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## Experience

### **KAI Films - Director, Producer, Filmmaker.**

*Commercial producer and Independent filmmaker*

2004-19

Full production studio servicing top clients such as ABC TV, HBO, National Geo., History Channel, NHK Japan, Nordstrom, Amazon, Brooks, Men's Warehouse, Tommy Bahama and others. Content creation of still and video productions for feature projects and ongoing catalogue images. Lead roles are Director, Director of Photography, Still Photographer, Video Editor, Photoshop Editor.

**Editor/Content Developer:** The development and design of all concepts, content, and graphics.

### **Video Producer**

*Rainier Chamber of Commerce, City of Seattle*

2018 -19

**Projects: Southend Connect:** This role involved coordinating a team of 120 participants in various crew roles to produce 25 unique films about People of Color and Women run organizations in S.E. Seattle.

**Skills:** Video editing, Camera Operator, Interviewing, production meetings.

### **Studio Manager**

*Photo Studio Manager, Daniel Langley Studio*

2004 -13

**Projects: Nordstrom, Amazon Advertising and Catalogue:** This Position required me to use many skill sets related to running and maintaining a creative business during production.

**Skills:** Digital technician, software management, hiring contractors, repairing/procuring equipment, billing, craft services, customer service engagement, studio organization and rentals.

### **Red Bull Interactive**

*Interactive Producer/Designer*

2004-11

**Projects:** Flugtag, Soap Box, Air Race: Red Bull interactive department completed 30 projects between 2004-2011.. Each project included the creation of interactive content for the web, phones and kiosk displays. I used the Photag application to produce most of these projects. This was an intensive cross media, multi-team project taking place in different cities around the US.

**Skills:** Graphic design, interactive design, application development, event photography, production, hiring manager, digital technician, and retouching.

### **Red Bull MusicAcademy**

*Editor/Media Producer*

2003

**Projects:** Red Bull International Music Academy was held in Seattle in 2003 where I was hired to coordinate all the moving media and photography for the project. Daily task of managing a team of photographers/cinematographers, distribution of images to the press, coordinating with celebrity talent and their agents to schedule shoots, as well as creation of a digital library of over forty-thousand images and retouching.

**Skills:** Graphic design, retouching, photography, production, hiring manager, digital technician, retouching, photo/video editing and communications.

## Filmography

### **Director**

- 2019 "Southend Connect" Web series produced for City of Seattle.
- "Mothers Garden" Screenplay, Directed, produced , edited an award winning Narrative short, psychological thriller.
- "Vanishing Seattle Productions" Hardwicks" documentary film series
- "The Ten Year Kiss" In production
- "10 Commercials for ProSource Buying Group" - Produced UHD interviews with CEO's from Sony, LG and other consumer electronics manufacturers
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- "I'm With Her" - short film about Women's response to Donald Trump's comments to Billy Bush.
- "Rainier Valley Heritage Parade Video"- Directed/ produced the event video
- "She Got"-Directed a Rap video which aired on MTV
- "Mad" -Short about mad cow disease

### **Director of Photography (DP)**

- 2019 "Fly Away" Web series Politicians in Airplanes trivia series.
- 2018 "Mothers Garden" Screenplay, Directed, produced , edited an award winning Narrative short, psychological thriller.
- "An Unlikely Insurgency" Gaffer and Best Boy
- 2017 El Camino short film
- 2016 Jamie Joseph Couture stop motion video
- 2016 "When the tree Falls" short exhibited at Oxbow in Seattle

### **TV/Film Still Photographer**

- 2018 Grey's Anatomy
- 2017 Grey's Anatomy
- 2014 Celebrity Wife Swap
- 2014 Celebrity wife swap Amanda Beard/ Heidi & Spencer Pratt
- 2012 Extreme Home Makeover: Weight Loss Edition - Where Are They Now

## **Nordstrom Interactive**

### *Photography Assistant, Digital Technician*

2003-12

**Projects:** Nordstrom's online catalogue creates thousands of images every month and my job was to assist the photo studio in creating sets, digital image workflows, lighting, grip equipment coordination, retouching, assisting art directors and designers with computer problems. I was the bridge to marry all aspects of the shoots using the computer as a common meeting point.

**Skills:** Graphic design, retouching, photography and production, and digital technician.

## **Content Arts**

### *Interactive Photographer*

1996-2003

**Projects:** This studio was one of the first all digital studios in Manhattan that produced multimedia content for clients like L'oreal, American Airlines, and the Museum of Modern Art. I worked on many different projects stemming from virtual reality to web movies.

**Skills:** Graphic design, retouching, photography, production, and digital Technician.

## **Image Info**

### *Photographer, Digital Producer, Studio Manager*

1997-2000

**Projects:** Companies like Kmart, Bed Bath and Beyond or Macy's used Image Info to get their stores online for the first time. The primary job was studio managing and photography for each client. Often we would be given a four to six thousand products to shoot, retouch, and build into a website.

**Skills:** Retouching, Photography and production, hiring manager, digital technician, and studio manager.

## **Social Work Highlights**

### *Seeds of Compassion*

*Produced still photos for a 4 day event with the Dalai Lama.*

### *Dreams for Tibet Fundraiser*

*Produced a short film and website to fully fund 3 "Tibet Fund" projects.*

### *Mothers Kitchen*

*Monthly volunteering inside the compass center to feed the homeless.*

## **Education**

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree**

*Center for Creative Studies*

### **Digital Web Design Diploma**

*Pittsburgh Academy of Art online*

### **Master Class workshop**

*Werner Herzog Independent Filmmaking*

- 2010 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition The Oregon School for the Deaf
- 2010 Wife Swap McLeish/O'Dell
- 2008 The Bachelorette
- 2006 The Amazing Race
- 2002 In Memoriam: New York City
- 2000 Virgin Larry - Art department
- 2000 Virgin Larry Art director

## **Accomplishments**

### **Honors, Collections, Awards**

- **4 Emmy wins Cinematographer.**
- **Dupont Columbia Award Winner Documentary Film.**
- 2018 "Mother's Garden" Film awarded Finalist Laurels and Screenings.
- 2014-Nordstrom purchase art prints for use in Catalogue
- 2014 - 911 Museum purchase for their permanent exhibit and opening.
- 2012 -Gallery exhibit at Cafe Paloma
- 2012 - The City Museum Of New York: 4 hours of 9/11 footage in a research foundation
- 2012 -"911 memorial museum" Short film presented at museum for permanent collection
- 2010 -"Dreams for Tibet" NFP Short film presented at benefit
- 2008 -PX3 Photography Competition Portrait Series. Winner!
- 2008 102 Minutes That Changed America (TV Movie documentary) (footage)
- 2007 - PX3 Photography competition. NOLA Project Winner!
- 2002 -Emmy "In Memoriam, NYC 2001" HBO Documentary collection.
- 2002 - BNN/Camera Planet:4 hours of 9/11 footage in an archive for multiple purposes.
- 1996-Installation in the Michigan Central Railroad collaborated with Irina Nakova
- 1996 -Prints shown Local art gallery exhibit in the Detroit Institute of Arts
- 1996 - Peter MacGill Personal Collection: 1 Black and White print in the private collection. Peter is owner of Pace MacGill Gallery, New York