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- 2023      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Kōkā** – (Part 2) Aku Films (Feature Film)  
            Producers: Verity Mackintosh, Libby Hakaraia, Director: Kath Akuhata-Brown
- 2023      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Canter** – Fox & Co (TVC)  
            Producer: Ange Thorne Director: Phyo Thu
- 2022/23    **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Time Bandits – 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit** – Viacom Ltd. (International TV Series)  
            UPM Tim Coddington, 2U PM Kylie Gaudin, Directors: Zoe Bell, Taika Waititi, Iain Morris
- 2022      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **It's All About You** – About You Films Ltd (Feature Film)  
            Producer: Jo Hiles, Director: Mike Smith
- 2022      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Sport NZ** – Scoundrel (TVC)  
            Producers: Pamela Harvey-White, Tony Whyman, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2022      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Nova – Four Gregs** – CPD Films (TVC)  
            Producer: Bridget Bolton-Riley, Director: Chris Dudman
- 2022      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Webtoon Canvas** – The Sweetshop (TVC)  
            Producer: Andy Mauger, Director: Dylan Pharazyn
- 2022      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Kinder Surprise** – Scoundrel (TVC)  
            Producer: Kristian Eek, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Health Span Elite / All Blacks** – Eighty One (TVC)  
            Producer: Paul Stent, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Waka Kotahi – Mixed Meds** – Revolver (TVC)  
            Producer: Mark Foster, Director: Peter Baker
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **JUST Egg** – Wrestler (TVC)  
            Producer: Deirdre Crowley, Director: Gareth Williams
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Niantic – Real World Gaming** – Wrestler (TVC)  
            Producer: Jasmine St. John, Director: Gareth Williams
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Wellington Paranormal S4** - NZ Documentary Board (TV series)  
            Producer: Paul Yates, Line Producer: Michelle Turner, Director: Jemaine Clement
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Waka Kotahi - Smoke Free Cars** - Scoundrel (TVC)  
            Producer: Breigh Sutherland, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2021      **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
            **Allbirds Breeze** – Wrestler (TVC)  
            Producer: Jasmine St. John, Director: Anita Fontaine

2021 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Huddle Insurance – Robin Murphy Productions (TVC)  
 Producer: Robin Murphy, Director: Peter Baker

2021 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Corazon – Zoom Classroom shoot / VFX Extras shoot – A24 (TV series)  
 Line Producer: Pam Hislop, Director: Joseph Gordon Levitt

2020 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Cigna Funeral Insurance - 99 (TVC)  
 Producer: Sara Alison, Director: Rachel Weaver

2020 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Interislander – Great Journeys Lead to Great Stories – Clockwork Films (TVC)  
 Producer: Peter Mayo, Director: Matt Eastwood

2020 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Hari with the Māori Sidesteps - (TV skit/sitcom show)  
 Producers: Brandon Te Moananui and Jamie McGaskill, Director: Tama Kawha

2020 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Super Gold - Clemenger BBDO (TVC)  
 Producers: Josh Rollo, Jen Gasson, Director: Brooke Benton

2019 **Floor Manager/AFM**  
What Now - Whitebait Media (Live kids TV show)  
 Production Manager: Jill Bailey, Various Directors

2019 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Colonial Combat Series 2 - Awa Films (Web Series)  
 Producers: Julian Arahanga, Becs Arahanga, Director: Julian Arahanga

2018 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Survivors (Short Film)  
 Producer/Director: Steve Barr

2018 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Turn of the Screw – Galvanized Films (Feature Film)  
 Producers: Emma Beale, Nicola Pepperkorn, Director: Alex Galvin

2018 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Maunga – (Short Film)  
 Producers: Marc Tyron, Michelle Turner, Directors: David Strong, Wanda Lepionka

2018 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Flip – Anson Hunter Ltd (Short Film)  
 Producer: Tom Boniface-Webb, Director: Jessica Grace Smith

2018 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director Tutor**  
EOT and EOY Films – NZ Film School (Short Films)  
 Guest Tutor, 1<sup>st</sup> AD and 1<sup>st</sup> AD Mentor.

2017 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Colonial Combat – Awa Films (Webseries)  
 Producer/Director: Julian Arahanga, Production Managers: Ness Patea, Ruth Korver

2017 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Pot Luck – Robin Murphy Productions (Webseries)  
 Producer: Robin Murphy, Production Manager: Michelle Turner, Director: Ness Simons

2017 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Choice Not Chance – Thick as Thieves (TVC)  
 Producer: Nik Beachman, Production Manager: Nicky Simes, Director: Michelle Savill

2014 **1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director**  
Wharewaka Shoot - Tourism NZ Business Events (live action promo shoot)  
 Producers: Nikki Walker, Nicky Symes, Director: Chris Sasarich

2014            **1st Assistant Director**  
**Rugby Meets Awesome** - Y & R (promos for Rugby Sevens for Crowd Goes Wild)  
Agency Producer: Scott Henderson, Director: James McOnie

2014            **1st Assistant Director**  
**War News** - Gibson Group (Studio shoot only - TV series)  
Producer: Gary Scott, Director: Mike Smith

2009-Ongoing   **Mother Extraordinaire**  
**Oliver & Kate Bicknell** – Children Production  
Producers: Sarah and William Bicknell

2008            **1st Assistant Director**  
**Digit** – Room 11 Productions (Short Film)  
Producer: Sandra Clark, Director: Claire Ashton

2007            **1st Assistant Director**  
**NZ Army Recruitment** – Sticky Pictures (3 x 45 Second TVCs)  
Producer: Warren Green, Director: Mark Albiston

2007            **1st Assistant Director**  
**Halo Shorts** – HT Ltd (Computer Game TVC's)  
Producer: Carolynne Cunningham, Director: Neill Blomkamp

2007            **1st Assistant Director**  
**The Lovely Bones – Previs Shoot** – Wingnut Creative  
Producer: Carolynne Cunningham, Director: Peter Jackson

2007            **1st Assistant Director**  
**Bad Trip** - Streetlight Pictures (15 min Short Film)  
Producer: Mhairead Conner, Director: Louis Sutherland

2006/2007      **1st Assistant Director**  
**My Story** - Gibson Group (40 x 2 minute Dramas for Mobiles)  
Producer: Dave Gibson, Line Producer: Chris Tyson, Director: Peter Salmon

2006            **1st Assistant Director**  
**Run** – Fast Feet Films (Short film)  
Producer: Robin Murphy, Director: Mark Albiston

2006            **1st Assistant Director**  
**The Hothouse** – Gibson Group (TV drama series)  
Producer: Dave Gibson, Line Producer: Chris Tyson, Director: Danny Mulheron

2005            **Scheduling 1st Assistant Director**  
**Insider's Guide to Love** – Gibson Group (Multi-unit Location Shoot TV drama series)  
, Producer: Dave Gibson, Line Producer: Chris Tyson

## **UK EXPERIENCE**

2003            **1st Assistant Director**  
**Family Affairs** – Thames Talkback Television (UK) (Multi-unit TV soap Opera)

2002/2003      **1st Assistant Director**  
**EastEnders** – BBC Television (UK) (Multi-unit TV Soap Opera)

2002            **Scheduling 1st AD**  
**EastEnders** – BBC Television (UK) (Multi-unit TV Soap Opera)

2001/2002      **Scheduler**  
**Family Affairs** – Thames Talkback Television (UK) (Multi-unit TV soap Opera)

1996-2002      **2nd/3rd AD**  
**Various BBC/Independent** including 1yr AD traineeship with Yorkshire TV