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Camera Assistant / Focus Puller

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Languages:
czech native
english, polish – professional working proficiency
german, french – limited working proficiency



PROFILE Experienced in film from 1994, started as an electrician, later clapperloader (2nd AC), then cameramens assistant, camera operator

WORK HISTORY Movies as focus puller

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| 2023 | IVETA (Czech Republic)
(TV serie, Biopic - A tragic destiny of famous Czech chanteuse)
dir. Mike Samir, d.o.p. Martin DOUBA |
| 2022 | BUĎ CHLAP! «Be Man!» (Czech Republic)
(Comedy - When boy turned to man at age around forty..)
dir. Mike SAMIR, d.o.p. Milan CHADIMA |
| 2022 | WHEEL OF TIME (USA)
(Fantasy - Rosamunde Pike as Moraine Damodred in American epic fantasy series released by Amazon Prime Video)
dir. Sanaa Hamri, d.o.p. Maja ZAMOJDA |
| 2020 | SCHWARZE INSEL (Germany)
(drama/thriller - young student's relationship with his teacher turns into ill-fated disaster the movie was shot on island Amrum, in Nord Sea, Germany)
dir. / d.o.p. Miguel ALEXANDRE |
| 2019 | SPY CITY (Germany)
(An Original TV series consisting of six episodes, a Cold War spy thriller set in Berlin in 1961 in the summer months before the Berlin wall went up)
dir. / d.o.p. Miguel ALEXANDRE |
| 2019 | ATLANTIC CROSSING (Norway)
(TV serie based on the true story of Norwegian crown princess Martha during the II. WW)
dir. Alexander EIK/Janic HEEN, d.o.p. Carl SUNDBERG |
| 2018 | NA STŘEŠE «On the Rooftop» (Czech Republic)
(Drama/Comedy - an old man meets a young refugee in troubles)
dir. Jiří MÁDL, d.o.p. Martin ŽIARAN |
| 2017 | SKJELVET «The Quake» (Norway)
(drama/thriller - movie based on real quake in 1904 in Oslo)
dir. John A. ANDERSEN, d.o.p. John C. ROSENLUND |
| 2016 | HIMMEL UND HOLE (Germany)
(drama/history - Martin Luther /1483-1546/ story)
dir. Uwe HANSEN, d.o.p. Michael WIESWEG |

- 2016 **ZAHRADNICTVÍ** «The Gardening» (Czech Republic)
(drama/comedy - one family in wind of time 1945 - 1955)
dir. Jan HŘEBEK, d.o.p. Bartek CIERLICA
- 2015 **DIE DASSLERS** (Germany)
(drama/history - Adolf and Rudolf Dassler story; adidas vs. puma)
dir. Cyril BOSS & Philipp STENERT, d.o.p. Philip PESCHLOW
- 2014 **TANNBACH - Schicksal eines Dorfes** (Germany)
(drama/history - village on border between western and eastern Germany 1944-1952)
dir. Alexander DIERBACH, d.o.p. Clemens MESSOW
- 2013 **SOLDAT BLANC** «White Soldier» (France)
(drama - war in French Indochine 1945-1953, the movie was shot in Cambodia) - International Emmy Award 2015
dir. Eric ZONCA, d.o.p. Stéphane VALÉE
- 2013 **HANY** (Czech Republic)
(experimental movie, full length movie edited from just three shots)
dir. Michal SAMIR, d.o.p. Martin ŽIARAN
- 2013 **CESTA VEN** «The Way Out» (Czech Republic)
(social drama - opened the film festival CANNES 2014) - seven Czech Lion awards, included price for cinematography
dir. Petr VÁCLAV, d.o.p. Štěpán KUČERA
- 2012 **DONŠAJNI** «The Skirtchasers» (Czech Republic)
(comedy)
dir. Jiří MENZEL, d.o.p. Jaromír ŠOFR
- 2012 **MANIPULATIONS** (France)
(political thriller)
dir. Laurent HERBIET, d.o.p. Dominique BOUILLERET
- 2011 **DON'T STOP** (Czech Republic)
(drama/music - young punkers in communist Czechoslovakia 1983)
dir. Richard ŘEŘIČKA, d.o.p. Martin ŽIARAN
- 2010 **L'INFILTRÉ** «Snitch» (France)
(drama/history - french secret service in war against terrorists / Abou Nidal, FATAH, 1980, the film was shot in Tunisia/Paris) - FIPA d'argent 2011
dir. Giacomo BATTIATO, d.o.p. Igor LUTHER
- 2009 **KAWASAKIHO RŮŽE** «Kawasaki's Rose» (Czech Republic)
(drama - a famed dissident is accused of collaborating with the Government)
dir. Jan HŘEBEK, d.o.p. Martin ŠÁCHA
- 2009 **OBČANSKÝ PRŮKAZ** «I.D.» (Czech Republic)
(sad comedy - growing up in communist regime wasn't so easy...)
dir. Ondřej TROJAN, d.o.p. Martin ŠTRBA
- 2008 **3 SEZÓNY V PEKLE** «3 Seasons in Hell» (Czech Republic)
(drama/history - Czechoslovakia 1947-49. Young poet in crazy times based on memoirs by Egon Bondy)
- three Czech Lion awards, included price for cinematography
dir. Tomáš MAŠÍN, d.o.p. Karl ÓSKARSSON
- 2008 **RESOLUTION 819** (France)
(drama/history - investigation of massacre 8000 Bosnians in Srebrenica, 1993) - Audience Award ROME FILM FEST 2008, nominated for CRYSTAL GLOBE 2009
dir. Giacomo BATTIATO, d.o.p. Igor LUTHER, music by Ennio MORRICONE
- 2007 **DĚTI NOCI** «NIGHT OWLS» (Czech Republic)
(drama - young girl suburb story)
dir. Michaela PAVLÁTOVÁ, d.o.p. Martin ŠTRBA
- 2007 **POKOJ V DUŠI** «PEACE IN SOUL» (Slovakia)
(drama - prison is the stigma, not so easy be back home) - nominated for CRYSTAL GLOBE 2009
dir. Vlado BALCO, d.o.p. Martin ŠTRBA

