

# J E F F S A U N D E R S

## Director of Photography

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### WORK HISTORY

- Dec 95 – Present Independent Director of Photography  
Documentary, corporate and commercial DP. Documentaries from Alaska to Zanzibar. National film commercials and internal corporate programs with Fortune 500 companies.
- Feb 95- Dec 1999 Independent Cameraman/Gaffer/Sound Technician  
Member of Emmy award winning documentary team. Transitioned from Gaffer to Cameraman (owner operator). Worked on over 300 nationally broadcast documentary stories.
- July 92-Jan 95 Independent Commercial Lighting Technician  
Honed my skills as a lighter with several award winning film and video Directors of Photography.

### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

**Director of Photography** – DP for broadcast, commercial, corporate, and feature films. Strong lighting, documentary and travel background.

Skills include:

- Pre Production consultation with attention to technical and creative logistics.
- DP skilled in 16mm, 35mm film, RED, Arri Alexa/Amira, Sony, Panasonic and DSLR formats.
- **Owner/Operator** Arri Amira Premium, Sony FS7, Canon 5D Mark IV
- Experienced with dolly, jib arm, slider, 3 axis gimbles, green screen, studio production, location production, live broadcast, multiple camera production, re-enactments.
- Tactical and commercial cockpit and wing camera mounting experience.
- Lighting Cameraman. Experience with HMI, quartz, and fluorescent lighting and LED instruments. Lighting set-ups from 1x1 LED's to a 10 ton grip/lighting truck.
- Extensive travel experience. 27 countries, all US States.

### AWARDS

National Emmy Nominee ESPN "E:60, Coach Don Meyer"  
NY International Film Fest - Bronze World Medal "E:60, Coach Don Meyer"  
CINE Golden Eagle Award "Lost Landscapes: America's Tall grass Prairie"  
IDA's Pare Lorentz Award, "Lost Landscapes: American's Tall grass Prairie"  
National Telly Award "Star Tribune" Annual Meeting Video  
Aegis Video & Film Productions Awards, Winner "Deluxe Opener"  
Aegis Video & Film Productions Awards, Winner "Cargill Opener"  
National Telly Award winner "Red October" Discovery-Wings Channel  
ITVA Gold Award "Twin Cities Marathon" Best Commercial

### EDUCATION

Bachelors Degree - Communications - Eastern Illinois University 1991  
Rockport College, Cinematography Workshop-Rockport, Maine 1993  
Rockport College, Photography Workshop- Havana, Cuba March 2000

## **DOCUMENTARY/SERIES**

### **"Super Bowl LII" NFL**

Justin Timberlake interview and Hall of Fame feature.

### **"Landmarks Live in Concert" Documentary Co/DP PBS 20 part series**

Hosted by Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers). LANDMARKS LIVE In Concert is the next generation of Music Television where music, live performance, legendary destinations from the US and around the globe, and music history, all come together presenting a unique and very special music experience for television. Artists I have filmed include: Brad Paisley, Alicia Keys, Kings of Leon and Prophets of Rage.

### **"The Butterfly Trees" DP - Feature Film**

Currently in post-production. This inspiring film will tell the amazing story and heroic journey of the monarch butterflies and their imperiled overwintering grounds.

### **"Eating Up Easter" Mara Films for PBS**

Currently in post-production. In this hour-long documentary, we follow the overlapping stories of four characters as they work to improve lives and fight for their values on Easter Island.

### **"USA Swim Team" NBC Sports**

Features including Michael Phelps and Katie Ledecky.

### **"Tides of Time" Flint Hills Discovery Center – Donna Lawrence Productions**

Filmed 4 seasons on the KONZA (Nature Conservancy). Everything you'd expect in a prairie film...wind, snow, sun, lightning, rain, buffalo, flowers, clouds, stars, fire and native prairie species.. Filmed on RED MX using a 5:1 aspect ratio to be shown on a 64' X 12' screen. Incorporated into the show are 4D affects including wind, lightning, fire and snow.

