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Curriculum Vitae:

Born: Perth, Scotland, 1-6-65. Age: 43

Education: School of Film & TV, Bournemouth & Poole College of Art & Design, 1985-1987.

Diving: HSE Commercial Diver (Part 4), PADI & BSAC Instructor.

Background: Worked in broadcast television since 1987, firstly as camera assistant/focus puller and since 1993 as cameraman and DoP. Andy lives in Tenerife with his wife Hannah and their baby daughter, Alba. As well as providing crew and equipment in the Canary Islands, Andy also offers his clients bases from London and Scotland and is often working world-wide.

Countries Worked in Include: Pakistan, Turkey, India, Galapagos Islands, The Caribbean, The Arctic, Antarctica, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Israel, Morocco, Egypt, USA, Canada, Iceland, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Suriname, Ecuador, Mali, Borneo, Russia, Saudi Arabia and all over Europe.

Cameras: RED One, Sony HDcam (eg CineAlta, 790) Panasonic DVC-Pro HD (eg Varicam, HPX 3700) Sony Digi-beta, Arri 435, Arri3, Aaton and Arri 16mm cameras.

Other Skills: Directing (news, documentaries), Editing (Including Adobe Premier for RED); Sound Recording (SQN4s with Senheiser 416 Gun & radio Mics) Photography (Adobe Photoshop), web-design (Dreamweaver. CSS).

Below is just a small cross-section of some of the productions I have shot during the last 10 years.

TV Documentaries:

Ch4 TV: Daredevils "Ice Runner"
Firecracker Films. Director: Luke Campbell
Location: Finland. Format RED One

Ch5 TV: Extreme Fishing with Robson Green.
IWC. Director: Jeremy Cadle
Location: Tenerife. Underwater DoP on HDV.

SKY HD: Final Chance to Save... Sea Turtles
Tiger Aspect Productions. Director: Finn McGough.
Location: Barbados, Trinidad, Suriname. Format: HD-Cam 25p.

Discovery Channel: Heart of Ice
TWI Productions. Director: Dan Gold.
Location: Antarctica. Format: Digital Betacam.

CH4 UK: Terry Pratchett's Jungle Quest
TV6 Productions. Director: Andy McLeod.
Location: Indonesia. Format: Super 16mm.

BBC: Lady of the Lake
IWC Productions. Director: Hamish Barbour.
Location: Scotland. Format: Digital Betacam.

BBC: QED "Spontaneous Human Combustion"
BBC London. Director: Jan Klimkowski.
Location: Scotland. Format: Betacam SP.

CH4 UK: The Private Lives of the Pharaohs
TV6 Productions. Director: Richard Reisz.
Location: Egypt. Format: Digital Betacam.

CH4 UK: Lonely Planet: Ethiopia
Pilot Productions. Director: Mark Soldinger.
Location: Ethiopia. Format: Betacam SP.

CH4 UK: Lonely Planet: Pakistan
Pilot Productions. Director: Luke Campbell.
Location: Pakistan. Format: Betacam SP.

CH4 UK: Tribal Visions: The Dogon
TV6 Productions. Director: Sara Brown.
Location: Mali. Format: Digital Betacam.

CH4 UK: Equinox: Sun Storms
John Gau Productions. Director: Dan Chambers.
Location: Israel. Format: Digital Betacam.

CH4 UK: Point of No Return
Darlow Smithson Productions. Director: Jeremy Turner.
Location: USA. Format: Digital Betacam.

CH4 UK: Sex and the Scientist
Diverse Productions. Director: Robert Eagle.
Location: Borneo. Format: Digital Betacam.

Discovery Channel: Tornado - Awesome Force
Pioneer Productions. Director: Jonathan Challis.
Location: USA/Canada. Format: Digital Betacam.

Discovery Channel: Storm Force
Pioneer Productions. Director: Jonathan Challis
Location: USA. Format: Digital Betacam.

Discovery Channel: Worlds Worst Weather
Pioneer Productions. Director: Jonathan Challis.
Location: USA. Format: Digital Betacam.

Discovery Channel: Mummies Trilogy
Brighton Films. Director: Chris Warren.
Location: Tenerife. Format: Digital Betacam.

TV Series:

Travel Channel: Globe Trekkers
Pilot Productions. Director: Navin Thapar.
Location: Crete.

BBC: Really Wild Show
BBC Bristol. Director: Megan Lander.
Location: eg. Scotland, Texas, Iceland, Indonesia.

BBC: Essential Guide to Rocks
BBC Bristol. Directors: Dan Gold, Jeremy Turner.
Location: Scotland, England. Format: Betacam SP.

BBC: Hyperlinks
BBC Childrens. Director: Yvonne Jennings.
Location: Scotland. Format: Digital Betacam.

BBC: Bright Sparks
BBC Childrens. Director: Yvonne Jennings.
Location: Scotland. Format: Digital Betacam.