- 2007 **NA VLASTNÍ NEBEZPEČÍ** «ON OWN RISK» (Czech Republic)
(drama/action - the owner of a travel agency for extreme sports receives an request, trip down the dangerous Black River..., the film was shot in Bosnia and Romania)
dir. Filip RENČ, d.o.p. Petr HOJDA
- 2007 **O RODIČÍCH A DĚTECH** «OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN» (Czech Republic)
(comedy/drama - 40-years old son on walk with his 70-years old father, brilliant dialogues about everything...)
dir. Vladimír MICHÁLEK, d.o.p. Martin ŠTRBA
- 2006 **MUTLULUK** «BLISS» (Turkey)
(drama - the story of a young girl who is raped and according to the customs in her village she must be killed in order to restore honor to her family) - audience award on MIAMI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2008, rewarded by European Council with the Prix Odyssee Human Rights Award in 2007
dir. Abdullah OGUZ, d.o.p. Mirsad HEROVIČ
- 2006 **OBSLUHOVAL JSEM ANGLICKÉHO KRÁLE** «I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND» (Czech Republic)
(drama - based on the novel I Served the King of England by Bohumil Hrabal) - Peter Rainer of The Christian Science Monitor named it the 6th best film of 2008, Gopo Award for Best European Film in 2009
dir. Jiří MENZEL, d.o.p. Jaromír ŠOFR
- 2005 **ÚČASTNÍCI ZÁJEZDU** «HOLIDAYS MAKERS» (Czech Republic)
(comedy)
dir. Jiří VEJDĚLEK, d.o.p. Jakub ŠIMŮNEK
- 2005 **LAST HOLIDAY** (USA)
(comedy/drama/romance - Queen Latifah, LL Cool J, Gérard Depardieu in romantic comedy)
dir. Wayne WANG, d.o.p. Geoffrey SIMPSON
- 2004 **SLUNEČNÍ STÁT** «THE CITY OF THE SUN» (Czech Republic)
(drama/comedy - sometimes isn't easy to live an ordinary life...)
dir. Martin ŠULÍK, d.o.p. Martin ŠTRBA
- 2004 **EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED** (USA)
(drama - tale of a young man's quest to find the woman who saved his grandfather in a small Ukrainian town that was wiped off the map by the Nazi invasion)
dir. Liev SCHREIBER, d.o.p. Mathew LIBATIQUE
- 2004 **ŽRALOK V HLAVĚ** «SHARK IN THE HEAD» (Czech Republic)
(drama/comedy - a funny guy, a little crazy in the head, lives alone in the city spending all his days looking out the window and talking to people...)
dir. Maria PROCHÁZKOVÁ, d.o.p. Martin ŠTĚPÁNEK
- 2004 **SHUT UP AND SHOOT ME!** (UK)
(comedy - black british comedy) - best film award of Festival of Irish & British film 2006, Dallas International Film Festival 2007 and audience award of Welsh International Film Festival 2006
dir. Stenn AGRO, d.o.p. Howard J. SMITH
- 2004 **MISTŘI** «CHAMPIONS» (Czech Republic)
(bitter comedy from Czech village near the borders) - FIPRESCI Prize 2004 Athens Panorama of European Cinema
dir. Marek NAJBRT, d.o.p. Miloslav HOLMAN
- 2003 **THE PRINCE AND ME** (USA) (romantic comedy)
dir. Martha COOLIDGE, d.o.p. Alex NEPOMNIASCHY
- 2003 **SEVEN PLAYING CARDS** (EGYPT)
(comedy/musical/romance - the movie was shot in Egypt)
dir. Sherif SABRI, d.o.p. Jakub DVORSKÝ
- 2003 **PF '77** (Czech Republic)
(psychological drama - to living truth in communist regime needs to be an hero)
dir. Jaroslav BRABEC, d.o.p. Tomáš SYSEL
- 2002-2003 **ŽELARY** (Czech Republic)
(drama/romance - a nurse and her surgeon-lover are part of a resistance movement in 1940s Czechoslovakia. When they are discovered, her lover flees and she must find a place to hide...)
Academy Award nomination in the Best Foreign Language Film category
dir. Ondřej TROJAN, d.o.p. Asen ŠOPOV

