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- FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR -

THE SPY (TV Series in 6 Episodes for Netflix) directed by Gideon RAFF

January / August 2018 : *First Assistant-Director*

Produced by : LEGENDE FILMS / NETFLIX / OCS

Cast : Sacha BARON COHEN, Noah EMMERICH...

Prep & Shoot Morocco (Fes, Azrou & Casablanca) and Budapest, Hungary

QU'UN SANG IMPUR.. (LE COMMANDO BREITNER) directed by Abdel-Raouf DAFRI

August/ September 2017 : *First Assistant-Director (Pre-Production Only / Project Postponed)*

Produced by : MOANA FILMS , FIDÉLITÉ FILMS

Cast : Johan HELDENBERGH, Casting in Progress...

Locations : Morocco & France

MRS MILLS directed by Sophie MARCEAU

April / July 2017 : *First Assistant-Director*

Produced by : LES FILMS DU CAP, JUVENILE PRODUCTIONS, ORANGE STUDIO, DMG ENTERTAINMENT, SCOPE PICTURES

Cast : Sophie MARCEAU, Pierre RICHARD, Nicolas VAUDE, Bastien UGHETTO, Léna BRÉBANT

Prep & Shoot in Paris, France & Shanghai, China

EVERY OTHER WEEKEND directed by Benjamin ROCHER

August / Sept 2016 : *First Assistant-Director (Pre-Production Only / Project Postponed)*

Produced by : RADAR FILMS & FORECAST PICTURES

Cast : Mel GIBSON, Casting in Progress...

Locations : France & Canada...

MARS - SEASON 1 (TV Series in 6 Episodes for National Geographic Channel) directed by Everardo GOUT

February / July 2016 : *First Assistant-Director*

Produced by : Ron HOWARD, Brian GRAZER [IMAGINE ENTERTAINMENT] & RADICAL MEDIA [ny]

Cast : Ben COTTON, Jihae KIM, Sammi ROTIBI, Alberto AMMANN, Clémentine POIDATZ, Anamaria MARINCA...

Prep & Shoot in Budapest (Hungary) & Erfoud (Morocco)

PATTAYA directed by Franck GASTAMBIDE

February / May 2015 : *First Assistant-Director*

MANDARIN CINEMA [fr] / GAUMONT [fr]

Cast : Franck GASTAMBIDE, Malik BENTALHA, Anouar TOUBALI , Ramzy BEDIA, Gad EL MALEH...

Prep & Shoot in Bangkok, Ayuthaya, Pattaya (Thailand) & Paris (France)...

LE BUREAU DES LÉGENDES - SEASON 1 (TV Series) - Director : Laïla MARRAKCHI - Showrunner : Eric ROCHANT

November / December 2014 : *First Assistant-Director* : Morocco

THE OLIGARCHS PRODUCTIONS [fr] / FEDERATION ENTERTAINEMENT [fr]

Cast : Mathieu KASSOVITZ, Jean-Pierre DARROUSSIN, Léa DRUCKER...

Prep & Shoot in Merzouga & Casablanca, Morocco...

THE HUNGER GAMES 3 : Mockingjay Pt 1 & 2 directed by Francis LAWRENCE

March / May 2014 : *First Assistant-Director* : France

LIONSGATE [us] / / PENINSULA FILM SEASHORE [fr]

Cast : Jennifer LAWRENCE, Josh HUTCHERSON, Liam HEMSWORTH , Woody HARRELSON,

Julianne MOORE, Donald SUTHERLAND...

Prep & Shoot in Paris, France

PERCEPTION - SEASON 3 - Ep. 301 "PARIS" (TV Series) directed by Ken BILLER

January 2014 : *First Assistant-Director*

FTP PRODUCTIONS (us), FROGGIE PRODUCTION (fr)

Cast : Eric Mc CORMACK, Rachael LEIGH COOL, Scott WOLF...

