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EXPERIENCE

DEADMAU5 – “SPIRIT OF THE GUMBALL(3000)”

Director / Camera / Editor

Three Six Zero Group (Roc Nation)

Captured ‘Team Purrari’ (Joel Zimmerman – aka Deadmau5 & Mythbuster Tory Belleci) on RED-EPIC 6k as they drove the infamous Gumball3000 Rally, an arduous & hilarious trek from Miami, Florida, to Ibiza, Spain completed in less than a week. Edited exclusive content from the road (Prep video & Music Video MiniMix promoting Deadmau5’s new album While(1<2) as well as a 20-minute documentary entitled “Spirit of The Gumball.”

KIMBRA – ‘MAKING THE GOLDEN ECHO’

Director / Editor / Add’l Camera

Warner Music Group

Series of 6 x 4minute videos documenting New Zealand songstress Kimbra as she created her second album ‘The Golden Echo,’ utilizing personal iphone photos and videos captured by her throughout the process.

STARKEY / VIRGIN UNITE

Camera / Editor

Articulus Entertainment

Promo video highlighting the partnership between Starkey Hearing Aid Foundation & Virgin Unite, featuring a visit by Richard Branson & the Starkey team to Bhubezi Healthcare Clinic in South Africa, October 2013.

KAY JEWELERS – ‘ARTISTRY DIAMONDS’ AD (Behind the Scenes)

Camera / Editor

Stern Advertising

Behind the scenes look at the technology used in filming extreme close-ups & slow-motion shots of falling, colored diamonds for Kay’s latest commercial spots.

KAY JEWELERS & JARED JEWELERS – VARIOUS BEHIND THE SCENES

Camera / Editor

Stern Advertising

Exclusive look at the time, effort & creative filmmaking that goes into capturing the beauty of diamonds for a variety of scripted commercial spots (including “Happy Holidays/Charmed Memories” & “Christmas” spots for Kay & “Chocolate Diamonds” for Jared).

KREWELLA – “LIVE FOR THE NIGHT” Behind the Scenes

Director / Camera / Editor

Columbia Music

Long-form behind the scenes capturing the making of the electronic trio’s latest music video.

FEED ME & CRYSTAL FIGHTERS –

Director / Camera / Editor

“LOVE IS ALL I GOT (Feed Me’s Matilda Remix)”

Columbia Music / Three Six Zero Group / Roc Nation

Music video featuring live footage from British dj Feed Me’s North American tour.

DEADMAU5 + WOLFGANG GARTNER – “NOKIA SWITCH (feat. Channel 42)”

Editor

EMI UK / Nokia / Three Six Zero (Roc Nation)

Tripped out music video featuring Deadmau5 and footage shot at a Nokia-sponsored live lightshow/event in London.

EMELI SANDÉ – “OUR VERSION OF EVENTS (FROM THE ROAD)” Director / Camera / Editor
EMI UK

12-minute documentary following top-selling UK artist Emeli Sandé on her final and biggest tour to date, stopping in Dublin, Glasgow, Birmingham and ending at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

PANDORA BOXX – “NICE CAR (SHAME ABOUT YOUR PENIS)” Director / Camera / Editor
Pandorable Music

Official music video following superstar drag queen Pandora Boxx ('RuPaul's Drag Race - Season 2' / "All Star Drag Race") and her gang of SuperVixens on an 'adults only'/Russ Meyer-inspired mission to rid the city of dirtbags. Features an all-star cast of quirky misfits, including the comedy duo Jessica & Hunter.

JAMES BROWN – “IT’S A MAN’S MAN’S MAN’S WORLD” Director / Camera / Editor
Genero.TV / Saatchi & Saatchi

Music video featuring Pandora Boxx for Genero's 'James Brown: A Music Video Challenge'. Viewership hit nearly 1000 in less than 48 hours after posting.

EMELI SANDÉ – N. AMERICAN TOUR Behind the Scenes Director / Camera
EMI UK

Intimate, behind the scenes documentation of Brit Award-winning Emeli Sandé on her first US Tour, including shows in Los Angeles & New York City.

