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Researcher - Self Shooter - Editor - Biologist - Naturalist

Profile

Tech-savvy biologist, researcher and self-shooter with a passion for the natural world. My strengths lie in my interpersonal skills, practical approach to problem solving, exceptional eye for detail and ability to rapidly learn new processes and technology. Experienced with camera, sound, editing and working with talent as demonstrated in my recent Cuba film and other work.

Recent Work

Camera Operator

Bristol Natural History Consortium - Communicate 2014 Conference (Nov 2014)

- Operating Canon XF 305 as part of two camera set-up at 2 day event with BBC NHU's Paul Williams.

Camera Operator/Sound Recordist

Aardman Slapstick Comedy Festival (Jan 2014 - present)

- Self-shooting/lighting & sound recording pieces to camera with comedy talent such as Jack Dee & Michael Palin at various venues.

Marketing Intern

Wildscreen Film & Photography Festival (Aug - Nov 2014)

- Writing and publishing newsletters, website updates and social media content
- Managing team of 9 photographer and social media volunteers throughout the festival
- Facilitator of Panda Award Final Jury

Editor

Aardman Slapstick Comedy Festival - Trailer (Sept 2014 - Present)

- Editing trailer from self-shot/edited footage of comedy festival to be shown at the Watershed cinema for marketing purposes.

Self-Shooting Researcher/Producer/Editor - Cuban Expedition Film

Treasure Island - Tropical Dry Forests of the Isle of Youth, Cuba. (April - Sept 2014)

- Obtained unique access to follow expedition to remote Cuban Island with critically endangered forest.
- Organised equipment and filming logistics, self-shot, sound recorded, used DIY steadicam and sliders.
- Required advanced knowledge of animal behaviour, physical endurance, quick thinking and sharp camera operation to create sequences of unique wildlife and scientific research.
- Edited, Dubbed, Mixed, Colour Graded final film in professional suites.

Camera Operator/Sound Recordist/Editor

Aardman Slapstick Comedy Festival, Comedy Legend Award & Fundraiser (Jan - June 2014)

- Film/Edit Barry Humphries last appearance on stage and award presentation at St Georges Hall, Bristol
- Film/Edit/Sound messages of congratulations from comedy talent such as Rob Brydon, Miriam Margoyles, Sharon Osbourne, Kylie Minogue and the 'Inbetweeners'
- Filming/Editing various stage shows throughout the festival which required professionalism and camera competence to capture/edit material for online and archive purposes.

Director/Editor/Colourist For Broadcast Television Programme

Brilliant Britain - Community Channel (TX - January 2014)

- Edited segment for Bristol episode of Brilliant Britain about a creative artspace in the city centre.
- Directed various pieces to camera.

Self-Shooting Filmmaker

UWE - Department of Applied Sciences (Sept 2012)

- Commissioned to join a fieldwork expedition to Cornwall to make short film for promotional use at university open days and online distribution.
- Filmed both topside and underwater during seine netting and estuarine bird surveys.

Other Work and Volunteering

Executive Officer and PA to Director

Highways Agency (July 2012 – Sept 2013)

- Creating, updating, improving and inputting into Excel spreadsheets, logging data onto various databases ensuring attention to detail and arranging/chairing meetings.
- Corresponding with Members of Parliament, Local Authorities and public with correct use of tone.
- Progressed up 2 stages of staff band within 10 months of employment (left to pursue MA)

Forest And Scuba Diving Research Expedition

UWE - Isle Of Youth, Cuba. (March – April 2012)

- Conducting ecological and biological research as part of an ongoing 6 year study of ecological data, contributing to research paper expected for publishing in 2014.
- Capturing, measuring, tagging and documenting wild birds, butterflies, bats and reptiles.
- SCUBA diving ecological sampling and surveying of coral reef habitats.

Marine Conservationist

Projects Abroad - Ao Nang, Thailand (March - April 2009)

- Conducting fish surveys to monitor species abundance and diversity along transects on the reef.
- Logging various data sets onto computer databases and writing newsletters/articles for website.
- Salvage diving to retrieve litter, fishing nets and fishing equipment from the coral reef.

Additional Skills

- Camera: Experience of both large format & DSLR filmmaking inc. RED Sony FS700 & Canon 5D mk3
- Edit: Final Cut Pro, Adobe Creative Suite, Izotope RX, Avid Pro Tools, Da Vinci Resolve.
- Hours of R/C UAV pilot and UAV camera operation experience
- PADI Advanced Diver
- Full Clean Driving Licence

Hobbies and Interests

- Cricket - Unbeaten record as University 1st Team Captain
- Pianist and music composer on production software
- Engineer of effective DIY DSLR Camera Rigs such as Sliders and Steadicams.
- DSLR Wildlife Long-lens, Macro & Landscape photography .
- Widely travelled: China, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Cook Islands, USA, Cuba, Tanzania

Education

MASTERS - SEPT 2013 - SEPT 2014

MA Wildlife Filmmaking

University of the West of England in partnership with the BBC

UNDER GRADUATE DEGREE: SEPT 2009 - JUNE 2012

2.1 BSc (Hons) Environmental Biology

University of the West of England

References

Roger Webb - BBC NHU
Details available on request.

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