BBC: Against all Odds
BBC Childrens. Director: Yvonne Jennings.
Location: Scotland. Format: Digital Betacam.

BBC: Bits and Bobs
BBC Childrens. Director: Yvonne Jennings.
Location: Scotland/Holland. Format: Digital Betacam.

BBC: Dream On
BBC Childrens. Director: Yvonne Jennings.

BBC: Get a New Life
Brighter Pictures. Director: Charlotte Browne.
Location: Tenerife. Format: DV-Cam Underwater footage.

Ch4 UK: Extraordinary Ancestors
Freeform Productions. Director: Dominic Allan.
Location: Germany, India, Trinidad. Format: Digital Betacam.

Ch4 UK: Absolutely Animals
Endemol Productions. Directors: Dan Chambers; Joe Kennedy.
Location: Scotland, Cameroon. Format: Digital Betacam.

Other TV shows have included: Tomorrows World (BBC), Book Worm (BBC), 999 (BBC), Trust Me I'm a Doctor (BBC); Food & Drink (BBC), Ex-s (BBC Scotland), Frontline Scotland (BBC Scotland), The Big Country (BBC Scotland) The Brief (Ch4), Dispatches (Ch4), Holidays From Hell (ITV). Frontline Scotland (BBC Scotland), Black Bag (Ch4).

Commercials:

Arabia Insurance

The Fantastic Film Factory. Director. Hiram Na'man
Location: Tenerife - Underwater. Format: Super 16mm.

Europa Bank

Filma Cass. Director: Serdar Isik.
Location: Turkey - Underwater. Format: 35mm.

Deep Sea World

Picardy TV. Director: Clive Chapman.
Location: Scotland. Format: Super 16mm.

Herald on Sunday

IWC Productions. Director: Hamish Barbour.
Location: Scotland. Format: Super 16mm.

Direct Holidays (20 x 30 secs)

1576 Advertising. Director: Tim Maguire.
Location: Scotland. Format: Digital Betacam.

Indian Motorcycles

Picardy TV. Director: Tim Maguire.
Location: Scotland. Format: 35mm.

Vitalinea (Danone) (3 x 30 secs)

La Fabrica. Director: Teddy Murphy.
Location: Tenerife. Format: HD-Cam 25p (as operator).

Music Videos

Texas "Mothers Heaven"

American Joe Productions. Director: American Joe
Location Scotland. Format: Digital Betacam

Achinech Band "Surf is My Life"

Achinech Productions. Format HDV.

Marine/Diving Qualifications:

HSE Commercial Diver Part 4, HSE Media Diver, HSE Diving Supervisor (2001, FortWilliam Scotland).

PADI Divemaster (2001, Fife, Scotland).

PADI Draeger Dolphin semi-closed re-breather diver (Tenerife 2005).

Marine and Coastguard Agency commercial "Boatmaster" (powered craft up to 12meters, 12 miles off-shore, Scotland, 1998-2000).

Royal Yachting Association, Level 2 Powerboat Instructor.

Department of Transport: Personal Survival Techniques at Sea (Edinburgh 1999).
VHF Marine Radio License (Edinburgh 1998, GMDSS upgrade, Tenerife 2004).
Current and in-date, first aid and CPR certificate.

Instructor Qualifications:

PADI Open Water Instructor (Tenerife 2002).

PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer (Tenerife 2003).

PADI Staff Instructor (Tenerife 2004).

BSAC Open Water SCUBA Instructor (Tenerife 2007)

PADI Specialist Instructor in the following disciplines: Wreck, Deep, Nitrox, DiverPropulsionVehicles (ie. Scooters), Draeger Dolphin Rebreather and Ice diving. Emergency First Response, First Aid and CPR (including Care for Children) Instructor(Tenerife 2005).

Experience:

Diving: approx 2,000 dives; including warm/temperate locations eg Zanzibar, Red Sea, Galapagos, Canary Islands and cold water/ice diving eg. Finland, Antarctica, Scotland, Argentina.

Use of Nitrox and full face masks for communications.

Teaching: 200+ PADI courses from novice to Assistant Instructor and specialities. Experience of teaching and training actors and presenters working in front of camera.

Power boats and Sailing: 100's of hours experience driving powered craft from small tenders to twin engine diesel hard boats, in a wide range of conditions including night passages. Experience of sailing and crewing yachts from 20 foot to 140 foot, including Sir Peter Blake's vessel, Seamaster, from South America to Antarctica and a number of passages around Scotland and The Canary Islands.

Media Diving Supervisor: Marine Safety and Dive Supervisor on a number of film and TV productions including BBC's "Walking With Monsters" (2004) and a Mastercard commercial (2005).

Housings: Hydroflex housings for Arri 435, Arri III, Aaton prod and Arri SR III, Amphibico for, Sony HD-900/750, FX1 and PD170. Aquavideo Housing for RED One.