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PORTFOLIO LINKS

Director's Reel: <https://vimeo.com/337690451>
Dark Power, Trailer – Director <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIKTDBYVeGU>
Dark Power, Complete – Director <https://vimeo.com/180703479>
Absolute Fear, Trailer - Director/Writer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB7Me4GD2MQ>
Tears of a Lotus - Director/Writer/Producer <http://vimeo.com/6274794>
speechless... – Co-Director <https://vimeo.com/88559258>
Yesterday Upon the Stair - Director/Writer/Producer - <https://vimeo.com/458042975>

DIRECTOR

DARK POWER – Political Thriller - Renaissant Corp., CineVia. <https://vimeo.com/180703479>
Locations: LA & Puerto Rico. Distribution: Spotlight, Green Apple, 1inMM, Amazon. Tubi.
Cast: Sean Patrick Flannery, Kristana Loken, Chris Carmack, Kevin Dobson, Morgan Fairchild.

ABSOLUTE FEAR – Thriller – InMotion Pictures, Los Angeles. Aired: SyFy Channel UK
Locations: Philippines & LA. Distribution: MarVista, Osiris, Earth Gate.
Cast: Patrick Bergin, Matthew Alan. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB7Me4GD2MQ>

TEARS OF A LOTUS – Period Thriller - Emerald Films, Vancouver. <http://vimeo.com/6274794>
Director/Writer. Multi-Award Winner: Best Director, Best Film, Best Screenplay.
Official Selection 30+ Film Festivals. Aired: Russia, EU, Czech Republic, US & CBC, Canada.

SPEECHLESS... - Drama - Morning Starlight Productions, Los Angeles.
Co-Director. Best Film, CA IndieFest; Best New Director, Hollywood Underground Film Festival
Cast: Danica McKellar, Wil Wheaton, Dan Lauria, Dorothy Lyman. <https://vimeo.com/88559258>

YESTERDAY UPON THE STAIR – Drama - Emerald Films, Vancouver.
Director/Writer. Official Selection: Park City, Key West, St Petersburg.
<https://vimeo.com/458042975>

THE RIVER JORDAN – Drama - Braemar Court Productions, Vancouver.
Co-Director. Official selection: Atlantic Film Festival, Halifax, etc.

MANIPULATION – Medical Thriller - Web Series – StayTunedTV, Los Angeles.
Director – 4 episodes. <http://www.staytunedtv.net/showvideo.php?sid=93>

MODERN MYSTERIES – Sci-Fi Mystery – Web Series - Mysterious Productions, Cebu.
Director – 2 Episodes.

BABY TALK – Documentary - Emerald Films, Vancouver, Canada
Producer/Director/Writer – Location: Vancouver. Winner, National Film & Video Showcase

SALAMAT JALAN (May Your Journey Be Blessed) - Documentary - Emerald Films, NFB,
Producer/Director/Writer – Location: Bali & Sumba, Indonesia

2ND UNIT DIRECTOR

ZOMBIE TIDAL WAVE – Action – SyFy Channel, Los Angeles
2nd Unit Director/Line Producer. Location: Thailand.

SURROUNDED – Action – MarVista/SyFy Channel, Los Angeles
2nd Unit Director/Production Supervisor. Location: Thailand.

ABDUCTION – Sci-Fi Action – Ace Films/Red Sea Media/iQIYI, Hong Kong/Beijing
2nd Unit Director. Location: China & Vietnam. Cast: Scott Adkins, Andy On.
Distribution: Koch Media, Eagle Films, Phars Film.

PERNICIOUS – Horror – Benetone Films, Bangkok
2nd Unit Director/1st AD. Location: Thailand. Distribution: VMI

POUND OF FLESH – Thriller – Ace Films/Odyssey, Hong Kong/Vancouver
2nd Unit Director/Prod. Super. Location: China, Philippines. Star: Jean-Claude Van Damme
Distribution; E-One, Videx, Golden Screen.

SPECIAL OPS – Action Feature - InMotion Pictures, Los Angeles
2nd Unit Director/Co-Producer. Location: Philippines. Cast: Steven Bauer, Finola Hughes.
Distribution: MarVista, Screen Media, Mill Creek, The CW.