Prep & Shoot in Paris, France

HOMELAND - SEASON 3 : Ep 311 / 312 (TV Series) directed by Daniel MINAHAN / Lesli LINKA GLATTER

Sept/ Nov 2013 : *First Assistant-Director : Morocco*

ARCTIC FOX (us), SAHARA PRODUCTIONS (ma)

Cast : Claire DANES, Damian LEWIS...

Prep & Shoot in Rabat, Morocco

THE NARROW FRAME OF MIDNIGHT directed by Tala HADID

April / July 2013 : *First Assistant-Director*

AUTONOMOUS (uk), LOUVERTURE FILMS (us), ASAP FILMS (fr), K FILMS (ma)

Cast : Khalid ABDALLA, Marie-Josée CROZE, Fedwa BOUJOUANE, Hocine CHOUTRI, Hindi ZAHRA...

Prep & Shoot in Azrou & Casablanca, Morocco and in Istanbul, Turkey – DOP : Aleksandar "Sasha" BUROV

THE FAR CRY EXPERIENCE - SEASON 1 (Web TV Serie) directed by Antoine BLOSSIER

July / Aug 2012 : *First Assistant-Director*

UBISOFT MOTION PICTURES

Distr : Christopher MINTZ-PLASSE, Michael MANDO, Jonathan SANDERS...

Prep & Shoot in Thailand : Ao Nang, Koh Hong, Krabi - DOP : Romain LACOURBAS

ROCK THE CASBAH directed by Laïla MARRAKCHI

February / June 2012 : *First Assistant-Director*

ESTRELLA PRODUCTIONS, PATHÉ FILMS

Cast : Morjana ALAOUI, Nadine LABAKI, Lubna AZABAL, Hiam ABBASS, Omar SHARIF...

Prep & Shoot in Tangiers, Morocco – DOP : Pierrick GANTELEMI D'ILLE

TOMORROW COMES TODAY directed by Ming LANG-CHEN

July / October 2011 : *First Assistant-Director / Associate Producer*

WW4F PRODUCTIONS (ny)

Cast : Shang-Ho HUANG, Timothy WEINERT, Celina JADE...

Prep & Shoot in New-York City - DOP : Ruben O'MALLEY

THE WOMAN WHO BRUSHED OFF HER TEARS de Teona S. MITEVSKA

[Official Selection "Berlin Film Festival" 2012 - Panorama]

February/ May 2011 : *First Assistant-Director*

SISTERS & BROTHER MITEVSKI (mk)/OSTLICHT (de)/ENTRE CHIENS ET LOUPS (be)/VERTIGO (si)

Cast : Victoria ABRIL, Labina MITEVSKA, Arben BAJRAKTARAJ, Jean-Marie GALEY...

Prep & Shoot in Republic of Macedonia & Germany - DOP : Matyas ERDELY

SECOND COMING directed by Nenad CICIN-SAIN (*Production Shutdown*)

September / October 2010 : *First Assistant-Director : Pre-Production#2 (Production Shut Down)*

HARMONY ENTERTAINMENT (us) / HEAVEN PRODUCTIONS (fr)

Cast : Mark RUFFALO, Marion COTILLARD, Angelica HUSTON... - DOP : Tom STERN

HUGO directed by Martin SCORSESE

July / August 2010 : *First Assistant-Director : France*

GK FILMS (us) / PENINSULA FILM (fr)

Cast : Asa BUTTERFIELD, Chloe MORETZ, Sir Ben KINGLSEY, Jude LAW, Sacha BARON-COHEN

MONTE CARLO directed by Thomas BEZUCHA

June / July 2010 : *First Assistant-Director : France & Monaco*

FOX PICTURES (us) / PENINSULA FILM (fr)

Cast : Selena GOMEZ, Leighton MEESTER, Katie CASSIDY, Cory MONTEITH, Valérie LEMERCIER...

