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Background

Grew up in South Island, NZ; Certificates in Journalism, running a record label, working for DOC (Dept of Conservation), extensive overseas travel and from my mid twenties, working in the film industry…

Film work and 1st AD Philosophy

Thorough planning is paramount to any successful shoot. Respect of people and environments, along with a good dose of humour and humanity, are the essentials to a well-working set!

Feature Films & International TV

TVS - A Remarkable Place To Die S2 **(2025-26)**	Screentime/ZDF	*Queenstown, NZ*
3 x 90 min eps: 1,3,5	Dir: Peter Burger, Charlie Haskell	
TVS - Playing Gracie Darling **(2024-25)**	Curio Pictures/Paramount+	*Sydney, NSW*
6 x 60 min eps:1-6; Prod: Rachel Gardner, Dir: Jonathan Brough		
FF - SPIT (2024)	Dir: Jonathan Tepliztky	*Gold Coast, QLD*
20 year follow up to "Getting Square" w/ David Wenham, David Field, Gary Sweet		
FF - Bookworm **(2023)**	Dir: Ant Timpson	*South Island, NZ*
An estranged Father follows his daughter into the wilds on a quest w/ Elijah Wood		
FF - Force of Nature **(2022)**	Dir: Robert Connolly	*Melbourne, Victoria*
Follow up to 'The Dry' w/ Eric Bana		
TVS - Irreverent **(2021-22)** Matchbox/NBC, Dir: Jonathan Tepliztky		*Cairns/Gold Coast, QLD*
5 x 60 min eps: 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, Prod: Tom Hoffie, Creator: Paddy Macrae		
FF - No Exit **(2021)** 20th Century/Disney	Dir: Damien Power	*Rotorua/Auckland, NZ*
In a winter blizzard a woman discovers a kidnapped child		
FF - Nude Tuesday **(2020)**	Dir: Armagan Ballantyne	*South Island/Auckland, NZ*
A middle class couple go on a new age camp retreat		
FF - Black Christmas **(2019)** Blumhouse/Universal	Dir: Sophia Takal	*Otago, NZ*
A group of Sorority Girls are stalked and attacked & take revenge		
FF - Harpiks **(2018)** Zentropa	Dir: Daniel Borgman	*Fyn, Denmark*
A families isolated island existence turns into a nightmare		
FF - Hunt for the Wilderpeople **(2016)**	Dir: Taika Waititi	*North Island/Auckland, NZ*
An unlikely duo try to escape the law and hide in the NZ wilderness		
FF - Love Has No Language **(2010)**	Dir: Ken Khan	*Auckland, NZ*
A cross cultural love story between a Maori boy and an Indian girl		
FF - A Song Of Good **(2008)**	Dir: Greg King	*Auckland, NZ*
A desperate man tries to make his world a better place		

NZ Television Drama

By the Balls (2019) Docudrama TVF, Rogue Productions	*Auckland, NZ*
Why Does Love? (2017) TVF, Great Southern/TVNZ	*Auckland, NZ*
Auckland Daze (2013) TVS, Brown Sugar/TVNZ (8 x 30 min episodes)	*Auckland, NZ*
Shortland Street (2002-3) TVS, SPP/TVNZ (approx 100 x 30 min episodes)	*Auckland, NZ*

TVC's

Worked on over 500 television commercials throughout NZ for local and global brands, including:
ANZ, Air NZ, AMI, ASB, BNZ, Bank of Singapore, BMI, Black Yak, Burger King, BP, Z, Shell 2 Degrees, Codral, TNCC, Cisco, Tourism NZ, Mastercard, Tower, Contact, Nissan, Nestle, Vodafone, ALAC, Stihl, Mitsubishi, VW, Sanitarium, Kia, Anchor, Meridian, Mazda, Hyundai, Mainland, McDonalds, Holden, Honda, Weetbix, Nintento, Spark, Ford, Subaru, Lexus, Toyota, Kiwibank, Countdown, New World, NZTA, Eclipse, Truvia