2002 **XXX (USA)**
(thriller/action - predictable action movie with lots of explosions, violence)
dir. Rob COHEN, d.o.p. Alexander WITT (*as 2nd unit focus puller*)

2001 **TMAVOMODRÝ SVĚT «DARK BLUE WORLD» (Czech Republic)**
(drama/action/romance - an intimate drama about friendship, heroism and the loves of fighter-pilots serving in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War)
- seven Czech Lion awards, included the price for cinematography
dir. Jan SVĚŘÁK, d.o.p. Vladimír SMUTNÝ (*as 2nd. unit focus puller*)

WORK HISTORY

As focus puller, selected commercials:

	product	director	d.o.p.	agency
2024	KRAFT COINBASE	Sam BROWN Sam BROWN	Stéphane FONTAINE Franz LUSTIG	IMPERIAL WOODPECKER IMPERIAL WOODPECKER
2023	TOYOTA GREENIES KOOPERATIVA Pilsner Urquell State Street	Tarsem Harold EINSTEIN Calle ÅSGARD WOLFBERG Bjorn RUHMANN	Jeff CRONENWETH Jonathan Freeman Martin ŽIARAN Jan VELICKÝ Joe DOUGLAS	SAATCHI&SAATCHI adam & eve WEAREGINGER VCCP SMUGGLER
2022	UniCredit Bank	John DOE	Jakub DVORSKÝ	VCCP
2021	Pilsner Urquell ZALANDO KOOPERATIVA	WOLFBERG Luboš VACKE Tobias PERSE	Tomáš KOTAS Milan CHADIMA Martin MATIÁŠEK	VMLY&R Creative Embassy WEAREGINGER
2020	RUBICON	Lorena MEDINA	Mark DÖLLING	RSA films
2019	BUDVAR KOOPERATIVA	Robert HLOZ Tobias PERSE	Adam SCARTH Casey CAMPBELL	KASPEN/JUNG VON MATT WEAREGINGER
2018	DISNEYLAND PARIS EUROPEAN WAX CENTER BOSCH ERSTE SHOWROOM PRIVE TRIDENT	David LODGE Eugenio RECUENCO Dirk SOLDNER Nathan PRICE Ivana BOBIC Michael CLOWATER	Jallo FABER Jack SCOT Pit HOLLEBER Ginny LOANE Tim SIDELL Tim MAURICE JONES	BETC LONDON ALLEY AG. C3 JUNG v. MATT JESUS&GABRIEL OGILVY
2017	iPHONE X LENOVO-YOGA ST. MICHEL AMAZEBALLS	Sam BROWN Benjamin CALLNER David LODGE Andree WALLIN	Franz LUSTIG Stuart GRAHAM Carl NILSSON Jo EKEN TORP	IMPERIAL WOODPECKER OGILVY PARIS PREMIERE HEURE/CAN BLACK
2016	IKEA EUROSTAR AQUABABES	Michael CLOWATER Romain CHASSAING Yariv GABER	Tim MAURICE JONES Mahdi LEPART Avi KARPICK	LEO BURNETT AKQA ARNOLD MILANO
2015	KINDER JOY ČD VISA CARD PANTENE NARTA	Nicolas FAY Tomáš MAŠÍN Armando BO Claudio DROGUETT Jonathan GURVIT	Christophe GUYON Juraj CHLPÍK Javier JULIA Philippe PIFFETAU John PEREZ	OMD RAIL REKLAM ALMAP BBDO GREY LES GALUOIS

