

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: 20 DECEMBER 1973

PLACE OF BIRTH: BEIRUT, LEBANON

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

HOME LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

OTHER LANGUAGES: (good) AFRIKAANS, (moderate) FRENCH,
 (basic) PORTUGUESE, (learning) GREEK

EMPLOYMENT: TEACHING

1. Taught one semester of documentary filmmaking at the [ANKAA Project](#), Athens, Greece, June to August 2019
2. Taught a three day smartphone filmmaking workshop during the [Tsak Bam Arts Festival](#), Aegina Island, Greece, July 2019

FILM AND PRODUCTIONDocumentaries:

1. Produced/Directed a ten minute documentary ("[Cape Town Beach Calligrapher](#)") for Compass Light's ReelEarth mini documentary collection, 2018 – and screened at [Encounters Film Festival](#), Cape Town, 2019
2. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a one hour travel documentary ("[Cape to Cairo by trains](#)"), available on harmattantv.com, 2018, and screening at the [Adventure and Travel Film Festival](#) 2019/2020
3. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 23 minute documentary on a Palestinian filmmaker running workshops in an Algerian refugee camp, 2017
4. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a nine minute documentary ("[By Train Across Asia](#)") about my journey on the Trans

Siberian Train, played at the [Adventure and Travel Film Festival](#) 2017

5. Produced/Directed/Shot a 25 minute Al Jazeera Witness documentary ("[Tresor and the Camp Musicians](#)") 2015, screened at [FiSahara Film festival](#)
6. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 12 minute UNICEF Ghana video on educating children on ebola and cholera. 2015
7. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 25 minute documentary for UNHCR in Malawi on [a musical in a refugee camp](#) 2014
8. Produced/Directed/Shot a 25 minute Al Jazeera Witness documentary ("[Suzete's Battle](#)") on a Mozambican woman's rights activist, 2013
9. Produced/Directed/Shot a 25 minute documentary for UNDP on [youth and democracy](#) in five African countries, 2012
10. Produced/Directed/Shot a 12 minute documentary on the [eviction of a Cape Town electrical store](#) 2009
11. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 48 minute travelogue on the Swahili islands for Southern Africa Direct, 2006
12. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 17 minute behind the scenes documentary of a feature film ("Dollars and White Pipes") 2005, for MNET
13. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 30 minute documentary on Cape Town's Long street, for South African Airways and SA Direct, 2003
14. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 25 minute Morocco travel documentary, 2002, for South African Airways
15. Produced/Directed/Shot/edited a 26 minute Dar es Salaam to Cape Town travel documentary, for SA Direct, 2000

Inserts:

1. I have regularly produced (camera/edit/journalist) scripted and edited six minute video news features for Associated Press TV News (Horizons) since 2006 (over 155 produced)
2. ten x ten minute inserts for MNET's flagship Carte Blanche programme
3. 12 x UN videos (UNICEF, UNAIDS)

FILM AND PRODUCTION/OTHER

1. Second camera and co-researcher on Earth Touch's one hour blue chip "Trouble in Lemur Land" documentary, Madagascar, 2010.
2. Director of Photography (video) on Nandipha Mntambo's video art production ("[Ukungenisa](#)") now playing at the Cape Town [Museum of Contemporary African Art](#) (produced 2008).
3. Freelance Location Scout and Location Manager in South

African film industry: 155 commercials, three features, two tv series, 1999 to 2006

4. Assistant Cameraman on “Robben Island Millenium” shoot for SABC, 1999
5. Production Assistant for “People of the Ark”, a religious documentary filmed in Ethiopia for SABC, 1998
6. Event organiser assistant: 1998 European Film Festival, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

FICTION

During 2003 to 2004 four short films were produced, including “Akin” and “In-Security” which screened at the Rotterdam International Film Festival, Double Bill Johannesburg, and was nominated best film from Africa at the Syracuse International Film and Video Festival.

WRITING, EDITING AND RESEARCH

1. Researched proposal for tv series, for Penguin Films, 2005
2. Contributing writer, South Africa and Kenya cities editor, and photographer for www.wcities.com, a London-based web guide to the world, 2000 to 2002
3. Journalist writing PR for Roper Media, 2001 to 2002
4. Johannesburg site creator for www.citiwiz.com, guide to cities of the world, 2001
5. Assistant Editor of “Reflections”, Air Malawi’s in flight magazine, 1999
6. Product Development Assistant/Information Officer in the Communication Team at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, 1998
7. Proof reader and journalist for the “Addis Tribune” newspaper, a weekly private newspaper in Addis Ababa, 1997 and 1998.
8. Research Assistant and Editor at the Development Information Services Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, 1996 to 1997

AWARDS:

First prize – Pretoria Boys High School annual Photographic competition, 1991

COURSES:

1. Documentary Filmmaker Master class, Three Continents Film Festival, Johannesburg, 2008
2. Beginner’s Course in Portuguese, 2006
3. “How to submit a proposal to a broadcaster” course, City Varsity, Cape Town, 2005
4. Scriptwriter’s course, Durban International Film Festival, 2004
5. Short Video Production course, City Varsity, Cape Town, 1999
6. Intermediate 4 X 4 driver’s course, Safari Centre,

Johannesburg, 1994
7. Advanced Driver's course, AA, Johannesburg,
1994

SCHOOLING:

-WATERKLOOF PRIMARY SCHOOL
(PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA),
-BISHOP MACKENZIE SCHOOL (LILONGWE, MALAWI)
-GLASGOW ACADEMY (SCOTLAND),
-MATRICULATED AT PRETORIA
BOYS HIGH SCHOOL (SOUTH AFRICA), 1992

TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS:

-BACHELORS DEGREE IN ENGLISH AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
PRETORIA, 1995
-HONOURS DEGREE IN AFRICAN POLITICS
FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, 1997
-MASTERS DEGREE IN FILM AND NEW MEDIA FROM THE
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, 2003

REFERENCES

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