SECOND COMING directed by Nenad CICIN-SAIN (*Project Postponed*)

March / April 2010 : *First Assistant-Director : Pre-Production#1 (Project Postponed)*

HEAVEN PRODUCTIONS (fr) / MORENA FILMS (es)

Prep in Barcelona & Catalonia, Provence / South of France & New-York...

CIRKUS COLUMBIA directed by Danis TANOVIĆ

July 2009 / December 2009 : *First Assistant-Director*

Official Selection at "Venice Festival @ Venice Days" 2010 and at "Toronto International Film Festival" – Sept 2010

A.S.A.P FILMS (fr) – AUTONOMOUS (uk) – MAN'S FIM (be) – 2006 (bih)

Cast : Miki MANOJLOVIĆ, Mira FURLAN, Boris LER, Jelena STUPLJANIN

Prep & Shoot in Slovenia & Bosnia & Herzegovina – DOP : Walter VAN DEN ENDE

THE BLUE BOOK directed by Christophe LIOUD

August 2008 / January 2009 : *First Assistant-Director : Preliminary Pre-Production / Project Postponed*

BONNE PIOCHE (fr)

Prep in Hampi & Mumbai, India

GI JOE : Rise of the Cobra directed by Stephen SOMMERS

July 2008 : *First Assistant-Director : France (VFX)*

PARAMOUNT PICTURES / PENINSULA FILM (PARIS)

JULIE & JULIA directed by Nora EPHRON

May/June 2008 : *First Assistant-Director : France*

COLUMBIA PICTURES / PENINSULA FILM (PARIS)

Cast : Meryl STREEP, Stanley TUCCI ...

NINE MILES DOWN directed by Anthony WALLER

Feb/March 2008 : *First Assistant-Director*

SILVERBACK PRODUCTIONS

Cast : Adrian PAUL, Kate NAUTA, Meredith OSTRÖM...

Prep & Shoot in Southern Tunisia : Tamerza, Nefta, Metlaoui & Tozeur – DOP : Roger SIMONSZ

THE HAPPENING directed by M. Night SHYAMALAN

Sept 2007 : *First Assistant-Director : France*

20th CENTURY FOX / PENINSULA FILM (PARIS)

NATIONAL TREASURE 2 : BOOK OF SECRETS directed by Jon TURTELTaub

July/August 2007 : *First Assistant-Director : France*

JERRY BRUCKHEIMER PRODUCTION / PENINSULA FILM (PARIS)

Cast : Nicolas CAGE, Justin BARTHA...

ENTOURAGE - SEASON 4 : THE CANNES KIDS (TV Series) directed by Mark MYLOD

May 2007 : *First Assistant-Director : France*

HBO / JAKE PRODUCTIONS (MONACO)

Cast : Adrian GRENIER, Jeremy PIVEN, Kevin DILLON, Jerry FERRARA, Kevin CONNOLY...

I AM FROM TITOV VELES directed by Teona MITEVSKA

July/October 2006 : *First Assistant-Director*

SISTERS & BROTHER MITEVSKI (mk) – SILKROAD PRODUCTIONS (fr) – ENTRE CHIENS ET LOUP (be)

Cast : Labina MITEVSKA, Ana KOSTOVSKA, Nikolina KUJACA, Petar MUSEVSKI

Prep & Shoot in Republic of Macedonia : Titov Veles, Dojran Lake, Skopje

["Special Jury Award" : Sarajevo Film Festival 2007]

[Official Selection "Berlin Film Festival" 2008]

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA directed by David FRANKEL

December 2005 : *First Assistant-Director : France*

20th CENTURY FOX - FOX 2000 / PENINSULA FILM (Paris)

Cast : Meryl STREEP, Anne HATHAWAY, Simon BAKER...

