

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 Aqwash 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 Worst Mom"** **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