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Film & Television



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&
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PRODUCER

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CV - About Me

Michael, has lived in Malta, Rome, Paris, London and Germany, he has been working in the film business since 1979 and began his career with "Popeye" a Paramount / Walt Disney Production, Directed by Robert Altman. His training as a 1st AD took off under Carlo Cotti - then Franco Zeffirelli's 1st AD. Since then Michael has worked constantly with all nationalities that boast a film Industry.

Michael's experience ranges from Big Budget Advertising and International Cinema to High profile Prime Time TV Movies and Low Budget Advertising. His ability to converse in English, German, Italian and Maltese (an semitic/arabic dialect) and a working knowledge of French add to his ability to co-ordinate international crews.

Although Michael has also worked in the Production Department in all capacities, he is essentially a creative person and in December 2000, Michael successfully completed a Directors training course with Mark Travis - UCLA - DGA. In 2009 Michael completed a EU Media/FFA Berlin sponsored Course in Line Producing. Primarily working as a 1st Assistant Director, Michael's experience expands the Globe, having assisted in various productions filming in Canada, New Zealand, Caribbean; Central America; the USA; Morocco, Germany, Austria, Ireland; Italy; Venice and the UK. After living in Germany and working in the German film industry for 20 years, Michael has, in 2013, reallocated back to Malta.

CV - EXPERIENCE

- Producer
- Line Producer (EU Media)(FFA_Berlin)
- 1st Assistant Direction
- Budget and Scheduling
- Single & multi Camera
- Casting & Direction of Main Actors, Minor Cast
- Casting & Co-ordination of Front Liners & Extras
- Film experience, working with Children & Animals
- Vast experience in Open Sea Shooting
- Specialist in Water & Storm EFX & Co-ordination
- Experience in Underwater Shooting and Co-ordination
- Experience in High Profile Automobile Advertising
- Vast experience with Stunts, SFX and Explosive Shoots
- Practical experience with Editing and DVD Authoring
- Final Cut Pro, DVD Pro. Soundtrack & Shake
- 2nd Unit Direction
- Experience in Location Research: Historical & Modern
- Experience in Period & Costume Films
- Experience in Air To Air, Ground To Air & Air To Ground Filming
- Vast experience in mixed (nationality) Crews

- CV - PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- - Directors Training

A Directors Journey
Directors Master Class
Directors Workshop

Coaching Director: Mark W Travis (Directors Guild of America)

- -Line Producing Training –

Production Value/Focal.ch

Sponsored by EU Media/FFA Berlin (Federal Film Board Germany)

CV - LOCATION EXPERIENCE

- Malta • Germany (North, South & Alps) • Austria • England (Cornwall & Devon)
- Italy • Venice • Morocco (Marrakesh & Zagora)
- USA (Bar Harbour & Martha's Vineyard) • Canada-Calgary & Rockies National Park
- Ireland • New Zealand • Croatia • MS Deutschland (Luxury Cruise Liner) • Mexico
- Central America • Puerto Rico • Seville - Spain • Vilnius - Lithuania

CV - LANGUAGES

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| English | • (Mother tongue.) |
| German | • (Fluent written & oral.) |
| Maltese | • (2nd Mother tongue - Semitic /Arabic Dialect) |
| Italian | • (very good oral.) |
| French | • (very Rusty – out of practice.) |
| Japanese | • (Learnt basics of Kanji, Hiragana & Katakana.) |

Production assistant	"Popeye" (35mm film) Director: Robert Altman	Paramount Pictures Walt Disney Corp. USA
2 nd .Assistant Director	"Samraat" (35mm Film) Director: Mohan Segal	7 Arts Pictures Bombay. India
2 nd .Assistant Director	"Trenchcoat" (35mm Film) Director: Michael Tuckner	Touchstone Films Jerry Leider Prod. USA
Extras Coordinator.	"Reilly Ace Of Spies" (35mm Episodes 1 & 2) Director: Malcolm Craddock/ Jim Goddard	Thames Tv / Euston Films London. England.
2 nd . Assistant Director.	"Naumechoos" (16mm 6 Episodes) Director: Bruno Vilati	Rai,Rome. Italy
2 nd . Assistant Director.	"Christopher Columbus" (35mm 6 Episodes) Director: Alberto Lattuada	Lorimar/CBS Clesi Film/RAI
2nd Assistant Director.	"Final Justice" (35mm Film) Director: Lou Grade	L & G Film, USA Med. Film Prod.
Assistant Floor Manager	"Inside Story"	Anglia TV England
Unit & Location Manager	"The Burning Shore" (35mm 6 Episodes) Director: Janot Szwarc	Penta Films/ Laser Films. Italy.
Unit & Location Manager 2nd Unit.	"The Burning Shore" (35mm 6 Episodes) Director: Janot Szwarc	Penta Films/ Laser Films. Italy.
1 st . Assistant Director	"Dr. Stefan Frank" (16mm Episode.11,12,13) Director: Udo Witte	RTL/ Phoenix Film Berlin. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Wildbach" (16mm Episode 33/34/35) Director: Karin Hercher	Ard/Br/ Helbos Film. München. Germany

