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OBJECTIVE

Having taken a year off to travel Australia I am returning to Canada to once again focus on my freelance career.

EXPERIENCE

Director of Photography (HVX 200), Blink Media Works, Vancouver BC **2007-2011**

As full time DOP, I was responsible for the lighting, set design and filming of all projects. Some of our advertising was for such well known companies as HP, Microsoft, Samsung and Panasonic. As well, I was at the helm of our broadcast cable TV show "GetConnected" which still airs today. With Blink I also worked on numerous other corporate videos, commercials and company profiles. I have recently begun freelancing with Blink once again following my travels from 2010-2011.

Camera Operator (HVX 200), OutTV, Vancouver BC **2009-2010**

I worked as second camera (b-cam) as well as DOP on a variety of gay and lesbian lifestyle programming for this nationally broadcast cable network.

Production Assistant, Canucks Sports & Entertainment, Vancouver BC **2008-2010**

Set up of cameras, cabling, lights and monitors for the in house jumbotron feed for Vancouver Canucks NHL hockey games. I also was able to operate shoulder cam for pre-game warm ups and crowd shots.

Videographer (HPX 9000), NBC/The Weather Channel, Vancouver BC **February, 2010**

During the 2010 Winter Olympic Games I contracted as a Videographer/Camera Operator for the American Broadcaster NBC and their affiliate The Weather Channel. For the entire month I worked a swing shift between nights and days to perform live report hits as well as film news stories for nightly broadcast.

Camera Operator (Beta Cam), Unlimited Video Staging, Calgary AB **Summer, 2007**

I returned to Calgary during the Stampede and acted as the front of stage shoulder camera-op for a live series of concerts at the Saddledome (Including Bon Jovi, Big and Rich, and The Tragically Hip). I also assisted in set up and tear down of video production gear including the rigging of screens

Production Assistant, Fusion Television, Vancouver BC **April-June, 2007**

As part of the Locations department I was the first and last on set and assisted with prepping and wrapping the locations for the HGTV home renovation series 'Take it Outside.' Other duties included Craft Service detail, driving locations vans for equipment pick up and drop off, and assisting in the renovation of the homes.

Camera Operator (Beta Cam D30, D35), Manda Film & Video, Calgary AB **2002-2007**

After graduation from film & television school in 2002 I was hired on in contractor/freelancer capacity. With Manda I performed duties as a Camera Operator, as well as Sound, and Grip when necessary. Some of our main productions included: Spruce Meadows Horse Jumping (Camera Op - live sporting events, documentaries), Bugs and Blooms (Grip/Dolly Grip - syndicated garden/lifestyle program), and Open Homes (Camera Op/Sound - A five season long home renovation program).

Speakers Corner Representative, Access Television/City TV, Calgary AB **2004-2007**

Duties included maintenance, machine relocations, tape changing, public relations, wrangling, and occasional camera work filming interviews at live events. I was required to work independently as the show producers were located in Edmonton.

Camera Operator (SR-300), Del-Tech Production, Calgary AB **2006-2007**

Live to tape/mobile productions. Concerts, recitals, weddings.

- Wedding Videographer (PD150), Day One Studios, Calgary AB** 2006-2007
- Videographer (PD150), LCP Productions, Calgary AB** 2006-2007
I helped film and coordinate various live events and music videos for the Loose Cannon Playaz hip hop group.
- Videographer (SR-300/HD900/HD750), Pyramid Productions, Calgary AB** 2006
I was contracted to shoot segments for some of their many syndicated entertainment and lifestyle programs. My work included pieces for Hollywood's 10 Best, Whatever Happened To?, Books into Film, Shaw TV programs and E-Beat.
- Camera Operator (Sony Z1U), Canadian Learning Television, Calgary AB** 2004-2005
I was one of three cameramen lighting and shooting studio style interview segments during the 3 seasons of production on "The Antique Psychic"
- Location Sound, GLC Communications, Calgary AB** 2005
"Dances With Bulls" a cable broadcast documentary on rodeo clown bull fighters
- Camera Assistant/Grip, The Edge Cinematography, Calgary AB** 2003-2007
Projects included advertisement campaigns for CTV, Global, Enmax Power and Calgary Waterworks
- Camera Assistant/Grip, HDTV Productions, Calgary AB** 2002-2007
CTV Ad campaigns, Power 107 ad campaigns, Synopsis conferences, Various corporate and commercial projects
- PA/Talent Wrangler, Canadian Idol/CTV, Calgary AB** 2003, 2005
In both years I worked for this nationally broadcast Idol program wrangling talent to their auditions
- Locations Production Assistant, Various Feature Films, Alberta Canada** 2002
X MEN 2, Don't Call me Tonto, The Great Goose Caper
- Location Sound (Shure FP33), Entrepreneur Canada, Calgary AB** 2002
- Camera Assistant, The Discovery Channel/Saturn Communications, Medicine Hat AB** June 2002
- Camera Operator (PD150), The Inner City Race, Calgary AB** June 2002
- In Car Camera Technician, TV2Go/TSN, Edson/Longview AB** May 2002

EDUCATION

- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology** September 2000 – April 2002
Full-Time CTSR 2 year film/video program. Graduated with honours.
- SAIT/Mount Royal College** October 1998 – April 2000
Various part- time film and TV related studies.
- Lord Beaverbrook High School** Sept 1993 - June 1996
Graduated with Grade 12 Diploma.

REFERENCES

Al Hattori, Producer/Director, Blink Media Works
Howard Sappington, Producer, The Weather Channel/NBC
Nicky Forsman, Producer, OutTV
Ryan Hollings, CEO/DOP, Manda Film & Video
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