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EDUCATION

2023 · Graduated Film and Creative Writing with a 2.1 from UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, United Kingdom.

2019 · Graduated with a 97.8% from JSS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

SOME OF MY PROJECTS

The Ambush: Worked as camera trainee with a 3-cam set up, directed by **Pierre Morel** (Taken). A 400-member crew and cast, making it the largest Arabic-language feature film production filmed in the GCC which smashed UAE's Box Office Records making it my biggest project. (2020)

Grey Matter: Worked as 2nd AC on feature film shot in Suffolk and released in 2023. My first film project in the UK. It won 2023 **Best Foreign Debut Feature** and was nominated for **Best International Feature** at 4 film festivals. (2021)

SARAH RONAD

CAMERA CREW AND FILM GRADUATE

I am a dedicated **Second Camera Assistant** with a passion for the craft of cinematography. Since entering the industry when I was 17, I have balanced school and rigorous university studies with extensive field experience, building a strong reputation as an adaptable, highly organized crew member across multiple sets. I am highly motivated by an ultimate career goal to step up as a **Director of Photography**. Now based in Dubai, I am eager to connect with local production houses and camera departments looking for crew opportunities to deliver exceptional technical support, expand my local network, and elevate visual storytelling.

EXPERIENCE

2ND AC CAMERA CREW FREELANCE (LONDON)
Jan 2021 – present

Reliable, proactive support to DOPs and camera teams across indie shorts, features, and commercials & trusted to work independently, manage camera assets, slating, and stay composed in fast-paced environments.

-Confidently handled camera builds, on-set setups, and efficient teardowns, working quickly and precisely under tight deadlines
-Trusted with gear logistics such as organizing and transporting equipment and anticipating needs before being asked.
-As an aspiring DoP, I bring an acute attention to detail, relentless work ethic and bring a true team-player mindset to creative, high-pressure sets. Ready to hit the ground running on your next production.

CSA/TM EAST OF ENGLAND CO-OP. (NORFOLK)
Nov 2023 - Nov 2024

Quickly mastered store operations with no prior retail experience. Trained on tills, stock, and service standards within weeks and trusted with Team Manager duties within months.

-Delivered high-quality services to customers
-Identified customer needs through active listening
-Stepped up beyond my role, covering team member duties and demonstrating readiness for added responsibility
-Balanced speed and accuracy during peak hours, keeping service flowing and shelves stocked under pressure

We Are Bleach: Worked as 2nd AC on short film filmed in London which has been awarded **Best Indie Short, Best LGBT**+ and other awards at film festivals.

Khor Fakkan 1534: Worked as VT on this feature film depicting the historical events that occurred during the Portuguese invasion in 1507. Has won **21 awards** in international film festivals.

Hope Reborn- Fabio D'Andrea (featuring **Rose Leslie**). This music video is made in support of those who have multiple sclerosis and supports the MS and Overcoming MS Society Charities.

RAM advertisement: A 2-cam set up shot in the desert and around the city of Dubai with **Ford Ram Trucks** and worked with several car rigs and set ups.

Seven Day Revenge: Worked as 2nd AC on a **vertical drama mini TV-series** production which was a new experience for me.

City of Masks: Worked as second 2nd AC on this female-led supernatural thriller romance inspired by Gaston Leroux's 1909 novel **The Phantom of the Opera**, coming out this Halloween,

CATERING STAFF BOUQUET GARNI, EVENTS (ESSEX)
Sep 2022 - Jul 2023

Served high-volume events across Colchester, Ipswich, and Manningtree, from weddings to corporate functions. Worked long, unpredictable shifts across kitchen, bar, and front-of-house, constantly staying proactive and reliable wherever needed
-Supported full event prep and service for weddings, funerals, parties, and other occasions, adapting quickly to changing schedules
-Collaborated closely with chefs and event teams to ensure smooth, on-time service for up to hundreds of guests

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STUDENT AMBASSADOR UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX (UK)
Jun 2021 - Jul 2023