1 st . Assistant Director	"Unser Charly" (16mm Pilot & Episodes 1-5) Director: Helmut Fömbacher	Zdf/Phoenix Film Berlin. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Flughafenklinik" (16mm Episode 1,2 & 3) Director: Niki Stein	RTL/Bavaria Film GmbH München. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Der Fahnder" (16mm Episode 136/137/138) Director: Michael Zens	ARD/Colonia Media Köln. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Alter Schützt Vor Rotlicht Nicht" Director: Hannes Maier	BR Fernsehen München Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Sexy Lissy" (16mm 93'00) Director: Peter Ily Huemer	RTL/Telemünchen GmbH München. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Hat Recht, Wer Schreit" Director: Hannes Maier	BR Fernsehen München. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Der Tod On Line" (16mm 93'00) Director: Peter Ily Huemer	RTL/ Zeitsprung GmbH Köln. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Fair Sicher Gelassen" Director: Hannes Maier	BR Fernsehen München. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Neon Nächte" (16mm 93'00) Director: Peter Ily Huemer	RTL/Blue Screen/NDF Hamburg. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Lupo Und Der Muezzin" (16mm 93'00) Director: Dagmar Wagner	ARD/Arte /Diana Film Düsseldorf. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Seven Days" (16mm 93') Director: Peter Ily Huemer	RTL/Real Film GmbH Köln. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Jets " (16mm Episode 8,9 & 10) Director: Stefan Klisch	Pro 7 / FFP Enter München. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Fussball Ist Unser Leben" (16mm Cinema.) Director: Tommy Wigand	Sat 1 /Novamedia. München.Germany

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1 st . Assistant Director	"Mind Hunter" (16mm Film 93'00) Director: J.Schäuffelen	RTL/WUF/CLT-Ufa Berlin. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Schlosshotel Orth" (16mm 15 x 45' Episodes) Director: Stefan Klisch	Satel Film /Austria ZDF/ORF.
1 st . Assistant Director 1 st . Unit	"Schalker Kreisel" (16mm 93'00) Director: G.Heberling	Sat 1/R+M Projekt Film Köln. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director 2 nd . Unit	"Schalker Kreisel" (16mm 93'00) Director: G.Heberling	Sat 1/R+M Projekt Film Köln.Germany
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosenheim Cops" (16mm 3 x 45'00 Episodes) Director: Stefan Klisch	ZDF/ Bavaria Film München. Germany
1 st . Assistant Director. (Part Munich)	"La Chiavi Di Casa" (35mm Film) Director: Gianni Amelio	RAI/ Achab Film. Italy Polapandora Film Berlin
1 st . Assistant Director. Pre-Production	"Kuckuck_Ich Bin Der Mörder" (35mm Triberg Germany Director: Max Nüchtern	Kuckuck Prod
1 st . Assistant Director	"Die Zeit, Die Man Leben Nennt" (16mm 93'00) Director: Sharon V. Wietersheim	ZDF/Rich & Famous Filmproduktion München. Germany Epo Film- Austria
1 st . Assistant Director	"Im Tal Der Wilden Rosen" "Gipfel Der Liebe" (16mm 93'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/ Videoscope Fernsehfilm GmbH Berlin.Germany Calgary.Canada
1 st . Assistant Director	"Im Tal Der Wilden Rosen" "Liebe Im Schatten Des Zweifels" (16mm 93'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/ Videoscope. Fernsehfilm GmbH Berlin. Germany Calgary. Canada
1 st . Assistant Director	"Im Tal Der Wilden Rosen" "Zerrissene Herzen" (16mm 93'00) Director: Michael Keusch.	ZDF/ Videoscope. Fernsehfilm GmbH Berlin. Germany Calgary. Canada

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1 st . Assistant Director	"Im Tal Der Wilden Rosen" "Die Macht Der Liebe" (16mm 93'00) Director: Michael Keusch.	ZDF/ Videoscope Fernsehfilm GmbH Berlin. Germany Calgary.Canada
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Herzenssehnsucht" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany. Ireland
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Liebe Gegen Der Rest Der Welt" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany Devon. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Lass Es Liebe Sein" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany Devon. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"Traumschiff" "Indian Summer" (16mm 96'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann	ZDF/Polyphon Film Und-Fernsehg.mbH Hamburg. Germany Canada/USA Ms Deutschland
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Heartbreak" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany Devon. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Questions Of The Heart" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/ FFP New Media München. Germany Devon. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"Emile Richards" "Secret Of The Opal" (16mm 90'00) Director: Thomas Hezel.	ZDF/Polyphon Film Und-Fernsehg.mbH Berlin. Germany New Zealand
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Engaged & Confused" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany Cornwall. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Stolen Summer" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	Zdf/Ffp New Media München. Germany Cornwall. England

