



LYUBEN KRAEV



EMPASSIONED VISUAL CREATOR SPECIALIZING
IN DOCUMENTARY & HUMAN RIGHTS

EDUCATION

Colorado State University • Fort Collins, CO

B.A. in Journalism & Media Communication; Minor in Film Studies

May 2023

- Newswriting; Field & Documentary Production; Advertising; Media Law; US & Intl. Film History; Human Rights Film; Screenwriting; Cultural Anthropology

U. of Tasmania (*Exchange*) • Media History: Asia; Analog & Digital Photography

Fall 2018

U. of Urbino Carlo Bo (*Exchange*) • Travel Storytelling; Magazine Journalism & Design

Summer 2022

SKILLS

- 7+ years in creating multimedia packages, motion graphics, color grading, digital brand strategy
- 6+ years in creative writing, reporting, copy editing for News, Arts and Sciences
- 3+ years in leadership positions on set & managing a production crew
- **Software:** Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition; Photoshop; Lightroom; DaVinci Resolve
- **Languages:** Bilingual in English, Bulgarian; Conversational in Italian, German

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

DP / 1st AC, Film Editor: Freelance • Northern CO

May 2022 - Present

- Contract work for commercials, private events, weddings, galas, concerts and shorts
- Clients: [CSU](#), [Magnolia Sessions](#), [Blast'N'Scrap](#), [Cowbell Collective](#), [Spectrum AV](#), [MOAFC](#)

1st AC, Editor: [An Open Door: Temple Grandin](#), [Barnfly Productions](#) • Fort Collins, CO

Sep. 2022 - Oct. 2023

- Operated Aputure lighting, Sony FX cameras; Setup/Teardown of motion picture sets
- AC for Emmy Award-winning director on set and [editor](#) in post-production of feature doc

Foreign Correspondent, Videographer: [Urbino NOW Magazine](#) • Urbino, Italy

May 2022 - August 2022

- Mentored by veteran ieiMedia professionals to craft multimedia story with local interpreters
- Work selected as outstanding and published in yearly print + online edition of magazine

Entertainment Show Editor: [CollegianTV](#), [RMSM](#) • Fort Collins, CO

August 2019 - Dec. 2019

- Produced weekly media assets and biweekly skits for student-run TV and YouTube channels
- Developed mainstay graphics, fonts, editing style and visual language for the RamLife show

Multimedia Journalist: [Radio Free Europe](#) / [Radio Liberty](#) • Sofia, Bulgaria

April 2019 - August 2019

- On-location reporting on Bulgarian and European politics, culture and social life
- Planned and streamlined internal calendar for popular "Person of the Day" rubric
- Produced daily social media videos in partnership with RFE/RL's HQ in Prague

RECENT WORK EXAMPLES

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

- River Cleanup IG Video Series • Reef Healers** April 2024
- DP, Editor, VFX
- To See Inside IG Video Series • Fort Collins Museum of Art** March 2024
- DP, Editor, VFX
- Orchestra Recordings • Blue Marble Sound** February 2024
- DP; Sound Engineer
- NRM YouTube Shorts (1 / 2 / 3) • Nerd Rat Media** February 2024
- Editor, VFX
- Voices of Support IG Video Series • Fort Collins Museum of Art**
November 2023
- DP, Editor, VFX, Social Media Manager

MUSIC VIDEOS

- Sasha Stone Band • Magnolia Sessions** August 2023
- Camera Operator; 2nd AC
- Bob Lefevre & the Already Gone • Magnolia Sessions** July 2023
- Camera Operator; 1st AC

NARRATIVE / SKETCHES

- SUNSETS (Short Film) • JTC 346: Narrative Filmmaking, CSU** Fall 2022
- DP, Editor, Actor, ADR

TRAILERS

- An Open Door: Visual Thinking Trailer • Barnfly Productions** September 2023
- Editor, VFX, Social Media Manager

DOCUMENTARY / NONFICTION

- Art of Redemption (Mini doc) • Fort Collins Museum of Art** March 2024
- DP, Editor, VFX
 - Interviewed artist [Sarah McKenzie](#) and two of her formerly incarcerated students about the Prison Arts Initiative, rehabilitation and redemption. Featured at MOAFC "To See Inside" show.
- The Voices of Sinemorets Independent Mini doc • Bulgaria** Summer 2021
- DP, Editor, VFX
 - Interviewed locals about illegal construction on the Bulgarian coastline and produced a 6-min. doc with original VFX & score in under 2 weeks. Featured in several publications and appeared on national TV.

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VOLUNTEERING

- General Volunteer, [ACT Human Rights Film Festival](#)** • Fort Collins, CO April 2024
- Usher, Ticket & Pass Scanner, Setup/Teardown of stages, booths, and speaker panels
- Event Photographer, [Horsetooth International Film Festival](#)** • Fort Collins, CO September 2023
- Floating + Step & Repeat photographer and videographer at HF/5
- Food Waste Diversion Volunteer, [Vindeket Foods](#)** • Fort Collins, CO August 2023 - Present
- Organizing, Loading and general operations at Vindeket food rescue
- Event Photographer, [Horsetooth International Film Festival](#)** • Fort Collins, CO September 2022
- Floating + Step & Repeat photographer HF/4
- Distribution Volunteer, [Sofia International Film Festival](#)** • Sofia, Bulgaria Feb - March 2021
- Distributed promotional materials among partnering businesses for SIFF 25.
PA for setup/teardown, ushering & additional logistics.