Represented the university at events and open days, acting as the first point of contact for prospective students and parents. Greeting people warmly, reading their needs quickly, and tailoring information to each person
-Developed strong phone and in-person communication skills, confidently handling questions, concerns, and follow-ups with people of all ages
-Built genuine confidence and a natural ease with people, turning first-time visitors into engaged, satisfied guests
-Solved problems on the spot and managed unexpected questions, busy crowds, and last-minute changes while staying calm, professional, and approachable

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

BAR STAFF SUBZERO NIGHTCLUB (ESSEX, 2022-2023)
Navigated a high-pressure, safety-first nightclub environment, troubleshooting on the spot and anticipating customer needs with composure.

EDITORIAL INTERN STONE SOUP (MUMBAI, 2019)
Crafted content for multiple clients and managed brand social media, building clear, polished communication and teamwork with big teams.

VIDEO TECHNICIAN FILMQUIP MEDIA (DUBAI, 2019-2020)
Managed video village monitors on set so the director, clients, and crew can see footage. Recording and playback to keep shoots on track. Learnt the skill of troubleshooting. Here is where I trained and became camera trainee on feature film, الكمين Al Kameen (2021)

MORE FILM EXPERIENCES

A compiled excel sheet of all the film projects/sets I've worked on, available on request.

(EXTERNAL PRODUCTION SETS AS FREELANCER)					
Dates	**Project**	**Role**	**Production Companies**	**Key Crew and Cast**	**Links**
15th May 2019	**Lazer Game:** short pre-game video	Shadow Job/Trainee			
22nd-27th May 2019	**Dubai Tourism Advertisement:** introduction video	Video Technician (VT)	Filmworks	DOP Michael Lagerwey	
16th June 2019	**MAMALU** cooking show on YouTube w/ IG influencer @mamalukitchen	Production Assistant and Video Technician (VT)			www.mamalukitchen.com
18th-20th June 2019	**The Shadow:** short film w/ first Emirati female director Nayla Al Khaja	Video Technician (VT) (two camera setup)	EpicFilms, Senorita Films & ARRI	www.naylaalkhaja.com/about-nayla	https://vimeo.com/371590432
7th August 2019	**HALA: Redefine Your Ride:** Dubai Taxi Advertisement w/ DOP Simon Cracknell	Video Technician (VT)	Wild Media & Unltd Productions	simoncracknell.com	
29th September 2019	**BESHT** Advertisement w/ DOP Pooja Gupte	Intern		https://www.poojagupte.in/	
24th October 2019	**COEXIST:** Alia Bhatt's social media initiative. A small pet-friendly video created for Diwali	Production Assistant	StoneSoup Media	https://www.instagram.com/aliaabhatt/	
22nd November 2019	**Mosambi & Narangi:** a short play directed by Shernaz Patel with two of Mumbai's prominent actors, Rajat Kapur and Ajeet Singh	BTS documenter for social media.	StoneSoup Media	https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/shernazpatel/	
21st-23rd January 2020	**Khor Fakkan 1534:** A movie depicting the historical events that occurred during the Portuguese invasion in 1507.	Video Technician (VT) (two camera setup)	Get Go Films	Director Ben Mole & Director of Photography Richard Kendrick	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10193064/