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1 st . Assistant Director	"Kreuzfahrt Ins Glück" "Croatia" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/Polyphon Film- Und Fernsehg.mbH Hamburg. Germany Croatia. Ms Deutschland
1 st . Assistant Director	"Traumschiff" "Puerto Rico" (16mm 93'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/Polyphon Film Und-Fernsehg.mbH Hamburg. Germany Mexico/Puerto Rico Ms. Deutschland
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "Divided Life" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany Cornwall. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"Rosemunde Pilcher" "A Question Of Honour" (16mm 90'00) Director: Stefan Bartmann.	ZDF/FFP New Media München. Germany Cornwall. England
1 st . Assistant Director	"The Maltese Fighter" (4k-20') Director: Arev Manoukian.	Spy Films. Toronto.Canada Malta Film. Malta
1 st .Assistant Director	"Saul" (Pilot 90'00) Director: Mario Azzopardi	Entertainment One TV Toronto.Canada Citadella Films.Malta
1 st .Assistant Director	"The Cove" (90'00) Director: Leif Bristow	Entertainment One TV Toronto.Canada 2MoreFilms.Malta
1 st .Assistant Director	"Overdue(WT)" (90'00) Director: Mario Azzopardi	Entertainment One TV Toronto.Canada 2MoreFilms.Malta
2 nd AD_Crowds	"13 Hours" (144' 00) Director: Michael Bay	Bay Films / Paramount Pic. Latina Films Malta
1 st Assistant Director	"20,000 Reasons" (80'00) Director: Jameson Cucciardi	Malta Film Commission Film London Microwave International.UK
Insp.Di Produzione/AD	"Fuoco Amico TF45" (3 x 45-Parts) Director: Beniamino Catena	RB Produzione S.R.L. Mediaset. Italy Whitectoral Films Malta

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Producer/Line Producer	"Habbilni Ha Nirbah" "Knock Me Up Knock Me Down" Director: Mario P. Azzopardi	VALLETTA 2018 ORG FOUNDATION_MALTA
Line Producer	"Promotion Valletta 2018" Director: Mario P. Azzopardi	VALLETTA 2018 ORG FOUNDATION_MALTA
Line Producer /1st AD	"PRIME MINISTER'S New Year Speech" (8'00)	Office of The Prime Minister MONOLITH MALTA
Creative Producer /1st Ad	"BLUE - CORP VIDEO" (8'00) Director: Pedja Miletic	MED TOURISM FORUM MALTA HOTELS & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION MONOLITH Ltd MALTA
Line Producer /1st Ad	"NORDICBET_ Kessler vs Kjaer " (0'30" x 2) Director: Federico Mazzaris	MALTA FILM LTD BETSSON (Sweden) SEVILLA_SPAIN
Line Producer	"BET_SWEDEN" (0' 30" x 2) Director: Federico Mazzarisi	MALTA FILM LTD BETSSON (Sweden) MALTA
1st Ad	"TAB_ HEARTS vs HEAD" (0' 30" x 2) Director: Craig Rasmus	RABBIT_AUSTRALIA GRANDMA_ PRODUCTIONS VILNIUS_LITHUANIA
1st Assistant Director 2nd Unit & VFX Unit	"Seacole" 120min Director: Charlie Stratton 2nd Unit Director Leslie Hope	HISTORYLIES LTD-UK Media Factory Malta
Production Co ordinator	Geox Shoes SS20	Chocolate Films Milan Malta Film Ltd
Producer / 1st AD Post Production Supervisor	"L-Ispettur Bonnici" 10 x 48min Director: Mario Philip Azzopardi	Citadella Films.Malta Ltd Arts Council Malta PBS/TVM – Malta
Line Producer / 1st AD	Nordic Bet_Var 0'15" Director: Joshua Cassar Gaspar	Malta Film Ltd Betsson_ Sweden
Producer / 1st AD Post Production Supervisor	Irbaht Il Lottu" 10 x 48min Director: Mario Philip Azzopardi	Citadella Films.Malta Ltd Arts Council Malta PBS/TVM – Malta
1st Assistant Director Storm Tempest Sequence	"HASHASHIN"	Peter Mimi_ Egypt Media Factory Malta

