



MARCUS UPTON

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ABOUT ME

I am Marcus, a seasoned professional in the lighting department with a career spanning since 2007. Throughout my journey, I have had the honor of collaborating with world-class Cinematographers and Gaffers, absorbing their expertise and honing a distinctive lighting style that is uniquely my own. My passion for the art of lighting is matched by a robust portfolio of experience, a skill set tailored for excellence, and an unwavering commitment to deliver outstanding results for productions of any scale.

REFERENCES

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LICENSES

Driving license category
CLASS 4 TRUCK LICENCE

TICKETS

BASIC RIGGING TICKET
Showtech Australia, Melbourne /
SEP 2013

ELEVATED WORK PLATFORM
Auckland

FIRST AID TICKET

COC FOR UNDERWATER DIVE WORK FOR FILM + TV
AUG 2019 - JAN 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

PREDATOR: BADLANDS
Sep 2024 - Nov 2024

Splinter Unit Gaffer
DOP Bevan Crothers

WARNER BRO'S: MINECRAFT
Feb 2024 - Apr 2024

2U Gaffer
DOP John Cavill

GFC FILMS: A MISTAKE
Aug 2022 - Oct 2022

MU Gaffer
DOP John Toon

AMAZONS: THE LORD OF THE RINGS
Jan 2021 - Dec 2021

BTS/EPK Gaffer
• DOP JP Lipa

AVATAR SEQUELS
Jan 2019 - Dec 2020

Main Unit Best Boy
• DOP Russell Carpenter, GAFFER Sean O'Neill

MULAN
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

Senior Lighting Technician 2U
• DOP Aaron Morton, GAFFER Sean O'Neill

EDUCATION

MASSEY UNIVERSITY
2024

DIPLOMA IN LIGHTING DESIGN

SKILLS

LED & WIRELESS CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

STUDIO AND ACCESS MACHINE RIGGING

CREW MANAGEMENT

TIME MANAGEMENT

COMMUNICATION WITH PRODUCTION

WORKING UNDER PRESSURE

STRONG VISUAL SKILLS

EYE FOR GOOD LIGHTING

LINKS

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www.moodylights.co.nz

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HOBBIES

SURFING, TRAVEL, CYCLING, GOOD FOOD