DEADMAU5 – “PROFESSIONAL GRIEFERS” Behind the Scenes Director / Camera / Editor
EMI UK / Weapons of Mass Entertainment

Filmed interviews & b-roll for a 'making the video' for Deadmau5's latest single, featuring Gerard Way of My Chemical Romance, incredible VFX & over 3,000 screaming fans as extras.

STARKEY HEARING AID FOUNDATION (Untitled Project) Camera
Articulus Entertainment / WONDROS

Ongoing documentary series following ambassadors from the Starkey Foundation who fit & provide hearing aids to people in need around the globe. Missions filmed include multiple visits to Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Philippines, India, Malaysia/Malaysian Borneo, South Africa, Lesotho, Rwanda, Kenya, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, .

“KYLIE: MY YEAR AS APHRODITE” Director / Camera / Editor
TBM / EMI UK

An intimate, hour-long official documentary following superstar Kylie Minogue from the launch of her "Aphrodite" album in the Summer of 2010, through to the end of her epic, 77-show/5 continent "Aphrodite – Les Folies Tour 2011." Loaded with raw backstage moments & a candid Kylie the world hasn't seen. SKY LIVING – UK + QANTAS In-Air

'STYLIST' MAGAZINE (UK) / Kylie Minogue Editorial Director / Camera / Editor
Filmed behind the scenes & interview footage with Kylie to promote her cover & 25-page editorial spread in the Feb 2012 issue of 'Stylist' Magazine.

PET SHOP BOYS – “FORMAT” Interview

EMI UK

Filed interview with the Pet Shop Boys to promote the release of their forthcoming b-sides album “Format.”

Director / Camera / Editor

EMELI SANDÉ - “DADDY” Behind the Scenes

EMI UK

‘Making of’ for Emeli’s second single off “Our Version of Events,” filmed in Las Vegas.

Director / Camera / Editor

KYLIE MINOGUE – “APHRODITE LES FOLIES” WORLD TOUR 2011

EMI UK / TBM

Directed, filmed & edited behind the scenes footage, tour promos, XBOX original content, Lexus original content, additional interview footage, music videos & nearly 100 official blog / youtube videos during Kylie’s five-continent, “Aphrodite – Les Folies” / “Aphrodite Live” mega-tour.

Director / Camera / Editor

DANGER MOUSE – “ROME” Album Promo

EMI UK

Filed behind the scenes & interviews with mastermind musician/producer Brian Burton (aka ‘Danger Mouse’), acclaimed Italian composer Daniele Luppi, & singers Jack White & Norah Jones during a desert photo shoot promoting their new album “Rome.”

Director / Camera / Editor

GLSEN – “SAFE SPACE KIT” PSA Series

Producer: Jonathan Del Arco, Andrew Oldershaw

Filed & edited three, 60-second PSA’s promoting the anti-bullying campaign and GLSEN’s new “Safe Space Kits”, featuring Florence Henderson, Rob Reiner, Chloe Sevigny & the cast of “Modern Family,” among others. Premiered on the debut episode of “The Talk” & later on “Entertainment Tonight.”

Director / Camera / Editor

“THE OWLS PROJECT”

Producer: Bob Jensen

Documentary/Pitch piece following fine artist Paul Kirley through his process of transforming unseen historical photographs of one of the world’s first motorcycle gangs into massive paintings as he prepares for a major gallery opening late 2012.

Director / Camera / Editor

KYLIE MINOGUE – “GET OUTTA MY WAY” Behind the Scenes

EMI UK / Factory Films/ Darenote Ltd.

12-minute documentary following Kylie on the video shoot for her latest single.

Director / Camera / Editor

KYLIE MINOGUE – “APHRODITE ALBUM/PRESS LAUNCH

EMI UK / Darenote Ltd.

Filed Kylie’s Album Launch / Press Conference for “Aphrodite” in Ibiza, Spain, along with a surprise performance at renowned nightclub Pacha, for global media distrib.

Director / Camera / Editor

KYLIE MINOGUE “ALL THE LOVERS” Behind the Scenes

EMI UK / HIS / Darenote Ltd.

12-minute documentary following Kylie on the video shoot for her single “All the Lovers.” Released on the Deluxe Edition of her chart-topping album “Aphrodite” (2010) as well as the “All The Lovers” Digital Single.

