH..... A Grain of Rice Productions
Director Michelle Ang Cinematographer Tim Flower

One Outs..... Independent
Director Isaac Bell Cinematographer Clayton Carpinter

2021

A Canary in a Cradle Bamber Films
Director Oscar Enberg Cinematographer Adam Luxton

2016

Treat Her Right Good Times Company Ltd
Director Loren Taylor..... Cinematographer Ginny Loane

2016

Undercurrent..... Short Film Exit Films Ltd
Director Patrick Feleti Cinematographer Ross Giardina

Music Clips

2024

Tony Anderson “Butterflies” Independent
Director Logan Marshall Cinematographer Ziga Zupancic
Award: Gold, Music Video, 2025 NZCS Awards for Cinematography

2021

Ladyhawke “My Love”..... Bamber Films
Director Madeleine Sami Cinematographer Darryl Ward

2020

Benee “Kool”..... Universal Music Group, Bring,
Augusto Director Alan Bibby Cinematographer Adam Luxton

2018

Rudimental “Walk Alone” Pretty Bird Fish & Clips
Director Ian Schwartz..... Cinematographer Steve Annis

2017

LADi6 “Royal Blue” Flux
Director Ryan McNeill Cinematographer Simon Godsi