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DoP, 2nd Unit DoP, Camera Operator and Ronin Gimbal (Owner) Operator

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Stephen is a creative and resourceful DoP & highly adaptable camera operator with 23 years filming experience having worked on film and in the digital domain across multiple genres, including drama, documentary and commercials. His extensive credits include work for many major UK and international broadcasters, bringing a wealth of technical expertise, including Ronin gimbal operation and the latest VFX shooting techniques, to a wide range of productions, from large scale cinematic projects to fast-turnaround TV documentaries.

With his collaborative approach, he has built a reputation for shooting as imaginatively and efficiently as possible, always on budget and on schedule and for remaining calm and focused in delicate and difficult situations, helping to put actors and presenters at ease. So, whether filming on a remote Pacific island; a crowded city street; or a hi-tech studio sound-stage, Stephen's inventive, informed and passionate approach to cinematography will ensure that any production gets the finest images and sequences required to transform their vision into reality onscreen.

"Stephen is great to work with – highly versatile, creative and very thorough, a terrific DoP and Operator ... achieving excellent results whether the light is fading or the schedule pressing... On recent drama projects, I've left him to do 2nd unit because I know that his pictures will be just what I need." – Director: Vadim Jean (Leon the Pig Farmer, Hogfather)

TELEVISION & DOCUMENTARY: SELECTED CREDITS AS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND OPERATOR

- BBC 'Andy's Safari Adventures' BBC Natural History Unit DoP & Camera Operator Director: Adam Oldroyd.
- SKY 'My Wonderful Life' Chalkboard TV Co-DoP, Camera Operator & Ronin Gimbal Operator Director: Warwick Banks.
- UKTV 'The Rebel' (Series 1 & 2) Retort/Freemantle 2ND Unit DoP & B Camera Operator Director: Vadim Jean
Starring: Simon Callow, Bill Paterson & Anita Dobson.
- DAVE 'Porters' Dancing Ledge Prods 2nd Unit DoP & B Camera Operator (inc Stunt/Green-screen) Director: Vadim Jean
Starring: Rutger Hauer, Kelsey Grammer & Matthew Horne.
- BBC 'Britain's Greatest Generation' Testimony Films Lighting cameraman Director: Steve Humphries
Winner: Silver World Medal for History & Society at the New York Film & Television Festival, 2016
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- BBC 'Filming Our Greatest Generation' Testimony Films Lighting cameraman Director: Steve Humphries.
Nomination: Children's BAFTA 2015.
- BBC 'Panorama: Colin Norris' Lighting Cameraman Director: Mark Daly **Winner: BBC Ruby Award.**
- GOLD 'Henry IX' Retort/Freemantle 2ND Unit DoP & B Camera Operator Director: Vadim Jean
Winner: Rose D'Or - Sitcom - 56th Annual Awards in Berlin 2017.
- Ch4 'The Girl Who Forgave the Nazis' Testimony Films Lighting Cameraman Director: Steve Humphries
Auschwitz survivor interviews – **Winner: Gold World Medal for History & Society - New York Film & TV Festival, 2017.**
- BBC 'Surviving Aberfan' Testimony Films Lighting Cameraman Director: Steve Humphries
Winner: Bronze World Medal for History & Society - New York Film & Television Festival, 2017

BBC 'Three Girls' 'News' Crew DoP & Camera Operator DoP: Matt Gray BSC Director: Phillipa Lowthorpe.

BBC 'Shakespeare Lives: Romeo' Stanza Media Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Chris Hunt.

H2 'Ancient Black Ops: Spartans' World Media Rights (Drama Reconstruction) DoP & Op Director: Chris Lethbridge.

BBC 'Great British Bake Off: Season 3' Love Productions Camera Operator (Handheld) Director: Scott Tankard.

BBC 'Namibia: Genocide and the Second Reich' & 'Racism - A History' Lighting Cameraman Director: David Olusoga.

BBC 'Pacific Abyss' Natural History Unit Lighting Cameraman Series Producer: Dale Templar Director: Lucy Meadows.

Ch4 Live: 'Gordon Ramsey's Christmas Cook-along: TOWIE' One Potato Lighting Cameraman Director: Studio.

BBC 'Wilderness Explored: Congo' VFX Projects Unit: Cameroon DoP & Camera Operator Director: Rob Hifle.

Ch4 'Hollyoaks' Mersey TV Director of Photography Directors: Colin Buchanan and Alex Kirby.

BBC 'The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors' Lighting Cameraman (Green-screen) Director: David Olusoga.

Ch4 'Hollyoaks' Mersey TV Director of Photography Directors: Colin Buchanan and Alex Kirby.

DRAMA: SELECTED CREDITS AS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND OPERATOR

'Hunger' Director of Photography (Time-lapse Unit: Maze Prison) DoP: Sean Bobbitt Director: Steve McQueen.

'The Film-Maker's Son' Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Bart Gavigan Exe Producer: Iain Smith.

'Who Will Buy: Teaser' The Mob Films B Camera Operator & 2nd Unit DoP DoP: Clive Norman Director: Vadim Jean.

'King James Bible: The Book that Changed the World' DoP & Camera Operator (Stirling Castle) Director: Norman Stone
Winner: "Epiphany Prize" (\$100,000) 2012.

'A Very British Cult' Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Adam Oldroyd **Winner: Best Comedy BIFF 2010
Cast Ensemble Award: Monaco International Film Festival.**

'Hoodie' Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Patrick Finnegan **Winner BFSD: Galway 2010 Film Festival.**

'Benjamin's Struggle' Director of Photography Director: James Breese **Winner: Encounters Film Festival Audience Prize.**

'Space Invaders' DoP & Camera Operator Director: Barry Hecker **Gold: 36th WorldFest & Nom Best Cine: HDFest 2003.**

'The Button' Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: PEP **Nom: Digital Cinema Award - Raindance 2002.**

COMMERCIALS: SELECTED CREDITS AS DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND OPERATOR

'McVities Medley' Pangaea Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Glen Lear.

'Oakhouse' & 'Clarks Village' Pangaea Camera Operator DoP: Matthew Davison Director: Craig Holdsworth.

'The Sun: Deal or No Deal' Lucky Elliot & Silver Films Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Bluey Durrant.

'Vanish' Juggernaut Commercials Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Bluey Durrant.

'Marisota' The Gate Films Director of Photography & Camera Operator Director: Bluey Durrant.

'TUI' Manna Creative Co-DoP, Camera Operator & Ronin Gimbal Operator Director: Andrew Brooking.

'M&S Christmas Channel 4' The Outfit B Camera Operator DoP: Clive Norman Director: Sarah O'Gorman.
A full list of Stephen's credits, references and showreel is available on request.