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1st Assistant Director Commerical	FW4 Director: Joshua Cassar Gaspar	Betson_Sweden Malta Film Ltd
1st Assistant Director Commerical	VIP_ Message Director: Joshua Cassar Gaspar	Betson_Sweden Malta Film Ltd
1st Assistant Director Commerical	Socios Match Played Ball Video Director: Joshua Cassar Gaspar	SociosMalta. Malta Film Ltd
Location Scout	Silent Hour Director Brad Anderson	Paramount Movies Valletta Pictures Ltd
1st Assistant Director Commerical	Woom Director Christof Tilley.	MXR AUSTRIA Rock Productions
Location Manager	Silent Hour Director Brad Anderson	Paramount Movies Valletta Pictures Ltd
1st Assistant Director	PIRATES & SLAVES Director Danielle Proskar	Urban Canyon ORF AUSTRIA
1st Assistant Director	THE THEFT OF THE CARAVAGGIO Director: Joshua Cassar Gaspar	Malta Film Ltd
1st Assistant Director	CLARA LOW MUSIC VIDEO Director: Joshua Cassar Gaspar	Rock Productions.
1st Assistant Director	CHUM Director Jonathan Zack	Red Wire Pictures Valletta Pictures
1st Assistant Director	SUPERNOVA Director Rene Osubu	Somesuch Malta Film Ltd

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- "Lambs Navy Rum" 0'40
- "Cnp" _ Icebergs" 0'40
- "Citroen Bx_Tempest 0'40
- "Ntom_Dreamer" 0'60
- "Citroen Bx_Cyclone" 0'40
- "Murville_Fridge" 0'40
- "A N C E_Paris/Dakkar" 0'40
- "Pasta Agnesi_Storm" 0'60
- "Cutty Stark_Marrakech" 0'45
- "Mcm_Trunk" 0'65
- "Rennie_Schatten" 0'25
- "Sampo_Lighthouse" 0'30
- "Cottenell_Water Buns" 0'30
- "Era-Gsm_Poland" 0'30
- "Fressnapf_Wsv 1 & 2" 2 X 0'15
- "Fressnapf_Karotte" 3 X 0'15
- "Fressnapf_Elefant" 2 X 0'15
- "Dany Sahne_Crème Duet 0'30
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- "Geox Shoes_Kids 2013" 0'30
- "McDonalds-Glass" 1 X 0'20
- "Esta-The-Africa-Indian-S.Africa" 3 X 0'30
- "McDonalds-White Room" 0'30
- "ISLE Of MTV-Concert 2013"
- "Staropamen-Cr,Ser,Bul,Cz"
- "Ursus" -Romania 0'30
- "Haribo-Bear" 0'30
- "Kular-Beer" 0'30
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- "Geox Shoes_Kids 2014" 0'30

Dir: John St.Clair Perkins St.Clair
 Dir: Philippe Bensoussan Bvf / Rscg
 Dir: Christian Lemarque Bvf / Rscg
 Dir: Julius Cassar -Maslin Rees Fitton / Ntom
 Dir: Christian Lemarque Bvf / Rscg
 Dir: Christian Lemarque Bvf / Rscg
 Dir: Patrik Cazes Bvf / Rscg
 Dir: Julius Cassar
 Dir: Julius Cassar Bsb Athens
 Dir: Jason Lehel Flimline Prod/Mcm
 Dir: Pierre William Glen Greys Dusseldorf
 Dir: Bob Gordon Banana Polska
 Dir: Bob Gordon JWT(New York)
 Dir: Danny Hiele - Banana Polska
 Dir: John Baker - Wolff Bros
 Dir: John Baker - Wolff Bros
 Dir: John Baker - Wolff Bros
 Dir Pete Salmi -Laterna Magika
 Young & Rubicam
 Dir: Luca Lucini-Chocolate-21adv

Dir James Green -Rock Prod/Saga Films.Ru
 Dir Steve Green-Rock Prod/Saga Films.Ru
 Dir:Riccardo Paoletti - Chocolate / No
 Dir: Bartek Cierlica Grandma(Lithuania)
 Ads Media - Ogilvy
 Dir: Luca Lucini-Chocolate-21adv

● BUDGET & PITCH & LOCATION RESEARCH

- Telekomunikacja Polska-Darmo
- Telekomunikacja Polska-Neostrada
- M&M's Priates –Treasure chest
- Sanofi-Plavix-Editor

● MUSIC VIDEOS

- "Nick Lowe" 16mm
- "Glass Tiger" 16mm
- "Oakley/Moroder" 16mm
- "ASIA" 35mm
- "Nona Hendrix" 16mm
- "F M" 16mm
- "Marc Almond" 16mm
- "Black Britten" 16mm