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I am absolutely passionate about wildlife, adventure and observational film-making. I enjoy the fast pace and the challenge of getting the shot when there may not be a second chance. As a camera assistant I was lucky enough to learn from some of the best in the business working for the BBC Natural History Unit, and have since filmed all over the world. This year I realised a career highlight when Sir David Attenborough narrated a script I wrote over a film I shot. I also have extensive experience of working in a live environment with wildlife and on sporting events. I will always bring a professional attitude and sense of humour to the job, whatever it may be.

RELEVANT WORK:

'Springwatch', BBC NHU: Camera operator. I have filmed for this major BBC wildlife show every year from 2012 through to 2017. Shoots have included live & pre-recorded wildlife (long lens & remote camera) and VT's with contributors.

'Garden in the Sky': Camera operator. I spent much of 2015 & 2016 in China filming (& subsequently edit-producing) this documentary, following the environmental work of the Kadoorie Botanic Gardens in Hong Kong. The highlight was a solo filming trip to Hainan Island to document the staff's efforts to save the Hainan Gibbon, the rarest primate in the world. Less than thirty of these amazing animals survive in the wild and I was fortunate enough to film them in their remaining natural habitat.

'Supertruckers', Lion TV: Camera operator. Observational documentary series following the drivers and their unusual loads at a specialist heavy-haulage company.

'GT Academy' Boomerang/Grand Central: Camera operator. I have filmed four seasons of this presenter-led reality format motorsports series, following contestants on their journey from bedroom gamer to professional racing driver. Includes location & studio filming for both UK & international territories including Russia, USA, Middle East, Asia, South Africa & South America.

'Lost Land of the Volcano', BBC NHU: Camera operator. I spent six weeks in the jungles of Papua New Guinea working on this Golden Panda Award winning wildlife/adventure expedition documentary, following presenters & scientists exploring the environment and wildlife in & around an extinct volcanic crater.

'That Paralympic Show', Boomerang: Camera operator. Two series of presenter-led sporting & lifestyle show including location work with multiple presenters & sporting event coverage.

'Extraordinary Animals – the Dolphin Who Can See With His Ears', Blink: Second camera working with Michael Pitts, filming topside sections of this factual documentary looking at the echolocation talents of dolphins.

'The Burrowers', Dragonfly: Wildlife camera operator. Filming water voles in a pre-built set.

'Quiksilver Pro France' & 'Roxy Pro France', Boomerang: Camera operator. I filmed four years of these two annual international surfing competitions; live outside broadcast event coverage & interviews, & pre-recorded VT's.

'The Clare Balding Show', Boom Pictures: Camera operator. Sports chat show, studio & location work.

'The Culture Show', BBC Scotland: Camera operator. Filming on location with presenter & contributors for this arts & culture show.

OTHER:

Visual Impact Bristol, 2005-09: Four years at a leading facilities house working as a camera operator and camera assistant, co-ordinating hire equipment and providing technical support for productions including many from the BBC Natural History Unit.

Event & corporate filming for Vans, Quiksilver, Red Bull, Monster Energy, Nissan, Garmin, Crossfit, Equine Films, National Grid, Pukka Tea.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Full clean current driving license and own car.
- Visual Impact Lighting for Camera Operators course.
- MIRA (Medicine In Remote Areas).
- I am qualified to provide surface support on media diving projects. I also have a good knowledge of Scuba equipment repair and maintenance having previously taught scuba diving for the BSAC.
- Aida/British Freediving Association 2 star – I am a competent breathhold diver (to 30 metres) and snorkeler, and have experience filming underwater.
- BSAC Emergency Oxygen Administrator.
- TDI Gas Blender.
- RYA level 2 Powerboat.

EDUCATION:

University of Bristol, 1999 – 2002.

BA Honours, Archaeology II(i)