2014	ONE CALL	Aksel HENNIE	J. A. ANDERSON	LOS&CO
2013	DEBENHAMS ROGAINE	Stuart DOUGLAS Sara MARANDI	Alex REID Karl ÓSKARSSON	JWT LONDON BBDO
2012	CADBURY ERSTE BANK OLAY	Claudio DROGUETT One In Three Claudio DROGUETT	Riego VAN WERSCH Federico ALFONSO Riego VAN WERSCH	SAATCHI&SAATCHI Y&R SAATCHI&SAATCHI
	product	director	d.o.p.	agency
2011	PANTENE Olympic PANTENE Iris PANTENE ONT PANTENE Iris PHILIPS VIVELLE ORANGE FR. TRESEMME EVIAN	Tryan GEORGE Tryan GEORGE Tryan GEORGE Pierluca DI CARLO Toby MACDONALD Tom KAN A. BARDOU-JACQUET Bram VAN RIET Bram VAN RIET	Karl ÓSKARSSON Karl ÓSKARSSON Joseph YACOE Thierry POUGET Karl ÓSKARSSON Riego VAN WERSCH Glynn SPEECKAERT Karl ÓSKARSSON Karl ÓSKARSSON	GREY GREY GREY GREY PARTIZAN PUBLICIS CONSEIL PUBLICIS CONSEIL CAVIAR CAVIAR
2010	PANTENE Sunflower KOFOLA PANASONIC 3D 02 PANTENE METAXA ERA ŠKODA AUTO SAMSUNG ROC LOOK ČEZ	Tryan GEORGE Martin KREJČÍ Matt WILSON TWIN Tryan GEORGE BOSSI & SIRONI Tomáš MAŠÍN Tomáš MAŠÍN HE GUARD BROSS MARANDI/HEATH Tomáš MAŠÍN	Karl ÓSKARSSON Štěpán KUČERA Klaus FUXJAGER Mark BLISS Joseph YACOE Gergely POHARNOK Juraj CHLPÍK Juraj CHLPÍK Sebastian MILASZEWSKI Karl ÓSKARSSON Juraj CHLPÍK	GREY KASPEN/JUNGvonMATT ID BRANDS VCCP GREY REMY COINTREAU RUST LEAGAS DELANEY SMUGGLER COMPANY MATHER
2009	ŠKODA AUTO L'OREAL PILSNER URQUELL TRESEMME AUKRO VIKAL P&G FERRERO TANQUERAY	Tomáš MAŠÍN MARANDI/HEATH Vladimír MICHÁLEK MARANDI/HEATH Mike LONG Francesco NENCINI Eugenio RECUENCO Matthew CULLEN Jesus DE FRANCISCO	Juraj CHLPÍK Karl ÓSKARSSON Martin ŠTRBA Karl ÓSKARSSON Peter SUSCHITZKY Federico MASSIERO Riego VAN WERSCH Paul CAMERON	LEAGAS DELANEY BANDITS LEO BURNETT COMPANY KASPEN LEO BURNETT PHD WEIDEN+KENNEDY
2008	PEUGEOT BOOTS SUMMER PANZANI	Richard AYOADE Mattias MONTERO Vladimír MICHÁLEK	Olivier COCAUL Mattias MONTERO Martin ŠTRBA	EURO RSCG TBWA EURO RSCG
2007	SALON SELECTIVES MARS BAR GRAN CENTENARIO APOLINARIS STELLA ARTOIS 118 118	THE CRONENWETHS Lenny DORFMAN Mathias ZENTHNER Mark GILBERT Martin KREJČÍ Owen HARRIS	THE CRONENWETHS Jan VELICKÝ Torsten LIPPSTOCK Ticco PULAKAKIS Štěpán KUČERA Ray COATES	BBH LONDON AMV/BBDO DDB MEXICO M&C SAATCHI LOWE LONDON WCBS
2006	LANCOME SAAB CLUB INTERNET MEIJI CHOCOLIFE DR. OETKER AQUADROPS KINDER	Wong KAR WAI Magnus ROSSMAN THE PERLORIAN BROSS Kazuoyshi HAYAKAWA Jackie OUDNEY Tim KIRKBY Gaelle DENIS	Philippe LESOURD Mattias MONTERO Philippe LESOURD Hajime TANAKA Sven SIEGRIST John WALKER Peter SUSCHITZKY	AIR PARIS TBWA LONDON DDB PARIS MEIJI HOLDINGS MARK/BBDO TBWA LONDON PASSION PICT
2005	LABBAT R. JELINEK ELECTROLUX CEREAL PARTNERS RADEGAST DEBENHAMS FRANZISKNER BIER	David HICKS Vladimír MICHÁLEK Henrik HALLGREN Katje BELL Vladimír MICHÁLEK Stuart RIDEOUT Laszlo KADAR	David LUTHER Martin ŠTRBA John MATHIESON Jake POLONSKY Martin ŠTRBA Colin WATKINSON Laszlo KADAR	PROMO LOWE BRIND FOR BIKINI RUST2 MCCANN JWT LONDON SMUGGLER

