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Experienced Director/Cinematographer based in Los Angeles with a decade of experience in Bollywood and Nepal. Specializes in shooting TV commercials, music videos, and feature films. Skilled in planning, preparing, and executing shots in various locations and challenging settings. Eager to bring creative vision and technical expertise to collaborate with visionary directors and contribute to the team's success.

Portfolio

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Skills

Directing	Cinematography
Photography	Video software expertise
Post-production Workflow	Lighting scenes
Drone Operating	Crane, dolly, gimbal, steadicam operating
camera & lens expertise	Visual storytelling
Film and Lighting Requirements	Computer Skills & film software
Storyboard creation	Setting up cameras
Pre-production planning	Configuring cameras
Equipment testing	Staging shots
Motion graphics	Camera operation
Animation design	Audio mixing
Camera crew coordination	Live shot setup
Broadcasting equipment	

Work History

Director/Cinematographer

Jsr Studio, Los Angeles, CA

September 2024 - Current

- Shot a horror feature film called the shed
- Shot a tv commercial for Doritos
- Shot a game trailer for unity, the Gaming engine company
- Shot a commercial for smart city council San Francisco
- Shot numerous short film for film festivals that are currently been on post production.
- Leveraged professional networks and industry knowledge to strengthen client relationships.

Freelance Cinematographer

Travellers Crew Films, Kathmandu, Nepal / Mumbai, India

January 2015 - May 2024

- Cinematographer on numerous feature films, commercials, music videos, and short films
- Shot a music videos for several artist with more than 29 millions views.
- Elevated video quality through creative and tasteful sound design and color grading.
- Collaborated with colleagues to find creative solutions to challenges facing team.
- Organized and prepared shooting facilities to execute live performances, concerts, group entertainment events and dance functions.
- Planned number and type of cameras, angles and lighting requirements for shoots.
- Remained up-to-date on current trends and new technology to acquire better images.
- Adjusted lighting systems and other stage equipment to promote delivery of enjoyable guest experiences.
- Analyzed screenplay, characters and story structure to decide on visual approach.
- Collaborated with director to plan and implement desired production look.
- Directed work of up to 90 crew members.
- Set up for shots according to production schedules, weather, and lighting conditions and available equipment.
- Managed all aspects of camera operation and lighting design, utilizing ARRI, RED, Sony, and Blackmagic cameras for high-end productions
- Worked closely with directors and production teams to create visually stunning imagery
- Supervised the camera crew and lighting team on set, ensuring smooth production flow.
- Screened and coordinated and contractors for editing, shooting, motion graphics and web design.
- Directed work of up to 100 crew members.

Director of Photography – Bollywood Film Productions

Rajshri Production, Bollywood, India

January 2020 - March 2022

- Operated cinematography for several prominent Bollywood feature films with mega stars,actors, award wining directors and team.
- Designed complex lighting setups using a range of equipment including HMI PARs and Sky Panels to match the director's visual style
- Directed a team of camera operators, gaffers, and grip crew to execute multi-camera setups on large-scale sets.
- Maintained brand standards and processes for national advertising initiatives.
- Managed teams of creative editors and provided constructive feedback on projects to improve quality .
- Managed and directed external and freelance team to deliver on-location .
- Collaborated with producers, identified external talent and grew network of local and global crew.
- Collaborated with production team, consulted on set design, layout and lighting for optimal effect.
- Designed release and theater plan for global release of the films

Education

UCLA at Los Angeles, CA

UCLA Extension – Cinematography Program in Cinematography & Film Production. September 2024

Advanced coursework in cinematography techniques, lighting design, and visual storytelling under industry professionals.

- Completed professional development in Screenwriting.
- Member of UCLA BRUINS
- Continuing education in UCLA Cinematography & Film Production.

Mumbai Institute of Films And Television at Mumbai India

Diploma in Cinematography January 2016

Specialized training in cinematography, camera operation, and lighting design.

Everest Film Academy at Kathmandu Nepal

Associate of Arts in Cinematography May 2017

Focused on visual arts, photography, and media production.

- Member of Nepal society of Cinematographer and Producer Association.
- Awarded best cinematography and best student film.
- Completed professional workshop in camera and lighting for Arri India.

Notable projects

- TV Commercial for Bike Brands
- TV commercial for dinitos
- commercial for UNITY
- The horror Feature film THE SHED coming out in 2027
- TV Commercial for 4-Wheel Cars & Jeeps
- Coca-Cola
- Vivo Phone
- Gorkha Beer
- Tata Texoc EV
- Forton Tunland Car
- Music Videos