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Media Specialist

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EXPERIENCE

HGTV's House Hunters | **Chattanooga & Nashville, TN**

Drone Operator (07/29/2024 - Present)

- Designated aerial imaging specialist for the hit television show House Hunters.

Get After It Media | **Chattanooga, TN**

Multimedia Specialist (11/28/2022 - 03/06/2024)

- Responsible for the creation of the J.W. Kelly & Co. whiskey commercial.
- Motion graphics editor for evergreen promos and specials.
- Show editor and videographer for the Heartland Network's MTTM show.
- Edited shows down from various networks to be used on social media platforms.
- Created graphics using photoshop.
- Pitched and utilized new ideas to benefit company work flow.

WTVC NewsChannel 9 | **Chattanooga, TN**

Videographer/Editor/TV Personality (01/24/2015 – 11/05/2019) (08/09/2021 – 11/18/2022)

- On-air host for franchise segment "Featured Creature".
- Created study plans and trained new hires.
- Shot and edited creative video with reporters.
- Completed assignments under tight deadlines.
- Show edited and operated audio when needed.
- Part 107 drone certified. Certified VO for company flights.
- Pitched and utilized new ideas for more proficient operations.

WPBF Channel 25 News | **Palm Beach Gardens, FL**

Videographer/Editor (11/25/2019 – 09/16/2020)

- Shot packages, VO/SOTs, and engaging content by self with little direction.

- Fast and creative video editor with Adobe Premiere Pro.
- Operated ENG trucks for events and other live opportunities.
- Part 107 sUAS certified for drone operations.
- Pool camera for the President of the United States.

Wild Side TV | Dickson, TN

Freelance (12/15/2014 – 11/05/2019)

- Hosted Wild Side segments.
- Shot, edited, hosted, and produced: “Tennessee Sturgeon Release”.
- Gathered content independently. (B-roll, interviews, script writing, voice, on-cam)
- Drone operator

Super Chief | Trenton, GA

Intern/Production Manager (11/04/2014 – 12/13/2014)

- Set up lights and audio for commercial shoots.
- Handled Grip and AC responsibilities.
- Organized studio equipment daily.

Music City Roots | Franklin, TN

Intern/Camera Operator (07/02/2014 – 08/27/2014)

- Operated live cameras for band performances.
- Set up stage, cameras, and other equipment.
- Loaded out at end of shows.

Freelance Work

Videographer (01/01/2016 – continued)

- Drone Operator for HGTV's House Hunters.
- ESPN utility worker.
- MTSU basketball Camera Operator.
- Camera Operator for Chattanooga State Community College.
- Promo video creator for the Chattanooga Zoo, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, etc.

EDUCATION

CHATTANOOGA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Professional Film and Television Technology (01/15/2013 – 05/23/2015)

- Screenwriting
- Non-Linear Editing: Adobe Premiere Pro

CERTIFICATIONS

- Part 107 sUAS

SKILLS

- Camera Operations: Mirrorless, ENG, Cinema, Drone, Studio, GoPro
- Editing: Adobe Premier Pro (**6 years**), Avid Media Composer (**7 years**), Lightroom (**6 years**)
Photoshop (**3 years**), Final Cut Pro X (**1 year**)
- Audio Operations
- Lighting
- ENG truck operations
- Aerial Imaging
- Graphic Design
- Customer Service/Communications

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Avid Media Composer instructor for affiliate news station.
- Live pool camera for CNN and various news outlets.
- Winner of various awards including 1st place Associated Press award for best videographer.
- Associate of the quarter.

REFERENCES

References Available Upon Request.

MY GEAR

- DJI Mavic Pro 2
- Sony A7iii