NESTLE	Johan SKOG	Jo EKEN TORP	ICA
ANADIN	Guy SHELMEKDINE	Martin RUHE	
CUISINE SCHMIDT	Eric ZONKA	Mathier VADEPIE	PREMIER HEURE
LOREAL party proof	Evan BERNARD	Pascal LEBEGUE	
LOREAL volume shock	Tom CAMERON	Laurent DAILLAND	
VIZE97	Jan HŘEBEK	Jan MALÍŘ	

	product	director	d.o.p.	agency
2004	EKO-KOM GATORADE BIRD EYE BT PHONE BOOK RED CROSS-Who cares? EMPIRE BEER (Bertha) BUDWEISER TELIASONERA CIF	Vladimír MICHÁLEK Tim&Jeff CRONENWETH Owen HARRIS Scott VINCENT Werner DAMEN Derek RICHARDS Owen HARRIS Johan SKOG Sadry ADHAMY	Martin ŠTRBA Rob HARDY Gilles NUTTGENS Niels BOON Graeme WOOD Nick SADLER Jo EKEN TORP Damien MORISOT	LOWE NY AMW BBDO FALLON LONDON PUBLICIS Amstelveen HOUSE B LOWE PEOPLE PREMIERE HEURE
2003	COMET XMAS FONZIES MAGGI BLACK AND DECKER AQUILA MISS RC COLA	Chris WATSON Paolo MONICO Marcell GARDELLI Simon GREEN Jean CLAUDE-THIBAUT Tomáš MAŠÍN	Shane DAILY Eugenio GALLI Torsten LIPPSTOCK Sebastian MILASZEWSKI Martin RUHE	VERMILION EURO RSCG MCCANN DMD MARK/BBDO KASPEN
2002	T-MOBILE ROGAN BEER NISSAN 350 Z HANUTA MÁJKA JVC	Tomáš MAŠÍN Alexandr LAUF John BRUNO Tobias ERNZOG Jan HŘEBEK Milan ŠTEINDLER	Riego VAN WERSCH Sebastian MILASZEWSKI Stefan VON BORBÉLY Dieter THOMAS Jan MALÍŘ Tomáš SYSEL	SAATCHI&SAATCHI THE DESIGNORY WMC
2001	DELI	Saša GEDEON	Petr HOJDA	LOWE GGK

In August 2014 manually completed the bed „Fjell“ by IKEA. This bed is still in use.