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Background

Grew up in South Island, NZ; Certificates in Journalism, running a record label, working for DOC (Dept of Conservation), extensive overseas travel and from my mid twenties, working in the film industry...

Film work and 1st AD Philosophy

Thorough planning is paramount to any successful shoot. Respect of people and environments, along with a good dose of humour and humanity, are the essentials to a well-working set!

Feature Films & International TV

TVS - A Remarkable Place To Die S2 (2025-26) 3 x 90 min eps: 1,3,5	ScreenTime/ZDF Dir: Peter Burger, Charlie Haskell	Queenstown, NZ
TVS - Playing Gracie Darling (2024-25) 6 x 60 min eps: 1-6; Prod: Rachel Gardner, Dir: Jonathan Brough	Curio Pictures/Paramount+	Sydney, NSW
FF - SPIT (2024) 20 year follow up to "Getting Square" w/ David Wenham, David Field, Gary Sweet	Dir: Jonathan Tepliztky	Gold Coast, QLD
FF - Bookworm (2023) An estranged Father follows his daughter into the wilds on a quest w/ Elijah Wood	Dir: Ant Timpson	South Island, NZ
FF - Force of Nature (2022) Follow up to 'The Dry' w/ Eric Bana	Dir: Robert Connolly	Melbourne, Victoria
TVS - Irreverent (2021-22) Matchbox/NBC, Dir: Jonathan Tepliztky 5 x 60 min eps: 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, Prod: Tom HOFFIE, Creator: Paddy Macrae		Cairns/Gold Coast, QLD
FF - No Exit (2021) 20th Century/Disney In a winter blizzard a woman discovers a kidnapped child	Dir: Damien Power	Rotorua/Auckland, NZ
FF - Nude Tuesday (2020) A middle class couple go on a new age camp retreat	Dir: Armagan Ballantyne	South Island/Auckland, NZ
FF - Black Christmas (2019) Blumhouse/Universal A group of Sorority Girls are stalked and attacked & take revenge	Dir: Sophia Takal	Otago, NZ
FF - Harpiks (2018) Zentropa A families isolated island existence turns into a nightmare	Dir: Daniel Borgman	Fyn, Denmark
FF - Hunt for the Wilderpeople (2016) An unlikely duo try to escape the law and hide in the NZ wilderness	Dir: Taika Waititi	North Island/Auckland, NZ
FF - Love Has No Language (2010) A cross cultural love story between a Maori boy and an Indian girl	Dir: Ken Khan	Auckland, NZ
FF - A Song Of Good (2008) A desperate man tries to make his world a better place	Dir: Greg King	Auckland, NZ

NZ Television Drama

By the Balls (2019) Docudrama TVF, Rogue Productions	Auckland, NZ
Why Does Love? (2017) TVF, Great Southern/TVNZ	Auckland, NZ
Auckland Daze (2013) TVS, Brown Sugar/TVNZ (8 x 30 min episodes)	Auckland, NZ
Shortland Street (2002-3) TVS, SPP/TVNZ (approx 100 x 30 min episodes)	Auckland, NZ

TVC's

Worked on over 500 television commercials throughout NZ for local and global brands, including:
ANZ, Air NZ, AMI, ASB, BNZ, Bank of Singapore, BMI, Black Yak, Burger King, BP, Z, Shell 2 Degrees, Codral, TNCC, Cisco, Tourism NZ, Mastercard, Tower, Contact, Nissan, Nestle, Vodafone, ALAC, Stihl, Mitsubishi, VW, Sanitarium, Kia, Anchor, Meridian, Mazda, Hyundai, Mainland, McDonalds, Holden, Honda, Weetbix, Nintendo, Spark, Ford, Subaru, Lexus, Toyota, Kiwibank, Countdown, New World, NZTA, Eclipse, Truvia