THE NEW ADDAMS FAMILY SERIES – Family Comedy - Fox Family TV, Los Angeles, CA
2nd Unit Director – 28 episodes. Director: ADR, EPK, Interstitials, Promos, Opening.
On-Set Dialog (Acting) Coach – 60 episodes.

STAGE DIRECTOR

Artistic Director: Nexus Theatre, MidAir Summer Theatre, actors alive!, Commedia del'Ontario.
Freelance - selected: Equity Showcase - Vancouver, Toronto, Banff; Sudbury Theatre Centre –
Sudbury; Persephone - Saskatoon; Factory Theatre Lab - Toronto; Land of the Young – Ottawa.
Plays - selected: Miss Julie, 27 Wagons Full of Cotton, Biloxi Blues, No Man's Land, The Lover,
Rock 'n Roll, The Glorious Twelfth, Pickwick Papers, Adulto Orgasmo Escapes from the Zoo.

SCREENWRITER

DARK POWER - Political Thriller – Produced – Renaissant Corp/CineVia, Los Angeles, CA
Distribution: Spotlight Pictures, Green Apple, 1inMM. Streaming on TUBI. p.1 Director's rewrite.

ABSOLUTE FEAR – Thriller – Produced - InMotion Pictures, Los Angeles. CA
Distribution: MarVista, Osiris Entertainment, Earth Gate.

BLACK HOLE – Action – Produced - Hollywood Star Entertainment, Los Angeles, CA
Stars: Danica McKellar, Reggie Lee. p.1 rewrite (uncredited)

THE DALAI LAMA'S CAT – Family, In Development, Amber Entertainment, London, England
Adaptation of the novel, "The Dalai Lama's Cat".

THE FALCONER – Drama, In Development, Vanguard Productions, Sydney, Australia
Adaptation of the Novel, "The Falconer".

OFF COURSE – Drama/Thriller – Optioned – Active Development. Co-Writer with Katrin Bowen.

THE SQUARE ROOT OF PIE – Drama/Fantasy - Soft Prep. Multi-Award Winner.

OBITUARY - Chesler/Perlmutter, Producers. Aired on Lifetime. Story Editor

TEARS OF A LOTUS - Period Drama – Produced - Emerald Films, Vancouver
Award-winner: Belgium, Black Maria, Telluride, Austin, etc., Best Screenplay, Best Film
Official Selection: Toronto, Montreal, Palm Springs, Bilbao, Nashville, Santa Barbara, St. Louis, St. Petersburg-Russia, Quebec, Tunis, Algarve, Olympia, etc. 5 Leo Award Nominations

YESTERDAY UPON THE STAIR – Drama - Produced – Emerald Films, Vancouver
Awards: Telluride, Key West. Official Selection: ARTConcept, St. Petersburg; RoadDance, etc.

BABY TALK – Documentary – Produced - Emerald Films, Vancouver
Award-winner: National Film & Video Showcase, Canada. Nomination: Ursula Award, Hamburg.
Official Selection: Montreal World, Los Angeles, Hamburg Film Festivals, etc.

SALAMAT JALAN (May Your Journey Be Blessed) - Documentary - Emerald Films, NFB
Producer/Director/Writer – Location: Bali & Sumba, Indonesia

TRADING UP – Romantic Comedy – Optioned x 3 Screenplay Winner: Telluride, Key West.

REEL LIES – Thriller – Optioned x 2, Co-writer with Joanne Wannan

ANGEL ISLAND – Family – Optioned x 2, Co-writer with Dawna Shuman

PRODUCER

Head Of Production

Benetone Films, Bangkok, Thailand

Department Head. Production Supervisor. Line Producer. MM Budgeting & Scheduling.
Script & Project Development. Location Management & Pitch Packaging. Training & Mentoring.

Features - Produced

Ponnyin Selvan, Death of Me, Zombie Tidal Wave, Pernicious, Surrounded, Ghost House, Attrition; for SyFy, MarVista, Screen Gems, VMI, Vertical Entertainment, New Select, GEM, AMG, Saban, Envision Media Arts, BondIt Media, Madras Talkies, etc.

