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LIVE TV CAMERA OPERATOR (MULTI-CAMERA)

****STEADICAM, JIB, HAND-HELD CAMERA & PEDESTAL CAMERA OPERATOR****

AWARDS: 58th National Primetime Emmy Nominated & 2016-2017 Midwest Regional Emmy Winner

**NewsNation (NewsNation Network / Nexstar Media Group) : Jib & Steadicam operator/ engineer
Chicago, IL 2020-November 13, 2024**

- Delivered on-air moves for live broadcast shows while positioning, framing shots and developing new looks. Help designed format of the shows in consultation for jib & Steadicam placements, etc.
- Assisted director in the design of new shots for specials and shows and helped launch network.
- Trained local staff in operation and maintenance of Jib Camera (Jimmy Jib Lite)

**Cinematic Experience: CEO, Owner, Jib, Steadicam, Hand Held & Robotic & Pedestal Camera Operator
Various, US 2005 – present**

- Own, maintain and operate a fleet of jib cameras which have been used across the United States for various productions, including camera set up/tear down, maintenance, and troubleshooting.
- Responsible for the hiring, training and management of over 10 jib personal assistants, including development of training materials
- ENG Cinematography Work for various networks, including setting up lights/shots
- Key Highlights: Grateful Dead Final Show (Jib), Kayne West (Live) @ Chicago Theater & Fall Out Boy (Jib), TOP CHEF (Live in Chicago) on Food Network (jib), Music Festivals: (HH): Lollapalooza 2005 – Present; Coachella 2010 – Present; Bonnaroo 2011-2012. CBS Sports (Masters, PGA Championship, West Coast Open)

Marquee Network: Jib Operator & Visual Development Consultant Chicago, IL 2019-2020 (as freelance)

- Acted as a consult working with the director to design camera shots and logistics of all camera movement (including jib camera) during timed and live shows to enhance the overall look of the network shows.

Big Ten Network: Jib Operator Chicago, IL 2012- 2020 (as freelance)

- Game Analysis Shows for Network in Studio Jib

CBS & NBC Sports

Jib & Hand Held Camera Operator Various, US 2002 – 2019 (as freelance)

- Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA (2002 – 2004, 2015 – 2019) (Jib)
- PGA Championship 2002 – 2004 (Jib)
- PGA Tour West Coast Swing 2002 and 2019 (Jib) / 2022 Byron Open
- Big Brother Season 13 (Season Finale LIVE) (HH)
- “Arsenio Hall Show” (Fill in guest jib camera operator)
- CBS 48 Hours (Jib)

ABC: Jib & Hand Held Camera Operator Various, US 2004 – 2019 (as freelance)

- Jimmy Kimmel Live: Garth Brooks Dive Bar Tour & at the Chicago Auto Show (Jib)
- Emmy Award Winning: Festival of Lights 2010-2019 (jib)
- Good Morning America live: 83rd Annual Academy Awards, Oscars 2011-2019. Summer Concert Series and Best Block in America, various other remote Chicago shoots (jib)
- 58th Presidential Inauguration & Evening Ball Network Pool Feed (HH)
- Obama’s Election Acceptance Speeches US & World Pool Feed for President (Jib) 2008 in Grant Park, Chicago, IL.

- Oprah's Surprise Spectacular: Final Season (Jib)
- Colgate Skating and Gymnastics Spectacular (Jib)
- World Children's Day Concert (Jib)
- World News Tonight (with Charlie Gibson) - Cities tour: Chicago (Jib)

NBC: Jib & Hand Held Operator **Various, US** **2004- 2019 (as freelance)**

- Steve Harvey Show (Chicago Production) (Jib, HH, Ped)
- Countdown to Skyscraper: Live From Chicago & Skyscraper Live With Nik Wallenda (Jib)
- America's Giving Awards (Jib)
- Emmy Nominated: Late Night with Conan O'Brien LIVE San Francisco, CA (2007) & Chicago, IL. (2006) (Jib)

Fox: Jib & Hand Held Camera Operator **Various, US** **2006- 2020 (as freelance)**

- Pre-game / Half Time and Post game Analysis for Big Ten Championships
- The Choice
- AVP Volleyball Tournaments

ESPN: Jib & Hand Held Camera Operator **Various, US** **2005- 2019 (as freelance)**

- MLS Soccer & Boxing (Jib, HH, Ped)
- Men's College Basketball (HH, Ped, Robotic)
- Baseball as Low 1st, Low 3rd, Center Field and Tight Center (HH)
- MLB Network World Series Coverage of Chicago Cubs Win, 2016

HBO: Jib Camera Operator **Various, US** **2010-2019 (as freelance)**

- Boxing
- Ricky Gervais: Out of England 2

PBS: Jib & Hand Held Camera Operator **Various, US** **2003 - 2019 (as freelance)**

- Soundstage (Jib & HH)
- The Tenors: Jita Camera Remote Head Operator

CNN: Jib Camera Operator **Chicago, IL** **2012 - 2017 (as freelance)**

- President Obama's Election Victory 2012 Network Pool Feed in McCormick Place, Jib Camera (Chicago)
- President Obama's Farewell Address (Jib)

Viacom: Jib & Hand Held Camera Operator **Various, US** **2006-2016 (as freelance)**

- Eddie Murphy One Night Only (Jib)
- Lisa Lampanelli: Tough Love (Jib)
- Jo Koy Comedy Special (HH)
- Jim Gaffigan Beyond the Pale (Jib)

CW Network: Pedestal Camera Operator **Los Angeles, CA** **2012-2012 (as freelance)**

- The Next: including Live Season finale

Harpo Productions / OWN: Camera Operator **Chicago, IL** **2007-2012 (as freelance)**

- Oprah Show camera op fill in and Rosie Show camera op fill in

Warner Bros: Jib Camera Operator **Chicago, IL** **2000 - 2018 (part as freelance)**

- Cedric The Entertainer's Urban Circus
- Let Freedom Hum Host: Martin Short
- Comedy You Can Believe In Host: David Alan Grier
- Judge Mathis Show (2000-2002, full time Jib camera op)