« **PARIS, JE T'AIME : 15th arrondissement** » directed by Christoffer BOE

August 2005 : *First Assistant-Director*

VICTOIRES INTERNATIONAL (fr)

Cast: Camille JAPY, Jonathan ZACCAI, Eric POULAIN

TENERIFE : CRASH OF THE CENTURY directed by Chantal HÉBERT

Oct /Nov 2004 : *1st Assistant-Director*

GALAXIE PRODUCTIONS (France) / CINEFLIX (Canada)

Prep & Shoot in France : Chateauroux Airport (Las Palmas & Tenerife Airport Scenes – KLM/PANAM Cabin & Cockpit)

MAROCK directed by Laila MARRAKCHI

[Official Selection - Cannes Film Festival 2005 "Un Certain Regard"]

April/August 2004 : *First Assistant-Director*

LAZENNEC & ASSOCIÉS PRODUCTION (fr)

Cast: Morjana EL ALAOU, Mathieu BOUGENAH, Fatym LAYACHI, Razika SIMOZRAG, Assaad EL BOUAB...

Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Casablanca

LE DIVORCE directed by James IVORY

April 2003 : *1st Assistant-Director : Retakes*

MERCHANT IVORY PRODUCTIONS

Cast: Naomi WATTS, Jean-Marc BARR, Leslie CARON...

NAPOLEON (4*100min - TV Serie) directed by Yves SIMONEAU

October / November 2001 : *First Assistant-Director: Morocco*

GMT PRODUCTIONS - SPICE FACTORY - KIRCH MEDIA - RAI

Cast: Christian CLAVIER, Isabella ROSSELINI, John MALKOVITCH, Gérard DEPARDIEU

Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate & Erfoud (egyptian scenes) – Agadir (french mediterranean coast)

- SECOND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR -

« **MUNICH** » directed by Steven SPIELBERG

September 2005 : *2nd Assistant-Director : France*

UNIVERSAL PICTURES / PENINSULA FILM (PARIS)

Cast: Eric BANA, Matthieu KASSOVITZ, Daniel CRAIG, Matthieu AMALRIC, Michael LONSDALE...etc...

SEX AND THE CITY - SEASON 6 (TV Series) directed by Tim VAN PATTEN

Dec 2003/January 2004 : *2nd Assistant-Director : France*

HBO / PENINSULA FILM (PARIS)

*1st Assistant-Director: Bettianne FISHMAN / Jérôme BORENSTEIN

Prep & Shoot in France : Paris

ALEXANDER directed by Oliver STONE

August/November 2003 : *Key 2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*

INTERMEDIA FILMS

Cast: Colin FARRELL, Jared LETO, Angelina JOLIE, Val KILMER, Rosario DAWSON, Anthony HOPKINS...

*1st Assistant-Director : Simon WARNOCK / Ahmed HATIMI

Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Marrakech (persia & babylon), L'Oukaimeden (bactria & hindu kush) , Essaouira (greece & macedonia)

DANNY THE DOG directed by Louis LETERRIER

November 2002 / February 2003 : *Key 2nd Assistant-Director*

EUROPA CORP - CURRENT ENTERTAINMENT

Cast: Jet LI, Morgan FREEMAN, Bob HOSKINS, Kerry CONDON...

THE THREE MUSKETEERS directed by Charlotte Brandström

April 2002 : *2nd Assistant-Director: Location Scouting - Czech Republic*

GMT PRODUCTIONS

*1st Assistant-Director: Nicolas GUY

NAPOLEON (4*100min) (TV Series) directed by Yves SIMONEAU

October / November 2001 : *First Assistant-Director: Morocco*

July / October 2001 : *Key 2nd Assistant-Director: Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary*

GMT PRODUCTIONS - SPICE FACTORY - KIRCH MEDIA - RAI

Cast: Christian CLAVIER, Isabella ROSSELINI, John MALKOVITCH, Gérard DEPARDIEU

Prep & Shoot in Czech Republic , Austria, Hungary & Morocco : Ouarzazate & Erfoud, Agadir, Morocco...

