

Russell Gienapp - Documentary Cinematographer / Director

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Factual Credits

- **"How I Got Here" Season I & II**
DOP / OP / Director - Varicam LT
Producer: Forte Ent. / BYU-TV
Director: Various
14 x 1hr eps of the documentary series following a parent and child as they travel to the parent's birthhome country to experience its culture and history.
- **"Soaked in Carnival"**
DOP / OP / Director - Varicam LT
Producer: Kensington TV / TVO
Director: Ian Kimanje
Feature documentary on the history and meaning behind Caribbean Carnival for Afro-Caribbean and the larger diaspora.
- **Untitled Anne Mae Aquash doc series**
Bcam - Sony FX6 and 8mm
Producer: Laylow Pictures / Hulu
Director: Yvonne Russo
Documentary series following the story of Mi'kmaq activist Anne Mae Aquash's disappearance and murder.
- **"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
- **"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
Political Doc series
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
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 doc about 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 Pequenezza

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
1 hr 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's Domain" DOP/OP**

Producer: Lively Media / Discovery
World Director: Various
2 of 8 x 1 hr 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
1 hr doc in Cape Breton -
2004 Geminis - Best Photography in a Documentary

- **"Cecil's Journey" HDCam DOP/OP**

Producer: Peter d'Entremont, Kent Martin (NFB)
Director: Cecil Fernando
2003 Gemini Nomination - Best Biography Documentary

- **"Mystery Hunters" DOP/OP**

Producer: Jonathon Finkelstein / Discovery Kids
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's My Chance?" DOP/OP**

Producer: Courter Films and Assoc . / PBS
Director: Phil Courter
Regional Emmy Award Best Documentary