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FEATURE FILMS AND TV SERIES

- 2024 **1st Assistant Director**
 Hui Hoppers S2 – Three Feathers (TV Series)
 Producer: Anahera Parata, Directors: Maruia Jenson, Te Waiarangi Ratana
- 2023 **1st Assistant Director**
 Kōkā – (Part 2) Aku Films (Feature Film)
 Producers: Verity Mackintosh, Libby Hakaraia, Director: Kath Akuhata-Brown
- 2022/23 **1st Assistant Director**
 Time Bandits – 2nd Unit – Viacom Ltd. (International TV Series)
 UPM: Tim Coddington, Pip Gillings, 2U PM:Kylie Gaudin,
 Directors: Zoe Bell, Taika Waititi, Iain Morris
- 2022 **1st Assistant Director**
 It's All About You – About You Films Ltd (Feature Film)
 Producer: Jo Hiles, Director: Mike Smith
- 2021 **1st Assistant Director**
 Wellington Paranormal S4 - NZ Documentary Board (TV series)
 Producer: Paul Yates, Line Producer: Michelle Turner, Director: Jemaine Clement
- 2021 **1st Assistant Director**
 Corazon – Zoom Classroom shoot / VFX Extras shoot – A24 (TV series)
 Line Producer: Pam Hislop, Director: Joseph Gordon Levitt
- 2020 **1st Assistant Director**
 Hari with the Māori Sidesteps - (TV skit/sitcom show)
 Producers: Brandon Te Moananui and Jamie McGaskill, Director: Tama Kawha
- 2019 **Floor Manager/AFM**
 What Now - Whitebait Media (Live kids TV show)
 Production Manager: Jill Bailey, Various Directors
- 2019 **1st Assistant Director**
 Colonial Combat Series 2 - Awa Films (Web Series)
 Producers: Julian Arahanga, Becs Arahanga, Director: Julian Arahanga
- 2018 **1st Assistant Director**
 Turn of the Screw – Galvanized Films (Feature Film)
 Producers: Emma Beale, Nicola Pepperkorn, Director: Alex Galvin
- 2017 **1st Assistant Director**
 Colonial Combat – Awa Films (Webseries)
 Producer/Director: Julian Arahanga, Production Managers: Ness Patea, Ruth Korver
- 2017 **1st Assistant Director**
 Pot Luck – Robin Murphy Productions (Webseries)
 Producer: Robin Murphy, Production Manager: Michelle Turner, Director: Ness Simons
- 2007 **1st Assistant Director**
 The Lovely Bones – Previs Shoot – Wingnut Creative
 Producer: Carolynne Cunningham, Director: Peter Jackson
- 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**
 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

SHORT FILMS

- 2024 **1st Assistant Director**
 Girl Time – A Wave in the Ocean (Short Film)
 Exec Producers: Jane Campion, Philippa Campbell, Producer: Letisha Tate-Dunning,
 Director: Eleanor Bishop
- 2024 **1st Assistant Director**
 Open Looks – Tawata Productions (Short Film)
 Producer: Hone Kouka, Director: Miria George
- 2018 **1st Assistant Director**
 Survivors (Short Film)
 Producer/Director: Steve Barr
- 2018 **1st Assistant Director**
 Maunga – (Short Film)
 Producers: Marc Tyron, Michelle Turner, Directors: David Strong, Wanda Lepionka
- 2018 **1st Assistant Director**
 Flip – Anson Hunter Ltd (Short Film)
 Producer: Tom Boniface-Webb, Director: Jessica Grace Smith
- 2018 **1st Assistant Director Tutor**
 EOT and EOY Films – NZ Film School (Short Films)
 Guest Tutor, 1st AD and 1st AD Mentor.
- 2008 **1st Assistant Director**
 Digit – Room 11 Productions (Short Film)
 Producer: Sandra Clark, Director: Claire Ashton
- 2007 **1st Assistant Director**
 Bad Trip - Streetlight Pictures (15 min Short Film)
 Producer: Mhairead Conner, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2006 **1st Assistant Director**
 Run – Fast Feet Films (Short film)
 Producer: Robin Murphy, Director: Mark Albiston
- 2007 **1st Assistant Director**
 Halo Shorts – HT Ltd (Computer Game TVC's)
 Producer: Carolynne Cunningham, Director: Neill Blomkamp

TVC / PROMOS

- 2024 **1st Assistant Director** **Wellington Tourism – You Would** - Honeymoon (TVC)
 Producer: Breigh Sutherland, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2023 **1st Assistant Director**
 Bluebridge – Crossing Over –Special Ad Services (TVC)
 Producers: Scott Henderson, James Manttan, Director: Brook Benton
- 2023 **1st Assistant Director**
 Canter – Fox & Co (TVC)
 Producer: Ange Thorne Director: Phyo Thu
- 2022 **1st Assistant Director**
 Sport NZ – Scoundrel (TVC)
 Producers: Pamela Harvey-White, Tony Whyman, Director: Louis Sutherland
- 2022 **1st Assistant Director**
 Nova – Four Gregs – CPD Films (TVC)

2022 Producer: Bridget Bolton-Riley, Director: Chris Dudman
1st Assistant Director
Webtoon Canvas – The Sweetshop (TVC)
Producer: Andy Mauger, Director: Dylan Pharazyn

2022 **1st Assistant Director**
Kinder Surprise – Scoundrel (TVC)
Producer: Kristian Eek, Director: Louis Sutherland

2021 **1st Assistant Director**
Health Span Elite / All Blacks – Eighty One (TVC)
Producer: Paul Stent, Director: Louis Sutherland

2021 **1st Assistant Director**
Waka Kotahi – Mixed Meds – Revolver (TVC)
Producer: Mark Foster, Director: Peter Baker

2021 **1st Assistant Director**
JUST Egg – Wrestler (TVC)
Producer: Deirdre Crowley, Director: Gareth Williams

2021 **1st Assistant Director**
Niantic – Real World Gaming – Wrestler (TVC)
Producer: Jasmine St. John, Director: Gareth Williams

2021 **1st Assistant Director**
Waka Kotahi - Smoke Free Cars - Scoundrel (TVC)
Producer: Breigh Sutherland, Director: Louis Sutherland

2021 **1st Assistant Director**
Allbirds Breeze – Wrestler (TVC)
Producer: Jasmine St. John, Director: Anita Fontaine

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

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

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

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

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

2014 **1st 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

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

OTHER EXPERIENCE

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

2003-2018 **Various projects as 2nd AD**

UK EXPERIENCE

2001-2003 **1st Assistant Director and Scheduling AD**
 Family Affairs – Thames Talkback Television (UK) (Multi-unit TV soap Opera)

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

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