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ABOUT...

A South African wildlife and documentary cinematographer & photographer with extensive experience in remote locations. As a former game ranger, skipper, and commercial scuba diver, I am well versed in animal behaviour and skilled in documenting the natural world to inspire conservation. My purpose & dedication is to tell powerful and beautiful cinematic stories of wildlife and humanity through film and photography that deepens appreciation for the natural world.

KEY CREDITS & COLLABORATIONS

BBC NHU | Silverback Films | Netflix | Plimsoll Productions | Discovery Channel | National Geographic | Disney+ | Smithsonian Channel | PBS Nature | Talesmith TV

EXPERIENCE...

FREELANCE CINEMATOGRAPHER & CAMERA OPERATOR | VAN VUUREN VISUALS | Jan 2020 - Present

- Contributed to a wide range of projects for top broadcasters and production companies.
- Specialised in capturing compelling natural history and documentary stories on location globally.
- Managed multiple aspects of production, from camera operation and DIT to logistics and equipment maintenance.

NETFLIX - "Penguin Town" | 6-month contract, 2020

- Contributed to an eight part series that received 6 Daytime Emmy nominations and 3 wins (1 for cinematography).
- Served as Camera Assistant and Camera Operator, handling RED Helium, Gemini, and Dragon cameras. Underwater BTS camera operator.
- Managed gear & maintenance for the shoot and operated the Predator Arm Jib and Ronin 2.

BBC NATURAL HISTORY UNIT - "Planet Earth III" | June 2021

- Served as Camera Assistant & Gimbal Operator.

SILVERBACK FILMS - "The Mating Game" | Nov 2020 - Jan 2021 & "Parenthood" | June 2023

- Served as Camera/Technical Assistant and Camera Operator (**The Mating Game**)
- Additional Photography (**Parenthood**)

PLIMSOLL PRODUCTIONS - "Extreme Planet Earth" | Aug 2024 - Oct 2024

- Served as Camera Operator on location in Botswana.
- Operated RED V-Raptor S35, RED Gemini, and DJI Mavic Pro 3 Cine.
- Assisted with the F1 Shotover system and managed vehicle logistics.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED...

PBS NATURE - "Oceans Greatest Feast" | Mar 2021 - Jul 2021

- Nominated for Best Marine Film at the 2022 Green Screen Nature Film Festival.
- Served as Camera Operator on the Phantom Flex 4K and RED Gemini.
- Operated RED Gemini in Nauticam LT underwater housing and DJI Ronin RS2 gimbal.
- Managed DIT on shoot.

SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL - "Epic Animal Migrations" | 2022-2023

- Served as Camera Operator on location in Patagonia, Chile, and Argentina.
- Operated RED Gemini, Phantom Flex 4K, and Tilta Float system.

TALESMITH TV - "Gladiators" | Nov 2022

- Served as Camera Operator on location in South Africa.
- Operated RED V-Raptor, Tilta Float system, and DJI Mavic 3 Cine Drone.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC \ DISNEY+ - "Jaws Invasion" | Sept 2021 - Oct 2021

- Served as Camera Operator on location.
- Operated RED Gemini, Canon R5, and DJI Mavic 2 Pro.

REWILD AFRICA - "Shifting Power Documentary" | 2023

- Served as DOP on a documentary screened at the COP 2023 climate change conference in Dubai.
- Travelled to Uganda, Senegal, Kenya, and Cameroon to document local communities and their relationship with natural resources and those that would exploit these natural resources and destroy environments and communities.

7Films - TVC camera operator

- Served as camera operator on TVC's with the company 7Films base in South Africa.
- Clients included the EU (European Union) for Ad campaigns on Republic of Congo Gorilla Conservation

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TECHNICAL SKILLS & GEAR PROFICIENCY

- **Cameras:** RED V-Raptor S35, V-Raptor VV, Komodo, Gemini, Helium, Scarlet W, Dragon | Phantom Flex 4K | Sony FX9, FX6, FX3, A7SIII, A7RIV, A7RV | ARRI Alexa Mini | Blackmagic Ursa Mini & S35 | DJI Ronin 4D | Panasonic S1H, GH5S | Canon R5C
- **Drones:** Mavic Pro 4, Mavic 3 Cine, Inspire 2.
- **Underwater:** RED Gemini, Sony A7SIII, and Panasonic GH5S with Nauticam underwater housings.
- **Gimbals, Jibs & Sliders:** F1 Shotover, Tilta Float System, Ronin 2, Ronin RS3 & RS4 Pro, Syrp Genie II, Rhino 2, Edelkrone, Cinema Devices Predator Arm Jib.
- **Sound:** Zoom H5 & H6, Sennheiser 416 Mics, Sennheiser Lapel Mics, Sony Lapel Mics.
- **Software:** Adobe Lightroom Classic, Adobe Premiere Pro

FIELD & PRODUCTION SKILLS

- **Field Craft:** Extensive experience as a Game Ranger for many years in South and Southern Africa, Bush Guide, and Overland Guide in Africa. Technical off-road driving, animal behaviour, and anti-poaching patrols & operations.
- **Remote Work:** Proficient in working in physically demanding and remote locations globally for extended periods of time. **Africa, Antarctica, South America, Australia & Europe.**
- **Maritime:** Commercial Scuba Diver (Class IV License), PADI Advanced Divers License, Freediver, Skipper (Category C License) with extensive experience in marine environments both on vessels at sea & underwater with well over 100+ hours of dives underwater. Bahamas Seaman's Book.
- **Safety:** Wilderness First Aid instructed by a combat medic for animal attacks and gunshot wounds in remote wilderness areas. STCW Corwd Management, STCW Security & Awareness.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- **UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA** | Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Tourism Management
- **FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa)** | Qualified Nature Guide & Lead Trails Guide for walking safaris Distinction)
- **Licenses:** EC-Driver's licenses (Code 14 heavy truck license), Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH), A1+A3 EU Drone License. Class IV Commercial SCUBA Diving License with in date medical.
- **AECO & IAATO** Certificates

REFERENCES

Contact information for references are available upon request