

Russell Gienapp - Documentary Cinematographer / Director

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Factual Credits

- **"How I Got Here"**

DOP / OP / Director - Varicam LT

Producer: Forte Ent. / BYU-TV

Director: Various

9 x :55 documentary series following a parent and child as they travel to the parent's home country to experience the culture and history.

- **"Company Town"**

DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K

Producer: Nomad Films / CBC (POV)

Director: Peter Findlay

1hr doc on the closing of the Oshawa GM assembly plant after 100 years of operation.

- **"Extreme Ice Machines"**

Director / DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K

Producer: Architect Films / Discovery

Director: Various

Doc series on machines made for use in extreme winter conditions and the people who love to operate them.

- **"Natures Clean-up Crew"**

DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K

Producer: Kensington Films

CBC (Nature of Things)

Director: Robin Bicknell

Natural history documentary filming raccoons and opossum in Toronto.

- **"Under New Management"**

DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K

Producer: Proper Entertainment

CBC

Director: Kim Harris

1/2hr series with Arlene Dickinson as she helps entrepreneurs buy a new business.

- **"Third Dive"**

DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K

Producer: Dam Builders / CBC (POV)

Director: Robert Osborn

1hr investigative doc on the death of environmental activist and filmmaker Rob Stuart.

- **"Political Blind Date"**

Season I ,II, III, IV, V

DOP - Varicam LT

Producer: Nomad Films

Cellar Door / TVO

Director: Mark Johnston

Doc series bringing two opposing politicians together for two days.

2019 Canadian Screen Award

Nomination - Best Factual Series

- **"17 and Life Doesn't Wait"**

DOP / OP - FS7

Producer: Makin Movies / TVO

Director: Maureen Judge

1hr doc following high school age girls.

- **"The Shadow of Gold"**

DOP / OP - Sony/4K

Producer: Kensington Films

TVO

Director: Denis Delestrac

Feature doc on the human and environmental costs of gold.

- **"The Kingdom" Nature of Things**

DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K

Producer: Real to Reel Prod / CBC

Director: Anna Maria Talas, Simon Nasht

1hr Natural History Doc - The world of fungi and how it shaped the world.

2019 Canadian Screen Awards

Rob Stewart Award for Best Science or Nature Documentary Program

- **"Much too Young"**

Co-Director / DOP - FS7

Producer: Nomad Films / TVO

Directors: Chris Wynn / Russell Gienapp

Feature length doc about four families coping with young onset Alzheimers.

2018 Canadian Screen Awards

Nomination - Best Documentary"

- **Much too Young VR"**

Director / DOP - Nokia OZO

Producer: Digital Generals / TVO

Director: Russell Gienapp

4 x 4min 360VR documentary

- **"Hello/Goodbye" Sony F5 DOP / OP**
 Producer: Pivotal Media /CBC
 Director: Mitch Gaborie / Various
 10 x 1/2hr series of personal stories found at Pearson International Airport.
- **The Nature of Things DOP / OP - Sony FS7**
 Producer: Nomad Films / CBC
 Director: Mark Johnston
 "Giraffes - Gentle Giants": 1hr natural history doc on Giraffes. Filmed in Kenya.
- **"Puffin Patrol" Phantom Flex DOP/OP**
 Producer: Rock Yenta / CBC (Nature of Things)
 Director: Scott Dobson
 1000 fps of puffins in flight for one hour doc -
- **"March to the Pole" Sony F5 Co-Director / Cinematographer**
 Producer: Muse Entertainment / History Canadian veterans on arctic expedition
- **"Payday" (Reno) DOP / OP - FS7**
 Producer: Vice (Viceland)
 Director: Ben Addelman
 1hr doc - Young adults making a living.
- **"Disabled American Veterans" DOP/OP - Sony F5**
 Producer/Director: Mark Johnston
 3 x 2:00 DTV commercial docs for US broadcast
- **"MightyShips" DOP/OP**
 Producer: EPI / Discovery Canada
 Director: Nora Pratt
 Life aboard the newest Great Lakes bulk cargo carriers.
- **"Cold Water Cowboys" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Paperney / Discovery Canada
 Director: Various
- 13 x 1hr series following Newfoundland fishermen
- **"Deadly by Design" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Linda Stregger / CBC
 Director: Jaime Escallon
 1hr Doczone on illegal synthetic drugs
- **"The Polar Sea" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Primitive Ent . / Arte
 Director: Dylan Riebling
 Hershel Island /Arctic permafrost carbon
- **"Nawaz Sharif" Arri Alexa DOP/OP**
 Agency: Leo Burnett
 Director: Mark Johnston
 1 x 10 min commercial Pakistani political doc shot in Lahore Pakistan
- **"Carpe Diem" The Nature of Things DOP/OP**
 Producer: Rock Yenta / CBC
 Director: Scott Dobson
 one hour doc - Asian Carp invasion in North America
- **"FightExchange" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Nomad Films / SuperChannel
 Director: Mark Johnston
 10 X 30 2 camera doc series on young MMA fighters
- **"Life Story Project" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Corus Entertainment / OWN
 Director: Various 10 X 30
- **"You Gota Eat Here" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Lone Eagle / Food Network
 Director: Jim Morrison
 13 x 30 food series on diners in Canada
- **"Undercover Boss" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Alliance / W Network
 Director: Various
 2 camera series about CEO's working in the trenches
- **"World's WorstMom" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Cineflix / TLC
 Director: Various

