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Senior Cinematographer

Goal-focused and creative professional with extensive experience developing and leading overall aspects of film production processes across diverse sectors.

Qualifications Summary

- Adept at creating and delivering industry standard content while utilizing experience with high-quality production equipment and software tools.
- Excel at coordinating with producers, directors and other crew members, bringing good energy and easy communication.
- Proven to Improve production value on existing projects by introducing new ideas in lighting and shot composition.
- Skilled at conducting preproduction to post-production functions while leveraging knowledge in writing, camera, lighting, sound, editing, graphics and color grading functions.

Areas of Expertise

- Cinematography and lighting
- Tech Support
- Electrical troubleshooting
- Mac/ Windows/ Linux Os
- Writing and Directing
- Drone and gimbal operation
- Project Management
- AV Support; Zoom/Teams
- Editing and color grading
- Location sound
- Photography
- Greenscreen lighting

Career Experience

VNS Health, NY
Videographer

2021 – Present

Senior videographer and editor at VNS Health; renowned for leading all aspects of video production for corporate office comprising of 12K staff and developing creative content. Leverage better understanding of company's brand image and regulations by planning/executing tasks and collaborating with cross-functional groups.

- Enhanced production quality of videos significantly increasing viewership and production value of in-house productions.
- Led and coached team to enhance professional skills by delivering effective training sessions regarding lighting and electrical equipment usage.

Phil.makini Productions, NY/Nairobi
Director/Cinematographer

2011 – Present

Run a small production company that worked with small businesses and production companies on a freelance capacity. Owned and operated the latest equipment and trends as well as improved editing skills by liaising with experienced directors.

- Worked on projects that rose to win numerous awards and garnered millions of views through streaming platforms and news outlets.
- Directed more than 20+ short films and performed several photography tasks across different sectors.

Additional Experience

Volunteer, Bethesda Healing Center, Brooklyn, NY 2016 – Present

Curate and produce creative video campaigns for different initiatives including safety information and announcements during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sales Representative, Clarins USA 2016 – 2020

Contributed to a achieving a \$20k weekly team sales goal while finding new and innovative ways to pull new customers and get current customers to keep shopping.

Cinematographer/Editor, Black People Who Hike docuseries, US **2022 -2023**

Projects: Director of Photography for a Hiking documentary series for BPWH's National park tour | Yellowstone National Park | Acadia National Park | Great Sand Dunes National Park | Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Camera Operator, Amazon, NY

Project: Amazon multi city Documentary.

Cinematographer/Editor, Outdoor Research

Camera Operator, BBC World, NY

Project: Director of Photography for a series of African docs in the US with BBC Africa correspondent Larry Madowo.

Freelance, Camera Operator, Ready Set Media, NY

Project: Freelance Camera Operator for the Modern Hero Show

Videographer, Ascend Charter Schools, NY

Director of Photography, Black Tape Creative, NY

Project: Award- winning short film by director Raheim Robinson.

Freelance, Cinematographer Monash University Career Connect

Project: Short documentary about Monash University's Global Discovery Program in New York City.

Education

Bachelors of Arts in Film Production

City University of New York - Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY

Associates of Arts in Digital Film, Video and Television; Major: Cinematography

Africa Digital Media Institute, Nairobi, KE

Awards

Best Short Documentary, International World Film Awards

Winner, Impact Docs Award

Featured, Think Shorts Film Festival

Best Director, DMO Film Festival (2020)

Quarantine Film Contest Winner, Shorts Film Festival (2020)

11th Collection Winner, International portrait photography contest (2017)

Languages

English and Swahili