

ROWENA SIMES UNDERWATER CAMERA OPERATOR CV

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RED Komodo 6K

Arri Ultra Prime 24mm T1.9 (other lenses available on request)

Nauticam Dive Housing for Komodo, UP and Ninja V monitor

Portkey 5" monitor

Atomos Ninja V monitor

Apple Macbook Pro 14" M

About me: My experience is predominantly as a second camera assistant on long form dramas in New Zealand. I am specialising as an underwater camera operator (please see my gear list above). Underwater jobs are highlighted in blue.

2026 "UMAMI" (Feature Film) Underwater Camera Assistant

DOP - Alexander Witt, Production Company: Shot Productions Ltd for Sony

2026 "WHYTE XMAS" (Feature Film) Underwater Camera Operator

DOP - Drew Sturge, Production Company: Tubuan Films

2026 "THE SANCTUARY" (Series) Underwater Camera Operator

DOP - Tim Flower, Production Company: Kevin & Co.

2026 "LITTLE FISH, RUN" (Short Film) Underwater Camera Operator

DOP - Luke Stockman, Production Company: Tumeke Films

2025 "WAKA KOTAHI: HARD LESSONS II" (TV Commercial) Underwater Camera Assistant / Safety Diver

DOP - Ziga Zupancic, Underwater Camera Operator - Murray Milne, Production Company: The Sweet Shop

2025 "EVIL DEAD BURN" (Feature Film) Underwater Camera Assistant / Safety Diver

Underwater DOP - Murray Milne, Production Company: Evil Dead Burn NZ Limited

2025 "O ALOFA NEI, O ALOFA NĀ" (Short Film) Underwater Camera Operator

DOP - Julie Zhu, Production Company: Kakaia Productions Ltd


 O Alofa Nei O Alofa Nā | Day One Shorts 2025 | A Māori/Samoan queer romance.

2025 "HEART OF THE BEAST" (Feature Film) Additional Underwater Camera Assistant / Safety Diver

DOP - Underwater DOP - Murray Milne, Production Company: DWTT Productions for Paramount

2025 "ROMEO & JULIET" (Trailer) Underwater Camera Operator

Cinematographer - Daryl Wong, Production Company: Auckland Theatre Company Teaser

 William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet | Teaser

2025 "APEX" (Feature Film) New Zealand Unit Underwater Camera Assistant

DOP - Lawrence Shaw, 1ST AC Neal Wagstaff, Production Company: Intergalactic Productions for Netflix

2024 "ZEALANDIA" (Documentary) Underwater Camera Operator

DOP - Mark Lapwood, Production Company: Vision Airways & Nature Film for ZDF

2024 "HOLY DAYS" (Feature Film) Plate Shoot / Splinter Unit 2AC

DOP - Aline Tran, 1ST AC Richard Elworthy, Production Company: Nun Run Ltd

2024 "NEW WORLD CHRISTMAS 2024 - THE DOUBLE" (TV Commercial) 2AC

DOP - Marty Williams, 1ST AC - Richard Elworthy, Production Company: Finch

2024 "LES MILLS" (TV Commercial) 2ND AC

DOP - Max Walter, 1ST AC - Ben Rowsell, Production Company: Good Oil

2022/2023 "TIME BANDITS" (Series) MU B Camera 2ND AC

DOP - Mike Berlucchi; DJ Stipsen; Bevan Crothers, A Camera 1ST AC - Sam Bailey, Production Co.: Paramount for Apple TV

2022 "FAR NORTH" (Televised Mini Series) A Camera 2ND AC

DOP - Adam Luxton, 1ST AC - Nick Willoughby, Production Company: South Pacific Pictures

2022 MCDONALDS "HERE AND NOW" (TV Commercial) 2ND AC

DOP - John Toon, 1ST AC - Michael Paletta, Production Company: Larchmont

2022 "THE BLACK FERNS - WĀHINE TOA" (Documentary) B Cam Op / Camera Assistant

DOP - Daniela Conforte, Production Company: Warner Brothers

2022 **"MEN IN KILTS" (SEASON TWO) (Documentary) DP Intern / C Cam Op**

DOP - Simon Weekes, 1ST AC - Neal Wagstaff, Production Company: Harbour Drive for Neon

2021 **MCDONALDS "GROWING PAINS" (TV Commercial) 2ND AC**

DOP - Tammy Williams, 1ST AC - Matt Hunt, Production Company: Finch

2021 **"M3GAN" (Feature Film) B Camera 2ND AC**

DOP - Peter McCaffrey, A Camera 1ST AC - Nat Brunt Production Company: Candy Cane Productions

2020/2021 **"POWER RANGERS: DINO FURY" (Series) 2U 2ND AC**

DOP - Drew Sturge, 1ST AC - Bradley Willemse, Production Company: Hasbro

2020 **"WHINA" (Feature Film) B Camera 2ND AC**

DOP - Leon Narbey, A Camera 1ST AC - Pete Cunningham, Production Company: GFC North

2020 **BENEE "SNAIL" (Music Video) 2ND AC**

DOP - Maria Ines Manchego, 1ST AC - Neal Wagstaff, Production Company: Fish & Clips

2020 **"GOOD GRIEF" (SEASON ONE) (Webseries) 2ND AC**

DOP - Maria Ines Manchego, 1ST AC - Neal Wagstaff, Production Company: BSAG for TVNZ

2020 (TONGA) **"THE REAL SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON" (Documentary) 2ND AC**

DOP - Robert Jolley, 1ST AC - Charlie Barrigan, Production Company: GFS Ltd for National Geographic / Disney +

2019/2020 **"THE WILDS" (SEASON ONE) (Series) MU Truckloader**

DOP - Ed Wild & Rob Marsh, A Camera 1ST AC - Sam Matthews, Production Company: ABC America for Amazon Prime

2019 **"THE NEW LEGENDS OF MONKEY" (SEASON TWO) (Series) MU Camera Trainee**

DOP - Dave Garbett, A Camera 1ST AC - Sam Matthews Production Company: for Netflix

2018/2019 **"POWER RANGERS: BEAST MORPHERS" (Series) 2U Camera Trainee (9 weeks full time)**

DOP - Sean McLin, 1ST AC - Bradley Willemse, Production Company: Hasbro

Screen industry experience prior to 2018 was in other departments (post, production, locations, accounts...)