

MARK CARSON. LIGHTING CAMERAMAN DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

LIGHTING CAMERAMAN – CAMERA OPERATOR – PSC – MULTICAMERA HDCAM, DVCPRO HD, DIGIBETA, DVCAM, HDV, XDCAM, MINICAMS, COVERT CAMS

I am an enthusiastic lighting cameraman with over five years of experience working in many different formats and in a vast range of shooting conditions. Extensively travelled and with an I Visa for work in the USA. I have a great eye for detail, composition and style working in, and with any lighting conditions. I have an extensive knowledge of recording great sound directly into camera for those situations where a smaller crew is vital. I have a wealth of knowledge with grip equipment, and the ability to use mini cams and covert cameras to get those 'extra special shots'. I build great working relationships with production teams, contributors and crew, whilst still sensitive to the subject matter and editorial content. Imaginative and resourceful when working within budget restraints. Whilst some of my best work is done by working as part of a team, all-striving to get the best and most creative results. I am equally capable of self-directing contributors and scenes when needs arise, to keep things moving and on schedule.

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Drama:

Situation Critical, Darlow Smithson, Discovery Channel:

Drama reconstruction about a strain of Taliban soldiers fighting against American troops after 9/11. HD Cam, HDV, Underwater. 1 x 60 minute.

Serpent in Eden, Lion TV, Channel Four:

Drama documentary revealing new truths behind the murder of a wealthy gentleman in the 1920's. 2nd Camera, Digi beta. 1 x 60 minute.

Documentary/Observational/Factual:

10 Things You Need To Know About Sleep: BBC 1. TX May 2009

Documentary revealing the secrets of getting a good nights sleep, authored by different contributors each with a quest to see how their specialist area affects peoples abilities to nod off. BBC 1

Can't Read, Can't Write, RDF Media, Channel 4. TX July/August 2008

Ob doc series about a group of adults with literacy problems who learn from scratch how to read and write. DVCAM.

Drama Trails, Tiger Aspect, ITV 1 + 3. TX July/August/September 2008.

Drama Trails takes key actors & actress's from ITV's famous old dramas back to old locations & invites them to re live old memories through props/costumes etc, from London's Burning to Dempsey & Makepeace. DSR, 10 x 1 hours.

The Real Hustle, 2008, Objective Productions. BBC Three.

The team of hustlers show just how easy it is to get the public to part with their money. Using covert cameras and hidden mini cams. Digi Beta.

Don't Tell The Bride, 2007, Renegade Pictures, BBC 3

Documentary series where a groom chooses the entire wedding, from guest list to wedding dress.

Part of a 2-camera crew for one of the wedding ceremonies and reception. Digi Beta, 6 x 60 minutes.

BBC Blast. BBC2. TX 7th Dec 2007

Presenter links and factual films about teenagers learning from industry experts how to learn skills in documentary making, animation sound design, fashion and the arts. DSR 450 camera and audio, 4 x 1 hours.

Music & Events:

The Rehearsal Sessions. Big Kid Productions. Yahoo Online & Various broadcast slots

Directing the Photography, and the lighting of The Guillemots/The Delays/Lady Hawke/Avenue/Igloo & Hartley. As they play intimate gigs in a VW camper van & various secret locations across London with interviews. 2 x Digi Beta Cameras.

Paul Weller Rehearsal Sessions, Big Kid Productions. Channel Four.

Camera Op, Digi Beta, See above.

Freshly Squeezed, Remedy Productions, Channel 4.

Studio presenter links, VT's, & music performances from bands: One Republic, Akala & Hot Chip, Glasvegas, the Metros. Digi Beta.

O2 Wireless Festival 2006 + 2008, Live Nation, T4 Channel 4:

Presenter led back stage interviews with all the headlining acts and intimate backstage gigs.

Live Earth Festival 2007, Live Nation, MSN.

Behind the scenes interviews with celebs. Streamed via satellite onto MSN for a two billion audience. SONY HDCAM 900.

The Cambridge Folk Festival, Smooth Ops, BBC Four.

Capturing the music and flavour of this unique family orientated folk festival. Interviewing internationally acclaimed artists, and recording intimate live sessions. Presented by Mark Radcliff and Mary Ann Kennedy. 4 x 60 mins. Digi Beta.

The Download Festival 2007, Channel 4, Live Nation:

Capturing the flavour and interesting sights of the UK's biggest rock festival, featuring acts from Marilyn Manson, Iron Maiden to My Chemical Romance, back stage interviews and covering the Red Bull moto cross. Digi beta, 2 x 1 hr.