30th January-1st February 2020	**Ram- Your Own Road:** A Ford Ram Advertisement Shoot	Video Technician (VT) (two camera setup)	EpicFilms	Director Leo Ricagni & Director of Photography Tobia Sempi https://www.tobiasempi.com/featured	https://vimeo.com/398239424
17th February- 15th May 2020	**The Ambush:** Feature Film-The first arab film of this scale and genre (war, drama, action) to be produced in the GCC.	Camera Trainee (three camera setup)	AGC Studios, ImageNation & Old School Production	Director of #Taken, Pierre Morel and Director of Photography Thierry Arbogast #LeonTheProfessional	https://youtu.be/wexAOog9HDg
13th February 2021	**Nestle Koko Krunch & Nesquik:** Ramadan Campaign	Social Media Cam Assistant	Dejavu	Faisal Hashmi Social Media DOP https://filmfreeway.com/FaisalHashmi	https://youtu.be/3MvsanT1QjM
17th-18th February 2021	**FAB "Believe" Bank:** Sponsored Video	Video Technician (VT)	Nine Projects	Director of Photography Kristof Brandl https://www.artistry.net/clients/directors-of-photography/kristof-brandl#category=featured-work	
23rd March 2021	**Al Bayader** Event	Camera Operator	Al Bayader		
2nd April 2021	**City of Stars:** Sponsored Video	Production Assistant		Thabit Salem	https://www.instagram.com/tv/CUmMv9iplBA/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet
6th April 2021	**French Music Video**	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Kaid Productions		https://camillebedot.wixsite.com/kaidproductions
7th April 2021	**ENOC:** Spirit of Ramadan	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Social Eyez	Director Rawad El Hachem	
8th April 2021	**Where is Lucy v2:** Feature Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Miranda Davidson Studios	Director Salma Azzam & DOP Saad Aldin Alkharouf https://filmfreeway.com/SalmaAzzam	https://whereislucy.movie/
31st July 2021	**Salute Cafe:** Branch Opening Video	Focus Puller/Camera Assistant	42 Abu Dhabi	Thabit Salem	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_42wWg-3V3M&ab_channel=ThabitFilms
4th-26th November 2021	**Grey Matter:** Feature Film- a film about a young girl who is forced to become a stay-at-home teenager when her nan gets diagnosed with Alzheimers.	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	W4 Films	DoP: Stuart White/Paul Mackay; Director: Arabella Burfitt-Dons; Cast: Harry Kirton and Stephanie Beacham	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15824180/
6th-10th January 2022	**We Are Bleach:** Short Film- a film about two pansexual punk rockers struggle with their toxic relationship in London's underground music scene.	2nd AC (Camera Assistant) & Data Wrangler	Hi Art Kids. Inc.	DoP: Mari Yamamura; Director: Zoe Greenbaum; Cast: Zachary Goldman, Sonnei Garces; Steadicam Op: Akhilesh Patel	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15807580/
25th-26th February 2022	**Forgive Me Father:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	East London Studios	DoP: Stuart White; Director: Fredi Nwaka	http://www.fredinwaka.co.uk/
April 5th 2022	**Ghost Mode- Catching Cairo (artist):** Music Video	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Catching Cairo	DoP: Bradley Shemmel; Artist: Catching Cairo https://www.instagram.com/catchingcairo/	https://open.spotify.com/album/1q3QZ0LQsoFion1XOa1jCA?si=LWR2uny2Q2C9Pz6tRpFUrQ