Director / Camera / Editor

“AIR FABULOUS” – Honoring American Airlines

Camera

GLAAD Awards

Comedic short film honoring American Airlines' continuing support for the LGBT community, and presented to AA during the 2009 GLAAD Awards in Los Angeles.

CAREER BUILDER – ADVERT/CONTEST ENTRY

Director / Camera / Editor

Comical entry in CareerBuilder's annual commercial contest.

“DORIT-OH's” – DORITOS CRASH THE SUPERBOWL ENTRY

Director / Camera / Editor

Comical entry proving that people phonetically can't resist the ecstatic taste of Doritos.

“LONG WAY DOWN”

Director of Photography / Music Supervisor

Elixir Films / Big Earth (BBC2, Fox Reality, National Geographic)

10-part docu-reality series following actors Ewan McGregor & Charley Boorman as they rode motorbikes from the top of Scotland, through Europe & Africa, to Cape Town.

Soundtrack distributed by EMI & Real World Records, Peter Gabriel's UK-based label.

“LONG WAY ROUND”

Director of Photography / Music Supervisor

Elixir Films / Image Wizard TV (Sky One / BBC2 – UK, Bravo – N. America)

10-part original series following actors Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman as they rode motorbikes around the world 20,000 miles – east – from London to New York.

SCREEN ACTORS GUILD

Video Specialist

Directed, shot & edited all in-house video content for SAG TV, the online video site for the National Headquarters of the Screen Actors Guild.

“THE PHONE”

Camera Operator

MTV, Producer: Justin Timberlake

6-episode (60mins), High-intensity, huge budget reality/competition series.

“THE HOLLYWOOD SHOP ”

Director / Director of Photography

TBD, Producer: Dave Blass

Pilot for new reality show following the hysterical antics of the staff of 41 Sets, a chaotic Hollywood-based set construction company.

“THE OTHER”

Director / Director of Photography / Writer

Current TV / VC2 / VC2 “On TV” Programming

Short film finalist in the Seeds of Tolerance '06 competition about sexuality, stereotypes & the right to making one's own decision.

“NO PRIVILEGES”

Director of Photography

Producer: Brian Morris & Tommy Hilfiger

Pilot following supermodel Shannon Rusbuldt-Fredo as her career pushes forward.

“SPREAD”

Behind the Scenes Cameraman / EPK

Katalyst Films

Feature film directed by David Mackenzie, starring Ashton Kutcher & Anne Heche.

“WEST COAST HIP HOP: EMERGENCE”

Director / Director of Photography

Producer: Seth Kamphuijs

Documentary following 13-year-old up-and-coming rapper John Paul Paris as he weaves his way from a gang and drug-infused upbringing to stardom.

“TAPE”**Camera Assistant**

Detour Filmproductions, InDigEnt, IFC Productions

Director: Richard Linklater

*Feature film starring Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman & Robert Sean Leonard.***“PIECES OF APRIL”****Art Department Assistant**

InDigEnt, Writer/Director: Peter Hedges

*Assisted Production Designer Rick Butler on the film starring Katie Holmes and Patricia Clarkson in her Oscar-nominated performance.***“CHELSEA WALLS”****Set Production Assistant**

Killer Films, InDigEnt, IFC Productions, John Sloss

Director: Ethan Hawke

ELIXIR FILMS**Creative Exec (2002-2005)***Oversaw project development and inquiries as well as ran the LA office, under David Alexanian & Alexis Alexanian.***INDIGENT (INDEPENDENT DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT)****Asst Office Manager (1999-2001)***Funded by IFC & BRAVO, InDigEnt, headed by Gary Winick & Alexis Alexanian, produced over a dozen high-profile indie features, each written, directed & starring all-star talent (Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman, Katie Holmes, Derek Luke...) and made for under \$150,000.***EDUCATION**

2001 Honors BFA Film & Television –

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts

1999 FAMU (Prague)

1997-1999 University of Miami (Film & Photography double-major)

SKILLS

Still Photography, Painting, Graphic Design, Illustration, AVID, Final Cut, Word, Excel, Entourage/Outlook (all basic PC & MAC-based Programs), Photoshop, Music Supervision, Soundtrack Production

REFERENCES

Available upon request.