The Zico Chain, Anaemia, Hassle Records. Music Video.

Emulating the old Guns and Roses video 'Paradise City'. Shot whilst on stage rehearsing, performing and backstage doc stuff. Digi beta. 16mm super 8mm.

TDK Cross Central 2006, Smashing Productions, HD festival:

Presenter led clubbing programme filming live bands and DJ's. 1 x 30 minute. HDV.

Comedy:

Tonightly, Objective Productions, Channel 4, TX August 2008.

VT's for the fortnight run of a new commission for channel 4, involving various pre written comedy sketches on the street on London and locations.

Balls of Steel, Objective Productions. BBC3, 2008

Covert DSR & Z1 filming of the popular prank show for channel 4. Covert hits on members of the public

Funny Cuts, Princess Productions, E4:

Comedy series in which a character delves into the dark side of holiday reps and un-healthy doctors. DSR 450

The Friday Night Project, Princess Productions, Channel 4.

Following the guest celebrity through their day in the studio, and dress rehearsals of hosting the weekly live show.

Children's

Blue Peter, CBBC, BBC1.

Filming presenter and contributor led VT's for the long running children's institutional show.

Beat The Boss. CBBC, BBC 1.

Director of Photography for the reveals days for the award winning 4th series of this popular series. Tx January 2009. 3 x DSR 450.

Me and My Movie 2008, CBBC, BBC.

Filming the learning curve of children as they get to grips with small cameras and editing as they are tutored to make their first movie/documentary for a competition linked with BAFTA.

Autumn Watch, C Beebies, BBC:

Children's entertainment VT's filming children as they discover the delights of summer changing in to autumn, hunting for insects, fish and creepy crawlies. DSR 570.

Factual Entertainment:

New Comedy Heroes: Lucas & Walliams. Shine TV BBC 3. The Kate Moss Years: North One Television: Channel 5.

Most Annoying People of 2007/2008, Shine TV, BBC 3. Most Annoying Pop Moments We Love to Hate 2007:

Shine TV, BBC 3. Most Annoying Pop Songs We Love to Hate, Shine TV, BBC 3. Most Irritating Celebrities of

2006, Shine TV, Channel 5. Shocking Moments, Shine TV, Channel Five. Goals, Goals, Goals 2006. North One TV, Five:

Entertainment list style programmes that feature celebrities, social commentators, journalists and alike in stylishly lit and fast turnaround interview settings. Digi Beta, various length programmes.

Commercials and Corporate Films:

High Definition Euro 2008, ITV Creative, ITV HD.

60 frames per second filming of extreme close up football shoots and actions. Panasonic Varicam DVCPRO HD. ITV

AOL Online "Sharing Space", JWT.

Showing the 'space' that exists between couples when sharing headphones, in a tent and sharing a duvet and explaining how it's always better to 'share'. Infinity cove studio. Online campaign. HDCAM.

Baileys commercial, JWT:

Capturing an actress's mouth in full detail and extreme close up as she describes all the senses the mouth can feel and express. HDCAM.

Nissan 350z. Stream Films, Corporate:

Creating a 'top gear-esc' style film about the release of the 350z, at Combe Castle race track. Digi beta. Stream films.

Other Credits:

Journey To The Moon, 35mm features (spark). Fastnet Disaster, BBC 1 (sound recordist) Weird Science, National Geographic (sound recordist.) Terror Alert, Sky 1 (sound recordist.) Blue Peter BBC 1 (sound recordist.) Saturday TOTP BBC 1 (sound recordist.) Mummy Investigators Discovery (sound recordist.) History of TDK. TDK corporate (camera assistant.) Mama Mia EPK (Focus Puller) Clip Loc Sunglasses commercial (camera assistant/grip.) Guerrilla Vision. Debt Matters commercial Guerrilla Vision (camera assistant.) Barrio 19 MTV Worldwide (mini cams/camera assistant.) Nickelodeon Jam Creative (camera assistant.) Heaven and Hell The V.C's Music Promo (camera assistant/grip.) Le Man's 2003 (assistant director.) Cadbury's Time Out Commercial (camera assistant.) The Chess Player Guinness commercial (director.)

Additional Information:

- Age: 28
- DOB: 02/12/1980
- BECTU Member.
- Kit hire insurance up to £100,000 & public liability insurance for myself & 2 other crew members
- Nationality: British (With I visa for USA.) Ten year British passport.
- BBC Health and safety trained.
- Large crew estate car available.
- Full clean driving licence. Full DA motorcycle licence, motorcycle owner,