Features - Pre-Production/Development

Dream, True Haunting, Dhaakad, Ramree, The Runner, Sight, Judy, In the Dream, Rent Collector, Tagged, We Are Wolves, Bangkok Hostage, Tokyo Fantasy, 9 Deadly Sins, Dark Souls.

Series - Production - Blood & Treasure for ABC.

Series - Pre-Production/Development - Rewind, The Elite, Dark Souls.

STEALING ROSES - Comedy - Mama Simba Films, Los Angeles

Co-Producer/Line Producer – Location Los Angeles. Producer/Director Megan Johnson

Stars: John Heard, Cindy Williams. Distribution: Worldwide Filmed Entertainment

Best Film, 2 Best Actor Awards, Los Angeles International Comedy Film Festival

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SPECIAL OPS - Action - InMotion Pictures, Los Angeles

Co-Producer/2nd Unit Director – Location: Philippines, Los Angeles. Star: Steven Bauer

Distribution: MarVista, CW. Winner: Action on Film, Los Angeles
YESTERDAY UPON THE STAIR - Drama - Emerald Films, Vancouver
Producer/Director/Writer – Location: Vancouver, Canada. Multiple Film Festivals

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Producer/Director/Writer – Location: Vancouver. Winner, National Film & Video Showcase

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AWARDS

Best New Director: Hollywood Underground Film Festival – speechless...
Director's Citation: Black Maria Film & Video Festival – Tears of a Lotus
Best Short, 2 Best Actor Nominations: CA Independent Film Festival – speechless...
Honorable Mention: Festival Mondial du Cort Metrage, Huy, Belgium – Tears of a Lotus
Award of Merit: National Film & Video Showcase, Canada – Baby Talk
5 Leo Award Nominations, including Best Director, Best Film – Tears of a Lotus
2 x Short Film Winner, 3 x Screenplay Winner: Telluride IndieFest
2 x Certificate of Excellence, 2 x Best Screenplay: Key West Film Festival
Official Selection: Toronto, Montreal, Palm Springs, Austin, Quebec, St. Petersburg, Bilbao, Tunis, Algarve, Santa Barbara, Halifax, Hollywood Underground, California Independent, etc.
4 x Artist Grant, Canada Council for The Arts - 2 x Artist Grant -- Alberta Culture
17 Sterling Award Nominations – 7 Sterling Awards – Nexus Theatre
3 x Pick of The Fringe – Actors Alive!
Who's Who in Film and Television in Canada.

SKILLS/INTERESTS

PADI Certified Diver; Ride-Western; Archery Instructor; Rifle Medalist; Kayak, Canoe.
1st AD, Production Manager, Fight Director. Stage Manager. Playwright. Dramaturge.
Story Editor; Screenwriting, Directing & Producing Instructor/Mentor. On-Set Acting Coach.
Green Light Mentor Elites. Flash Forward Head Coach. Advisory Board, IAFT, Burbank.
Master Mason. Eagle Scout - Member: Order of the Arrow. World Traveler. Dad!

EDUCATION/TRAINING

MFA – Master of Fine Arts – York University, Toronto, Canada
Diploma – Film Production - Vancouver Film School, Vancouver, Canada
Certificate - Arts Management – Banff Centre, Banff, Canada
Certificate – Acting, Stage Combat, Scene Study - LAMDA, London, England
Robert McKee - Genre Screenwriting Workshop, Los Angeles, CA
Alan Watt - 90-Day Screenwriting Workshop, LA Writers Lab, Los Angeles, CA
Syd Field – Screenplay Workshop, Los Angeles, CA

REFERENCES

Ernie Barbarash, Director – Pound of Flesh, Abducted, Heatwave - ebarbarash@ghostlogic.com
Alan Watt, Writer/Director, Head - LA Writers' Lab - 90 Day Screenplay - alan@alanwatt.com
Kirk Shaw, Executive Producer, Producer - Odyssey, Wonderfilm - Pound of Flesh, Defending Santa, Avalanche Sharks, Sinkhole, Out of Reach - kirk@wonderfilm.com
David Strasser, Director – The Mistletoe Connection - davidistrasser@gmail.com
Katrin Bowen, Writer/Director – Off Course – katrinbowen@gmail.com
Wendy Ord, Director – Vote One for Love - wendy@mountainlakefilms.com