# **Justin Watson**

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#### **Summary of Qualifications**

Experienced Assistant Cameraman with extensive technical training and knowledge. Skilled focus puller on all formats.

#### Education

Columbia College Chicago Chicago, IL 2004-2007 BA Cinematography

#### **Skills and Experience**

#### Camera Assistant

Proficient in the use and maintenance of 35mm, S16mm and HD cameras. Frequently assist with Panavision, Arri, Aaton, Panasonic and Sony.

#### Steadicam Operator

5 years of experience. Operate on films, music videos, documentaries and corporate videos. Own the necessary equipment for all applications. Have also worked as a Steadicam assistant.

#### Underwater Cinematographer

PADI Scuba Certified. Proficient in the use of underwater camera housings for all formats. Experienced in dive tank, swimming pool, fresh and saltwater applications.

#### Field / Studio Videographer

Operated camera for interviews and live teleconferences, shot B-roll and documented events for the monthly news program: *Images*. e-TV (WDCB-TV) 2001-2003

#### Videographer / Manager

Managed DV Productions, a videography company that specialized in corporate, event and wedding videography. Supervised video projects from preproduction to completion. Managed six employees. 2002-2005

Advanced Cameras Manager Columbia College Chicago Responsible for the maintenance of over 40 cameras (16mm, 35mm and HD). 2004-2007

#### Memberships

DCS - Digital Cinema Society IFP - Independent Feature Project SOA - Steadicam Operators Association IPA - Illinois Production Alliance

## 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Camera

*Cast in Gray* (HD) 2005 [F] Life is a Dream Productions Dir. I. Michael Toth DP Sasha Rendulic

*The Institution* (S16mm) 2006 [S] Padded Room Productions Dir. Brad LaMar DP Patrick Russo

*Running Home* (HD) 2006 [S] Firebrand Filmworks Dir. Karla DiBenedetto DP Tom Wood

Nancy Picks and Chooses (35mm) 2006 [S] Boat Tattoo Productions Dir. Sean Fahey DP Julie Bucek

*The First Breath of Tengan Rei* (HD) 2007 [F] Homesick Blues Dir. Junko Kajino & Ed Koziarski DP Stephen Combs

*The Cap Boyzz: "Intro Cap City"* (35mm) 2007 [M] Captivity Records Dir. Mathias Sorum DP Joshua Reis

*Were the World Mine* (S16mm) 2007 [F] Speak Productions Dir. Thomas Gustafson DP Kira Kelly

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Camera

*Land of the Free* (35mm) 2006 [S] Forge Films Dir. John Jensen DP Ardy Fatehi

*Ready? OK!* (35mm) 2007 [S] Meta Films Dir. Anthony Meindl DP Christopher Rossiter

*Chicago Overcoat* (35mm) 2008 [F] Beverly Ridge Pictures Dir. Brian Caunter DP Kevin Moss