FREELANCE 1ST AD

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BIO

I'm a Wellington-based producer and 1st AD with experience in commercials, docu-series and short films. I love the thrill of being on set and have filmed with crews ranging from 25 to 3. I'm used to tight budgets, so I'm happy to work with or without additional ADs and assists. Having worked as a director and producer, I can be a supportive collaborator who gets the job done on time and within budget.

EXPERIENCE

2025 BABY GIRL (Pixel Pixies)

48 Hours short Dir. Luke Ross

2025 BIRTHDAY GIRL

Toi-funded short

Dir. Amelia Addis & Ebed Pohl

2025 YES DAVID

Toi-funded short Dir. Ghazaleh Golbakhsh

2025 QMC TVC (MOFA)

Dir. Charlotte Evans

2025 HNRY TVC (Couch Kumara)

Dir. Finn O'Connor

2025 MONSTER & ME (Little Grove Productions)

Day One Stories-funded short

Dir. Tom Field

2024 PULI & THE TIGER (RMF Productions)

PASC-funded short Dir. Jessica George

2024 A VERY GOOD BOY (For the Love of Productions)

AWITO-funded short Dir. Samuel Te Kani

2024 PATI UMAGA: PEPE VE'A

NZOA-funded music video, filmed against Massey's LED wall

Dir. Jacob Luamanuvae-Su'a

2024 THE CHAIR (Baddy Productions)

Unfunded short Dir. Brooke Benton

2024 STAGE CHALLENGE (Baddy Productions)

Toi-funded short Dir. Stella Reid

2024 COST OF LIVING (Viva La Dirt League / Couch Kumara)

Comedy webseries Dir. Finn O'Connor CV

2024 LOVER'S GOT THE RUNS (Pixel Pixies)

48 Hours short Dir. Luke Ross

2023 HNRY TVC SERIES (Couch Kumara)

Dir. Finn O'Connor

2023 AOTEAROA HISTORIES (Liberation Films)

Producer

Video series for the Ministry of Education

Dir. Ahmed Osman

2023 THE DINING TABLE (Red Rock Films)

Unfunded short Dir. Chris Hines

2022 BRIAN (Cinetrance)

48 Hours short Dir. Daniel Lynch

2022 BARNADO'S TVC (Mediahouse Australia)

Line Producer

2022 LOSA

Associate Producer NZFC EDF-funded feature Dir. Jade Jackson

2021 AMPLIFIED (Vetiver Productions)

Wellington Line Producer RNZ-Funded webseries

2021 WAITOA TVC (Chillbox)

Dir. Holly Wallace

2020 - 2021 MASSEY UNIVERSITY

(part-time) Senior Tutor (Directing & Producing stream)

2018 DAFFODILLS (Raglan Films)

Location Assistant Dir. David Stubbs

EDUCATION

2008 - 2013 MASSEY UNIVERSITY

BA (Hons) Design - Major in Illustration

2015 - 2016 NEW ZEALAND FILM SCHOOL

Certificate in Film Production (Director of end of year short)