

JAKE SIMKIN

FILM PRODUCER AND CINEMATOGRAPHER
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OBJECTIVE

Shooter / Producer freelance to full time. Expertise in media content creation. Also documenting interview and data concerning to private investigations.

SKILLS

Film and Video knowledge
Aerial Cinematography
Steadicam operation
Surveillance gear
High Access rigging
Scuba Diving
Underwater Cinematography
Rock Climbing
Motorcycle Riding
Emergency Service
Hostile Environments Training
First Aid

EXPERIENCE

DEVELOPMENT PICTURES • 2012 - CURRENT

Freelance Shooter/Producer of various film productions from commercials, documentaries and feature Hollywood films and television series often shooting production in conflict countries. Able to work solo to working in a full production team. Notable productions include Rock the Kasbah, The Fighting Season and the Volunteers. Our production company produced a short film, Buzkashi Boys which was nominated for an Academy Award.

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR • FREELANCE • 2014 - CURRENT

Small team data collection on war crimes and atrocities committed in South Sudan, Syria, Libya and Iraq for Human Rights organizations and Government Departments. Have also worked domestically and internationally on tracking stolen possessions and missing people cases.

PHOTOGRAPHER • FREELANCE • 2000 - CURRENT

Began an early career photographing fashion and live music events and progressed to working on campaign photography generally for humanitarian organization such as the ICRC, Save the Children, MSF and Global Peace Mission. Later photographed as a freelance war photographer with Associated Press, Le Monde and the Guardian and have work on investigative pieces for the New York Times, VCD and Paris Match. Returned to Australia and mainly shoot fashion and motorcycle campaign for several Motor companies and apparel.

MEDIA OFFICER AND TEACHER • SKATEISTAN • 2009 - 2011

Producer of Media Content for Skateistan, an NGO teaching children skateboarding in Kabul, Afghanistan shooting either photo or video content. Also worked as an educational teacher teaching class to children, mainly film making, journalism and art as well as being a skateboard and rock climbing teacher. Also was involved in Paralympic Olympic Committee and supported the disable basketball team of Afghanistan.



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COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR • UNITED NATIONS • 2008 - 2009

Worked in a sub branch of the United Nations Development Program, UNDP, in the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development of Afghanistan to highlight the work of the UNDP. My task involved producing videos and photography of their programs. The job also involved writing and formatting the Annual Report that would be submitted the UN Council. Part of my job was also to train the national staff in being able to manage the communication and media team.

PRODUCER / DIRECTOR • DORK FILMS • 2000 - 2008

Producer and Director of music videos and commercials and well as cinematography. Also organized band cover photography and promo photography for high end bands. Highlight bands have been Gotye, Pete Murray, Jet, Dallas Crane, Interpol, and Something for Kate. Also produced video art installations for concerts and VJed live for such bands like Gotye and the Presets.

EDUCATION

**STUDIES OF COUNTER TERRORISM INITIATIVES AND PREVENTION • 2012
• YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, USA**

Submitted 15,000 word essay and gave conference on initiatives to counter terrorism and work with youth to curb extremism and provide new initiatives. The research was conducted in Jalalabad, Afghanistan and also in Mogadishu, Somalia

FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES • 2000 • VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Studied film and media production. My focus was mainly cinematography

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE	2017 – CURRENT
PANEL DISCUSSION ON EXTREMISM	2020
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION – ICV.	2018
TED X KABUL	2016
RISE FOUNDATION – WASH Program.	2016
TED X MOGADISHU	2013
VISUAL ART EXHIBIT – ACMI.	2012
HUMAN RIGHTS FILM FEST	2011
KODAK CINEMATOGRAPHY - CANNES.	2006



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