BLACK HAWK DOWN directed by Ridley SCOTT

February / June 2001 : *Key 2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*

REVOLUTION STUDIOS - JERRY BRUCKHEIMER FILMS - SCOTT FREE

Cast: Josh HARTNETT, Ewan Mc GREGOR, Sam SHEPARD, Eric BANA, Orlando BLOOM, Tom SIZEMORE...

*1st Assistant-Director : Terry NEEDHAM / Ahmed HATIMI

Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Salé, Rabat, Kenitra Air Base (mogadishu & somalia scenes)

SPY GAME directed by Tony SCOTT
November 2000 / January 2001 : *Key 2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*
BEACON PICTURES / UNIVERSAL PICTURES
Cast : Brad PITT, Robert REDFORD, Catherine Mc CORMACK...
*1st Assistant-Director : John WILDERMUTH / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate (vietnam scenes) & Casablanca (beirut scenes)

THE FOUR FEATHERS directed by Shekhar KAPUR
August / November 2000 : *2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*
MIRAMAX FILMS / PARAMOUNT PICTURES
Cast: Wes BENTLEY, Heath LEDGER, Djimon HOUNSOU, Kate HUDSON
*1st Assistant-Director : Tommy GORMLEY / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate & Erfoud Areas (egypt & soudan scenes)

ARABIAN NIGHTS (TV Series) directed by Steve BARRON
May1999 : *2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*
HALLMARK ENTERTAINMENT
Cast : Mili AVITAL, James FRAIN, Jason SCOTT LEE
*1st Assistant-Director: Simon MOSELEY
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Erfoud & Merzouga Areas

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT directed by William FRIEDKIN
March / May 1999 : *2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*
PARAMOUNT PICTURES
Cast: Samuel L. JACKSON, Tommy LEE JONES, Ben KINGSLEY...
*1st Assistant-Director : Michael HAYNIE / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate (yemen & sanaa Scenes)

GLADIATOR directed by Ridley SCOTT
November 1998 / March 1999 : *2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*
DREAMWORKS SKG
Cast: Russell CROWE, Oliver REED, Djimon HOUNSOU, Joaquim PHOENIX, Connie NIELSEN
*1st Assistant-Director: Terry NEEDHAM / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate Area (spanish border, north african 'roman' provinces scenes)

THE MUMMY directed by Steven SOMMERS
April / June 1998 : *2nd 2nd Assistant-Director: Morocco*
UNIVERSAL PICTURES
Cast: Brendan FRASER, Rachel WEITZ, Arnold VOOSLOO
*1st Assistant-Director: Cliff LANNING / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Marrakech (cairo scenes) - Erfoud Area(egyptian desert scenes)

SOLOMON & SHEBA directed by Robert YOUNG
July/ August 1994 : *3rd Assistant-Director*
DE LAURENTIIS PRODUCTIONS INC
Cast: Halle BERRY, Jimmy SMITS.
*1st Assistant-Director: Antonio GABRIELLI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate

- VIDEO PLAYBACK OPERATOR -

LEGIONNAIRE directed by Peter Mc DONALD
October/ December 1997 : *Video- Assistant (Camera Departement)*
ED.PRESSSMAN FILMS
Cast: Jean Claude VAN DAMME, Steven BERKOFF, Daniel CALTAGIRONE
*DOP: Douglas MILSOME / 1st Assistant-Director: Mick MURRAY / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Tangiers (marseilles scenes) - Tetouan, Ouarzazate & Erfoud Areas (moroccan scenes)

KUNDUN directed by Martin SCORSESE
August / December 1996 : *Video- Assistant*
CAPPA / DE FINA PRODUCTION
Cast: Tenzin Thuthob 'Tsarong', Tenzin Tenchoe, Tenzin Gyatso...
*DOP: Roger DEAKINS / 1st Assistant-Director: Scott HARRIS / Ahmed HATIMI
Prep & Shoot in Morocco : Ouarzazate (tibet sc.) - Casablanca (beijing sc.) – Atlas Mountains (himalayas sc.)

