



MICHAEL ANDERSON

Gaffer

Versatile Gaffer with comprehensive experience in the realm of documentary filmmaking, recognized for the ability to adapt lighting techniques to diverse environments and achieve authentic visual storytelling. Expertise in collaborating with directors and cinematographers to create evocative lighting that complements real-life narratives. Proven track record of working on location across various terrains and conditions, ensuring optimal lighting setups that enhance the documentary's integrity.

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Documentary Filmmaking

University of California
Berkeley

SKILLS

- Documentary Filmmaking
- Lighting Adaptation
- Equipment Logistics
- Problem Solving
- Creative Collaboration
- Mentorship

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- French

WORK EXPERIENCE

Gaffer

2020-2023

Real Stories Productions

- Developed and implemented lighting strategies for over 15 documentary films, enhancing visual storytelling.
- Collaborated closely with directors to create authentic lighting that captured the essence of real-life narratives.
- Managed equipment logistics in remote locations, ensuring readiness and safety.
- Adapted lighting techniques to varying environmental conditions, achieving optimal results.
- Conducted on-site troubleshooting to address unforeseen lighting challenges.
- Mentored junior crew members in best practices for documentary lighting.

Assistant Gaffer

2019-2020

Documentary Film Collective

- Assisted lead gaffer in executing lighting plans for various documentary projects.
- Operated lighting equipment under supervision, ensuring high-quality results.
- Participated in location scouting to assess lighting needs and conditions.
- Maintained equipment and ensured compliance with safety standards.
- Contributed to brainstorming sessions to develop creative lighting solutions.
- Helped coordinate logistics for lighting setups in challenging environments.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of the Best Documentary Lighting award at the 2020 Documentary Film Festival.
- Contributed to a documentary that received an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Cinematography.
- Successfully implemented lighting designs that enhanced audience engagement and storytelling.