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CINEMATIC PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A hybrid camera technician operating at the intersection of high-end narrative production and natural history filmmaking. A decade of credits across Netflix, Apple TV+, Disney, Warner Bros., National Geographic, Sky and the BBC — moving fluidly between Dolly & Crane Operator roles on major motion pictures, and CCR Safety Diver, Underwater Camera Operator and Drone Operator on landmark natural history series.

Trusted on sets where the margin for error is zero: rebreather work at depth, rope-access rigs in remote terrain, complex telescoping crane moves on stage. Known for technical precision, calm execution under pressure, and a working understanding of cross-departmental logistics that keeps shots — and crews — moving safely.

CORE TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Specialised Camera Movement	Telescoping cranes · Dolly & Crane Operator (multi-season episodic) · Remote heads (Shotover M1, Immortal Phoenix, Ronin 2) · Cable-cam rigging · Speciality camera rigging for stunt & action units
Underwater & Marine Camera	CCR rebreather diving on rEvo III and Hollis Prism 2 platforms · Gates & Nauticam underwater housings · Underwater Camera Operation · Dive Supervision · Safety Diving on multi-camera natural history shoots
Aerial Operations	Multi-jurisdiction drone operator: Transport Canada · FAA Part 107 · EASA A1–A3 · CASA RePL — qualified to deploy across Canadian, US, European and Australian production environments
Rigging, Rope Access & Working at Height	IATSE Lead Grip / Key Grip credits · IRATA Level 1 rope access · Top-rope and trad / multi-pitch anchor systems · Basic canopy access · Fall protection

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY & PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Natural History & Documentary

Sea Otters: A Wild Family Adventure · 2026

Definition Films / K2 Studios · 3D IMAX Feature

CCR Safety Diver · Assistant Camera · Drone Operator

Multi-disciplinary role on a large-format theatrical feature — closed-circuit rebreather safety dives, camera assist and aerial cinematography across the same production.

Running Wild: Return to the River · 2026

Mission Partners · 3D IMAX Feature

Key Grip · Assistant Camera

Key grip and camera assist on a large-format theatrical wildlife feature.

Life on the Edge · 2025 · post-production

CBC Canada · Landmark Wildlife Series

Safety Diver · Assistant Camera · Drone Operator

Three-discipline role on a flagship Canadian wildlife series, spanning safety diving, camera assist and aerial units.

Untitled Whale Project · 2024 · post-production

Definition Films / K2 Studios · 3D IMAX Feature

CCR Safety Diver · Assistant Camera · Drone Operator

Large-format theatrical cetacean feature — rebreather safety diving, camera assist and drone work in open-water environments.

Blue Planet III · 2024 · post-production

BBC Studios · Landmark Wildlife Series

CCR Safety Diver · Assistant Camera · Drone Operator

Closed-circuit rebreather, camera assist and aerial operations for the next instalment of the BBC's flagship blue-chip ocean series.

Shared Planet · 2022 / 23

River Road Films for CBC · Series

Safety Diver · Drone Operator · Second Camera · Assistant Camera

Four-hat technical role across surface, sub-surface and aerial units on a landmark Canadian natural history series.

Secrets of the Octopus · 2022

SeaLight Pictures for National Geographic · Series

CCR Safety Diver · Second Camera · Assistant Camera

Long-duration silent-running rebreather work supporting intimate behavioural cephalopod cinematography.

Our Planet II · 2022

Silverback Films for Netflix · Series

Safety Diver · Assistant Camera

Underwater safety and camera support on a flagship Netflix natural history production.

Islands — Nature's Wild Laboratories · 2022

Wall to Wall Media for Sky TV · Series

CCR Safety Diver · Dive Supervisor · Rope Access Technician · Second Camera · Assistant Camera

Five-discipline deployment combining dive supervision, IRATA rope-access rigging and second-camera duties in remote island ecosystems.

Island of the Seawolves · 2021

Wild Space for Netflix · Series

Safety Diver · Underwater Camera Operator · Cable-Cam Rigger · Drone Operator · Second Camera · Assistant Camera

Six-discipline role on a remote-coast wildlife shoot — hands on every camera platform from rebreather to cable-cam to drone.

Americas' National Parks · 2021 — Wildstar Films for National Geographic · Series · Assistant Camera

Animal · 2021 — Plimsoll Productions for Netflix · Series · Assistant Camera · Drone Operator

In the Shadow of the Hill · 2016 — Stan · Feature Film · Second Camera · Assistant Camera

Television & Feature Films

Gundham · 2026 · in production — Legendary · Feature Film · Dolly & Crane Operator

Greyhound · 2026 · post-production — Apple TV+ · Feature Film · Dolly & Crane Operator

Subversion · 2025 · post-production — MGM · Feature Film · Underwater Grip

Godzilla x Kong: Supernova · 2025 · post-production — Legendary · Feature Film · Dolly & Crane Operator

Anaconda · 2025 — Sony Pictures · Feature Film · Water Grip

Invasion · 2024 — Apple TV+ · Series, Season 3 · Dolly & Crane Operator

Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes · 2022 — Disney · Feature Film · Camera Grip

Mad Max: Furiosa · 2022 — Warner Bros. · Feature Film · Speciality Camera Rigging

Ticket to Paradise · 2022 — Universal Pictures · Feature Film · Senior Grip

Mix Tape · 2021 — Netflix · Feature Film · Camera Grip · Dolly & Crane Operator

Schmigadoon! · 2020 — Apple TV+ · Series · Camera Grip · Dolly & Crane Operator · Rigging Grip

Charmed · 2019 — The CW · Series, Season 2 · Camera Grip · Dolly & Crane Operator

Altered Carbon · 2019 — Netflix · Series, Season 2 · Camera Grip · Dolly & Crane Operator

See · 2018 — Apple TV+ · Series, Season 1 · Lead Grip · 2nd Unit Key Grip

A Series of Unfortunate Events · 2017 — Netflix · Series, Seasons 2 & 3 · Lead Grip · Main Unit Key Grip

Pacific Rim: Uprising · 2016 — Legendary · Feature Film · Senior Grip

No Tomorrow · 2016 — Warner Bros. Television · Series · Grip

CERTIFICATIONS & SPECIALISED TRAINING

Commercial & Technical Diving	DCBC Commercial SCUBA Diver · ADAS Part 1 Diver · TDI Air Diluent CCR Diver (rEvo III & Hollis Prism 2) · Commercial NITROX Diver / Gas Blender · Diver's Medical
Medical & Safety	Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) · Wilderness First Responder (WFR) · Basic Life Support (HCP) · CPR / AED · Dive Accident Management · Oxygen Provider
Rope Access, Rigging & Working at Height	IRATA Level 1 · Basic Canopy Access Proficiency · Top-Rope Anchor Systems · Trad & Multi-Pitch Climbing · Fall Protection Awareness
Aerial / Drone (Multi-Jurisdiction)	Transport Canada Operator · FAA Part 107 · EASA A1-A3 · CASA RePL
Other Equipment Training	Shotover M1 & Immortal Phoenix · Gates Underwater Housing · IATSE Remote Head Training · IATSE Camera Assistant Traineeship · IATSE Grip & Lighting Training

EDUCATION

Bachelor of International Business Management · Charles Sturt University · 2011

A formal grounding in international operations, logistics and cross-cultural project management — applied daily on set to navigate production scheduling, multi-departmental coordination, vendor and travel logistics across multiple jurisdictions, and the operational efficiency that distinguishes a reliable technician from a great one.