

# MARCUS UPTON

(NGATI POROU)

GAFFER

## ABOUT ME

Hi, I'm Marcus. My career in the lighting department started back in 2007 and since then I've had the privilege of working with some of the most skilled and talented Cinematographers and Gaffers on the planet. Over the years, I've taken in their knowledge and observed their techniques to craft my own unique style of lighting. I am incredibly passionate about the craft of lighting and have the experience, skills, energy and dedication to service any size production.

## PROJECTS

- 2021      **AMAZONS: THE LORD OF THE RINGS**  
BTS Gaffer  
*DOP JP Lipa*
- 2019 - 20      **AVATAR SEQUELS**  
Main Unit Best Boy  
*DOP Russell Carpenter*      **GAFFER Sean O'Neill**
- 2018      **MULAN**  
Senior Lighting Technician 2U  
*DOP Aaron Morton*      **GAFFER Sean O'Neill**
- 2017      **A WRINKLE IN TIME**  
NZ Lighting Technician  
*DOP Tobias A. Schliessler*      **GAFFER Len Levine**
- 2016      **THE MEG**  
Main Unit Lighting Technician  
*DOP Tom Stern*      **GAFFER Sean O'Neill**
- ALIENS COVENANT**  
NZ Rigging Technician      **RIGGING**  
*DOP Dariusz Wolski*      **GAFFER Sean O'Neill**
- 2015      **ASH VS EVIL DEAD (TV SERIES)**  
Main Unit Best Boy  
*DOP Dave Garbett*      **GAFFER Tony Blackwood**



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## EDUCATION

2022 - 2023

**DIPLOMA IN LIGHTING DESIGN**

Massey University

## LICENSES & TICKETS

2013

**BASIC RIGGING TICKET**

ShowTech Australia / Melbourne

2019

**FIRST AID TICKET**

**ELEVATED WORK PLATFORM TICKET**

**CoC FOR UNDERWATER DIVE WORK  
FOR FILM & TV**

2011

**CLASS 4 TRUCK LICENCE**

# PROJECTS (CONTINUED)

- 2014**      **CROUCHING TIGER HIDDEN DRAGON 2**  
Main Unit Lighting Technician      *Anthony*  
*DOP Tom Sigel*      **GAFFER Nikonechnyj**
- GODS OF EGYPT**  
Lighting Technician 2U  
*DOP Brad Shields*      **GAFFER Paul Johnstone**
- 2013**      **MAD MAX: FURY ROAD**  
Main Unit Lighting Technician AUS only  
*DOP John Seale*      **GAFFER Paul Johnstone**
- EMPEROR**  
Main Unit Lighting Technician  
*DOP Stuart Dryburgh*      **GAFFER Sean O'Neill**
- 2010 - 13**      **SPARTACUS TV SERIES**  
Main Unit Lighting Technician  
*DOP Aaron Morton*      **GAFFER Tony Blackwood**
- 2009**      **UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS**  
Lighting Technician 2U  
*DOP Aaron Morton*      **GAFFER Tony Blackwood**
- 2007**      **30 DAYS of NIGHT**  
Lighting Trainee 2U  
*DOP Aaron Morton*      **GAFFER Tony Blackwood**

# REFERENCES

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Gaffer / Avalanche Lighting

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## EXPERTISE

- LED & Wireless Control Technology
- Studio & Access Machine Rigging
- Crew Management
- Time Management
- Communication with Production
- Working Under Pressure
- Strong Visualisation Skills
- Eye For Good Lighting

## HOBBIES

**SURFING**  
**TRAVEL**  
**CYCLING**  
**GOOD FOOD**



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