- COMMERCIALS & MUSIC VIDEOS -

Directors :

jonathan zames, arnaud uyttenhove - ivan grbovic - michael bay - fabrice coton & raphaël aupy - jeff labbé - juan solanas - jean becker - thierry rajic - keith bearden – the legs - philippe andré – amir chamdin - katie bell - chris wilcha - lars knorrn - martin arnaldo - eran creevy - tony kaye - zac - james huth - matthijs van heijningen - benny boom - jordan scott - joe pytko - ric hawkes - tchad nelson brown - pelle seth - douglas law - vincent jérôme

Production Companies :

wtbr/where the buffalo roam (us) - caviar content (fr) - prodigious (fr) - academy (uk) - stoked (lb) - partizan (uk) - dounia productions (ma) - bbd productions (fr) - stink france (fr) - big productions (fr) - wanda productions (fr) – tokib productions (fr) - bikini films (uk) - warm & fuzzy @ gang films (fr) - chelsea pictures (us) - peninsula film/jake prod (fr) - neue sentimental film (de) - orange films (fr) - premiere heure (fr) - between the eyes (uk) - vip films (dubai) - label tele (fr) - quad (fr) - mjz (uk) - louka films (fr) - fm rocks (us) - rsa films ltd (uk) - franco american (fr) - rsa films ltd (uk) - ricandjo tv (uk) - 1/33 (fr) - ldm (fr)

- EDUCATION -

- **Nov. / Dec. 2013** — ‘Six Weeks Line Producing Workshop“ @ CIFAP (Montreuil, France)
- **1996/1999** – ‘Master’s Degree’ in Ethnology – University Paris VII - Denis Diderot
- **1993/1996** – Film School : Ecole Supérieure de Réalisation Audiovisuelle - ESRA (Major : Film Direction)
- **1990/1993** - DEUG A - SPI (Sciences for the Engineer) - Paris VI - Jussieu
- **1990** – French Baccalaureat Serie C (Maths & Physics) in Casablanca (Morocco)

- COMPUTER SKILLS -

MOVIE MAGIC SCHEDULING, FINAL DRAFT, FILE MAKER PRO, EXCEL ,WORD, ...

Computer Development of an « Extras Database System » using Bar Code Badges designed & used in Morocco on The Mummy, Gladiator, Rules of Engagements, The Four Feathers, Spy Game, Black Hawk Down, Alexander...etc...

- LANGUAGES (TRILINGUAL) -

ENGLISH, FRENCH, ARABIC (MOROCCAN DIALECT & CLASSICAL)
BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF MACEDONIAN/ SERBO-CROATIAN & BOSNIAN LANGUAGES...

- COUNTRIES I HAVE WORKED IN -

FRANCE, UK & SCOTLAND, BELGIUM, GERMANY, CZECH REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, MACEDONIA, SLOVENIA, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, MALTA, SPAIN, CHINA, INDIA, THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, TURKEY, OMAN, QATAR, DUBAI, USA (NEW-YORK) & ALL AROUND MOROCCO...

- MISCELLANEAOUS -

* French and Moroccan Nationalities - Born on March 6th, 1971 in Casablanca, Morocco / Driving Licence, type B

* Certified Open Water Diver (SDI) since June 2011 @ Malapascua Island, Cebu Province - The Philippines

* Active Member of the French Association of Assistant Directors (a.f.a.r) [www.afar-fiction.com]

* Nov. / Dec 2014 : Line Producing Workshop @ CIFAP (Montreuil, France)

* 2007 – 2012 : Tutorship of Workshops re: “A.D’s Skills / Movie Magic Scheduling / Final Draft... “ [www.cifap.com]

* 2009 - Tutorship of a Workshop re: “Background Action “ in Geneva for European A.D’s & Directors [www.focal.ch]