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John Owens

Self-Shooting Assistant Producer

PROFILE

I am a self-shooting assistant producer with a strong investigative and research background who has worked in challenging environments in the Middle East, South Asia, Africa and Europe.

I have collaborated with organisations including the BBC, Al Jazeera, Voice of America News, Human Rights Watch and the International Rescue Committee, both as part of an award-winning documentary production company and as a self-shooting freelancer.

SKILLS

- Filming, using cameras including the Canon C300, 7D and 5D, as well as Sony FS5 and equipment including gimbals etc.
- Editing using software including Premiere Pro and Final Cut.
- Research on current affairs and investigative work, including undercover filming and evidence building.
- Developing complex international investigations.

CREDITS

BBC Africa Eye (April 2021 - Present)

Assistant producer and researcher focused on finding, researching and developing major undercover investigations across Africa, and assisting with films currently in production. Developed an extensive network of film-making and journalist contacts across Africa as part of this work.

- Untitled investigation into corruption (in production):** (April 2021 - present)

Insight TWI (Feb 2018 - Feb 2021)

Development producer for a range of ideas and international investigations. Also researched and assistant produced several documentaries & films:

- Football's Darkest Secret (BBC1):** Researcher (Nov 2017 - Feb 2021)
- Sing, Freetown (Feature film):** Assistant Producer (Nov 2017 - Feb 2021)
- The Battle For Ethiopia (Al Jazeera):** Researcher (July 2020- Oct 2020)
- Malawi's Human Harvest (BBC Africa Eye):** Assistant Producer (Feb 2018 - Aug 2018)
- Betraying The Game (BBC Africa Eye):** Assistant Producer (May 2016 - Jun 2016)

2018)

Freelance Filmmaker & Multimedia Journalist (Sep 2014 - Feb 2018)

Based in Beirut, covering the Middle East, Asia and Europe. Independently pitched, produced, filmed and edited a range of short films for international NGOs and media, including breaking news. Film Credits include:

- **The Rohingya Struggle (5x short films) (AJ+ for Al Jazeera):** Self Shooting Director (Nov 2017)
- **Superhero Syrian Refugee Children (International Rescue Committee):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (Aug 2017)
- **Lebanon's Burning Trash Crisis (Human Rights Watch):** Videographer (May 2017)
- **Rohingya Child Disappearances Spark Trafficking Fears (Voice of America News):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (April 2017)
- **Bangladesh's Disappearing Islands (Voice of America News):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (April 2017)
- **Beirut's Only Bicycle Courier (AJ+ for Al Jazeera):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (Mar 2017)
- **Refugees Face Violence Along Hungarian Border (Voice of America News):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (Feb 2017)
- **Beirut Rocked by Double Suicide Bombing (Voice of America News):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (Nov 2015)
- **Parkour Flourishes Amid the Tensions of Kirkuk (Voice of America News):** Self Shooting Director & Editor (June 2015)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

PRWeek - Senior Reporter (Jan 2012 - Sep 2014)

- Reported on lobbying, communications and campaigning.
- Oversaw a team of two journalists gathering and writing the morning news briefing.

Eastern Daily Press & titles - Reporter (Nov 2009 - Dec 2011)

- Built contacts across the Norfolk region to deliver numerous front page stories and in-depth features.
- Produced stories under the pressure of hourly and daily deadlines.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 2017: Hostile Environment Training for Journalists: Blue Mountain Group.
- 2009: NCTJ journalist qualification at the Press Association Multi-Media Foundation Course in Newcastle, England in May 2009.
- 2005-2008: Leeds University - English Literature & Language - 2:1.

REFERENCES

Available on request.