2 camera series on overprotective parents

- **"Cash & Cari" Season 1 DOP/OP**
Producer: Cineflix / HGTV USA
Director: Dennis Beauchamp
13 X 30 2 camera lifestyles/reality series
- **"National Parks Project" DOP/OP**
Producer: Primitive Entertainment / Discovery
Director: Michael Downie, Jeff Thrasher
Gemini Award, 2011 Best Performing Arts
- **"MightyShips" DOP/OP**
Producer: EPI / Discovery
Director: Henry Ten Cate
Offshore oil production off the coast of Brazil
- **"Church of Elvis" DOP/OP**
Producer: Summerhill / Vision
Director: Scott Dobson
3 X 60 doc series exploring the spiritual life of Elvis
- **"Real Stories-Jaws" DOP/OP**
Producer: Proper Television
Director: Leora Eisen
- **"Dive Detectives" HD/SCUBA DOP/OP**
Producer: Yap / Nat Geo / History
Director: Various
6 X 60 solving underwater mysteries in Southeast Asia, Europe, Caribbean and the Great Lakes
2010 Gemini nomination - Best History Documentary Program
- **"Firejammers" DOP/OP**
Producer: Yap / Discovery
Director: Michael Morrow
2010 Gemini - Best Performing Arts Documentary
- **"Gold Medal Plates" DOP/OP**

Producer: Lively Media / CTV
Director: Various
7 x 1hr 6 camera Cooking Competition

- **"A Murder of Crows" DOP/OP**
Producer: Qfilms / CBC (Nature of Things)
Director: Susan Fleming
one hour natural history doc on crows
- **"Bikers" Outlaws DOP/OP**
Producer: Wall to Wall / E1
Director: Tom Willis
- **"Out in the Cold" DOP/OP**
Producer: Real 2 Reel / Discovery Channel
Director: Herrie ten Cate
Series on working in extreme cold environments
- **"Iris Chang Story" DOP/OP**
Producer: Real 2 Reel
Director: Anne Pick / Bill Spahic - Feature docudrama shot in North America and China
- **"NineLives" DOP/OP**
Producer: EPI / Discovery Channel
Director: Nadine Pequeneza
1 hr "Nelson Mandela" shot in South Africa
- **"Pretty Dangerous" DOP/OP**
Producer: Summerhill / Global
Director: Various
2007 Gemini Nomination - Best Photography Information Program
- **"Seeds of Sedition" DOP/OP**
Producer: Real 2 Reel / CBC "The Lens"
Director: Nick Wilson
1 hour doc on cannabis activism
- **"Murders that Shook the World" DOP/OP**
Producer: IWC Media / Discovery
Director: Andy Webb
1hr Doc/Drama on serial killer BTK

- **"SPAM" The Documentary DOP/OP**
 Producer: Chocolate Box Ent . / CBC
 Director: David Manning
 1 hr . Documentary on the fight against
 Spam email
2007 Gemini nomination -
Science, Tech & Nature program
- **"Mayday III & IV" DOP/OP**
Documentary and Drama Unit
 Producer: Cineflix - National
 Geographic, Discovery
 Director: Various Shot in Africa, Europe,
 Asia, & North America
- **"Chef'sDomain" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Lively Media / Discovery
 World Director: Various
 2 of 8 x 1hr eps following a Chef's
 journey field/plate
- **"Men of the Deeps" 16mm OP**
 Producer: Terry Greenlaw, John Walker,
 NFB / CTV
 Director/DOP: John Walker
 1hr doc in Cape Breton -
2004 Geminis - Best Photography in a
Documentary
- **"Cecil'sJourney" HDCam**
DOP/OP
 Producer: Peter d'Entremont, Kent
 Martin (NFB)
 Director: Cecil Fernando
2003 Gemini Nomination - Best
Biography Documentary
- **"MysteryHunters" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Jonathon Finkelstein /
 DiscoveryKids Directors: Jean-Louis
 Cote & Eli Gorn
2003 Gemini Nomination - Best
Photography Information Program
- **"The Last Just Man" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Barna Alper / History
 Director: Steven Silver
 Feature length doc shot in Rwanda,
 Africa
2002 Gemini - Best History
Documentary
- **"Where'sMyChance?" DOP/OP**
 Producer: Counter Films and Assoc . /
 PBS
 Director: Phil Counter
Regional Emmy Award
Best Documentary

Skills and Certifications

- US/Canada Dual Citizen
- Extreme Conditions (arctic, tropical, marine, etc)
- Level II (Secret) Clearance - Government of Canada
- International Travel
- Underwater Cinematography
- Aerial Cinematography