April 8th 2022	**What We Hide:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Gatton Films	DoP: Peter Garajski Director: Alexander Osman 1st AC: Tom Eames	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11070836/?ref_=ttfc_fc_tt
7th to 8th May 2022	**The Truckman:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Bastet Productions	DoP: Raffaele Nocerino Director: Andrea Catinella 1st AC: Ferran	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpU20clkgQw https://greenlit.com/project/truckman
14th May 2022	**Innocent**: Short Film- A man on the brink of insanity, when he fears he's failed his family	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Carolin Pech Productions	DoP: Raffaele Nocerino Director: Carolin Pech	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt22819430/?ref_=nm_knf_t_2
27th to 28th June 2022	**Just A Girl:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Bastet Productions	DoP: Raffaele Nocerino Director: Kieran Freemantle	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt19288004/?ref_=fn_al_tt_6
8th November 2022	**Fabio D'Andrea - Hope Reborn: featuring Rose Leslie:** This music video is made in support of of those who have multiple sclerosis and supports the two charities The MS Society and Overcoming MS.	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	fabiodandreaofficial (youtube)	Starring Rose Leslie; Music Composer: Fabio D'Andrea; DOP: Josh Kinsella - Ninety One Films	https://youtu.be/4boyPcCBBxk?si=c5jb45WE7alsJxlO
3rd October 2023	**Samuel & Kyomi:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	S+K	DoP: Hoagy Hickson; FP: Kieran Poynter; Director: Ryan Bogle	https://shorturl.at/btuwC
6th to 8th December 2024	**Reparations:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Chrystal Rose Productions	DoP: Faisal Alam; FP: Adele; Director: Chrystal Rose	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt32985821/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk
8th February to 10th March 2025	**Reparations:** Feature Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Chrystal Rose Productions	DoP: Francesco Carlucci; Gaffer: Dominic Innes; Director: Chrystal Rose	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt32985821/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk
28th February 2025	**Edge on the Fringes of Fire:** Music Video	Camera Operator	Forever Sci-fi & Fantasy Ltd.	Director Abdul T. Khan	
16th to 17th April 2025	**Wormholes:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Nine Yard Films	Director Vanessa Bailey; Writer Jonathan Skinner; DoP Carla Fuschillo	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt36593242/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk
11th to 15th June 2025	**Seven Day Revenge:** Mini TV Series	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Lighthouse Nation Media Ltd.	DoP Carla Fuschillo; Producer Yang Xu; Director Andrea Catinella	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt37539441/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk
2nd to 5th August 2025	**Foreclosure:** Short Film- Darren's child hood home is being foreclosed on and he will go to extreme lengths to save it.	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Hayden Kelley Productions	DoP Mahil Kotadoo; Director Hayden Kelley; Gaffer Charlie Richmond	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt37026806/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk
3rd to 11th September 2025	**City of Masks:** a female led thriller romance inspired by The Phantom of the Opera	2nd 2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Starmist Films Ltd.	DoP Carla Fuschillo; Steadicam Malcolm Modele; Director Andrea Catinella	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt38046366/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk
8th to 9th November 2025	**City of Masks (reshoot):** a female led thriller romance inspired by The Phantom of the Opera	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Starmist Films Ltd.	Eastenders Star Deano Bugatti; SkySports presenter Charlotte Coleman	https://www.instagram.com/cityofmasksmovie?srtk=MW5haHAxdGE0ZHJ3dw==
14th to 15th January 2026	**Olive Branch:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	A Filmworks	DoP Shyam Jilka; Director Clementine Weely	
5th October 2026	**Vodaphone** Advertisement (Dubai)	Camera Trainee	Rhino & Oxpecker Productions	Director Hamdalla; DoP Victor Credi; FP Jonathan Saccal; Trinity Op Chris Kechichian; Producer Rytta Mezher	

(STUDENT PRODUCTIONS AS UNIVERSITY STUDENT)

Dates	Project	Role	Production Companies	Key Crew and Cast	Links
11th to 12th and 19th-22nd March 2022	**Last Month:** Short Film	DoP	Student Production	Director Grace Rickard	
22nd March-25th March 2022	**The Taste of Childhood:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Student Production	Director Noel Hoffmans; DoP Jakub Gontko	https://www.imdb.com/title/tt23132760/
27th-28th March 2022 2nd-4th April 2022	**Alien Me:** Short Film	DoP	Student Production	Director Tsvetislava Kirkova	
12th to 13th November 2022	**Dreamcatcher:** Book Trailer	DoP	Student Production	Director-Noel Hoffmans Producer Ena Chiara Teglovic	
24th to 25th November 2022	**Tree:** Short Film	2nd AC (Camera Assistant)	Student Production	Director/DoP- Dominic Holmes	
29th November 2022	**Water Witch:** Short Film	DoP	Student Production	Director Adam Billy Gardiner	
20th April and 26th April to 27th April 2023	**What's Behind the Mind:** Short Film	DoP/2nd AC	Student Production	Director Grace Rickard; DoP Sarah Ronad; University of Essex	
6th May-10th May 2023	**What They Don't See:** Short Film	DoP/Director	Student Production	Writer/DoP- Sarah Ronad	