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PROFILE

I am an initiative-taking, dependable, and perceptive second-year Film Production student, and Production Assistant with two feature film credits: experienced in production design, camera, lighting, and promotional content.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

University for the Creative Arts - Bachelor's degree Film Production	2025
HSDC Alton - UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma Film & TV Production: Distinction	2024
Activities and societies: Deputy Editor of the Alton Alternative student magazine from September 2023 to June 2024.	
HSDC Alton - UAL Level 2 Diploma Creative Media Production: Distinction	2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

Production Assistant | Black Hangar Studios (West End Films) May 2025 to Jun 2025

- Assisted the Art Department in building and dressing sets for the film 'Breaking Cover', enhancing visual storytelling.
- Managed on-set craft services, ensuring best support for cast and crew during production.
- Collaborated with the camera department to load 35mm film, streamlining the filming process.
- Assisted the Lighting Department in rigging lighting stands, ensuring the generator's fuel level was correct, preventing power outages, and supported Gaffers whilst they worked at height, enabling them to undertake their duties safely.
- Volunteered to work overtime on two consecutive occasions, supporting the crew in the preparation and de-rigging of the set, helping to ensure the production wrapped on time.
- Supported a fellow Runner on a shopping trip, navigating them to our intended destination after they missed the correct turn, and recommended them on the most economical products to buy, saving us time and the production money.

Freelance Camera Operator | Farnham Town Council Nov 2024 to Nov 2024

- Filmed a Remembrance Sunday parade and service for Farnham Town Council, capturing the event in a single continuous take.
- Proved strong initiative and adaptability in a high-pressure environment to meet client expectations.
- The resulting video became the third-most-popular November post on the council's Facebook page,

displaying effective storytelling.

Freelance Video Editor | Insightful Video Production

Oct 2023 to Oct 2023

- Prepared and organized video footage for seamless editing, ensuring high-quality output.
- Developed and applied custom LUT files to keep a consistent visual style across all clips.
- Used motion graphics to craft engaging titles, enhancing viewer retention and interest.
- Edited event footage to align with upbeat musical scores, creating dynamic and memorable content.

Production Assistant | Black Hangar Studios (Tiny Apples Productions)

Jun 2023 to Jul 2023

- Aided the director during filming by providing visual cues to the cast, enhancing performance quality.
- Coordinated cast and crew transportation to set, ensuring prompt arrivals.
- Collaborated with the Art Department to manage props and set design, contributing to a seamless production environment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technical skills

- Motion Graphics & Masking
- Speed Ramping
- Rapid Cutting
- Motion Tracking
- Sound Design
- Colour Grading
- Generator Operation

INTERESTS

I volunteer at the Watercress Line, an award-winning heritage railway as part of their Films Unit, capturing restoration projects, promoting upcoming events, and highlighting the various roles available. I primarily form the camera crew for the flagship series on the railway's YouTube channel, entitled 'In the Loop', but I also edit short-form content for events, such as the world-famous 'Steam Illuminations'.

From 2016 - 2022, I attended Basingstoke Stage School, where I wrote, directed, and starred in both long and short plays. During my third year, I won the 'Senior Endeavour' award, one of the highest you could achieve.

REFERENCES

William Stratford | Head - Watercress Films Unit Watercress Line

Ryan McDonnell | Director - Insightful Video Production LTD.

Juggy Singh | Freelance Set Decorator - West End Films Producer - BSB Films

Jenny Dequerain | Mayoral Secretary – Farnham Town Council

Paul Usher | Lecturer in Film Production – University for the Creative Arts

Colin Flaherty | Principal – Basingstoke Stage School