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Selected recent cinematography and camera operator credits

2023

Little Apocalypse - 8 part drama TV series for TVNZ, directed by Sally and Elsie Bollinger

Ministry of Jingle - Short film drama directed by Maddie Dai

My Cyclone Gabrielle - River Memory - Episode in 4 part documentary series for RNZ and NZME directed by Anna Marbrook

2022

The Strangest of Angels - Dramatisation of the opera *Strangest of Angels* directed by Rebecca Tansley

Ultimately Lacks Polish - Short documentary directed by Kathleen Winter

Ms Information - Feature documentary directed by Gwen Isaac

2021

Raids - Short film drama directed and produced by Jade Jackson

Stories of a Generation with Pope Francis - Episode 2 (Camera Operator) NETFLIX documentary series

Wild Weekends TVC campaign for Wellington NZ - 12 episode micro travel show directed by Sophie Black for TVNZ Blacksand

Boyfriend - Short film drama directed and produced by Roberto Nascimento

2020

A Boy Called Piano - Te Story of Fa'amoana 'John' Luafutu - Feature documentary directed by Nina Nawalowalo

From the Mountains to the Sea - Short documentary directed by Anna Marbrook

2019

Loimata: The Sweetest Tears - Feature documentary directed by Anna Marbrook, funded by NZ on Air

Rise - Short documentary directed by Jess Feast, funded by Doc Edge

Water Baby - Short documentary directed by Kathy McRae, funded by Loading Docs

Beyond White Guilt - Short documentary series directed by Kathleen Winter

Super Special - Short film drama directed by Ashley Williams, funded by Someday Stories

Ruahine: Stories in her Skin - Feature documentary directed by Hiona Henare

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2018

The Heart Dances (Camera operator) - Feature documentary directed by Rebecca Tansley

Minimum - Short documentary series directed by Kathleen Winter (8 episodes)

That which is to come is just a promise - Art film directed by PLATFORM, cinematography by PLATFORM and Skyhook Aerial Cinema (Jess Charlton and Simon Baumfield)

The Secret Life of Sex Workers - 3 part short documentary series directed by Rachel Millar for TVNZ

101 Little Heroes - Lucy's episode - Short documentary episode directed by Bonnie Philp

FLIP - Short film drama directed by Jessica Grace Smith

Tragicomic - 9 part web series drama directed by Sally and Elsie Bollinger

2012 - 2017

Happy Playland - 10 part web series drama directed by Sally and Elsie Bollinger

Daniel (2nd unit DP) - Short film drama directed by Claire Van Beek, DOP Simon Baumfield

Dance of the Lonely Birds - Short film drama directed by Ana Scotney

Bright Summer Night - 10 part web series directed by Sally and Elsie Bollinger

Tama - Short film drama directed by Jack O'Donnell and Jared Flitcroft

Hannah and Rebecca - Proof of concept short drama directed by Vincent Ward

Everybody Else is Taken - Short film drama directed by Jessica Grace Smith

Existence - Feature drama directed by Juliet Bergh

Aerial Cinematography

2017 - present Drone pilot on commercials, short films and documentaries

2012 - present Gimbal operator on commercials, feature films and documentaries

More information including portfolio can be found at skyhook.nz

Short courses and professional development

2021 3 week DOP internship with Richard Bluck on *Avatar*

2020 Technodolly Operating course - Share the Knowledge, Auckland

2020 NZ Film Commission online mentorship with DOP Ginny Loane

2007 The Craft of the Camera Operator - Short course at AFTRS, Sydney, Australia

Referees

Simon Baumfield, Cinematographer: 027 444 5546,

Simon Raby, Cinematographer: 021 993 240,

Vincent Ward, Director: 022 360 5499