### **"Steve Miller Band Documentary" DP - Coming Home Studios**

The only authorized documentary of the Steve Miller Band. Behind the scenes documentary with Steve and the band leading up to the Live from Chicago DVD. Followed Steve on a tour of his original musical haunts in Chicago. Filmed interview inside driving Checkered taxi cab all over Chicago.

### **"Space Mysteries" DP - National Geographic TV – Think Film, Inc.**

Four hour series exploring the mysteries of comets, planets, alien life and space junk. Highlights include exploration in Death Valley with NASA researchers and shooting in a remote cave in New Mexico to show alien life forms in environments usually not associated with life. Series Director of Photography.

### **"Lost Landscape: America's Tall grass Prairie" Co/DP PBS - New Light Media**

REVIEWS: "Stunning photography conveys to viewers the striking beauty of the tall grass prairie and gives them a sense of what it was like being "out on the prairie 200 years ago" , "a moving story", "tells it's story very well with great craftsmanship in a short period of time", "captures the beauty and wonder of America's most altered regions". "The breathtaking cinematography, original music and moving narrative created a powerful viewing experience."

### **"100 Greatest Discoveries" DP - The Discovery Channel - Think Film, Inc.**

8 Hour Series hosted by Bill Nye "The Science Guy". Each hour looks into the most compelling and important discoveries of our time. Episodes include: Astronomy, Physics, Evolution, Chemistry, Biology, Earth Science, Genetics, and Medicine. From Fermi Lab proton accelerator to NASA's Zero Gravity Chamber. Discovery channels' highest selling DVD before "Planet Earth".

## SPOTS

BOSE headphones, Square Up, Big Lots, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN, ND, WY, International Paper, General Mills,

## OTHER

### **"Intelligent Nutrients Launch" Cryptic Moth Productions**

Horst Rechelbacher, creator of Aveda launches IN as the first all certified organic health and beauty company. Shown at launch party in New York City.

### **"Global Rhythm" Cargill International, Martin Bastian Productions**

Corporate film shot in Malaysia, Spain, Portugal, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua to show it's diverse corporate landscape. Created/shot scenarios to show customer relationships.

### **"Our Vision" Cargill International, Martin Bastian Productions**

Corporate film shot in China, Taiwan and Indonesia to capture Cargill's Asian presence.  
*Aegis Award Winner*

## CLIENTS

**Network and Cable Clients Include:** , Discovery Channel (Discovery HD Theater, Science, Health, Military, UK, Canada, International) National Geographic, HBO, The History Channel, Animal Planet, WGBH-Boston PBS-Frontline, NOVA, NBC, ABC, CBS, NFL, MTV, VH1, CMT, CBC, MSG TV, TBS

**Corporate/Other Clients:** Big Lots, Best Buy, 3M, Honeywell, Marshall Fields, Target, General Mills, Mall Of America, Cargill, U of M, Land O' Lakes, JC Penny, Bruegger's Bagels, Wells Fargo, Kawasaki, Paisley Park Entertainment (Prince), AT&T, Pillsbury, Sprint, NASA, Big Lots, Medtronic, St. Jude Medical, Boston Scientific, Children's Cancer Research Fund

## LOCATIONS

Alaska (Mt. McKinley Base Camp, Talkeetna, Kodiak Island, Attu Island, Clarks Preserve) NY, LA, SF, Chicago, Lake Tahoe, Smokey Mountains, Sierra Nevada Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Glacier National Park, Grand Canyon. 27 countries, all 50 states in the US.

### **Work/Travel Locations**

1997 Tanzania	2006 Malaysia
1997 Holland	2006 Holland
1999 Mexico	2006 Spain
2000 Cuba	2006 Portugal
2000 Mexico	2006 Honduras
2000 Germany	2006 Guatemala
2000 England	2006 Nicaragua
2001 China	2006 Mexico
2001 England	2006 Argentina
2002 Honduras	2007 Ethiopia
2002 Guatemala	2007 Kenya
2003 England	2007 Tanzania
2005 China	2008 Switzerland
2005 Taiwan	2008 Russia
2005 Indonesia	2010 Peru
2006 Mexico	2011 China

2006 Cambodia  
2006 Malaysia

2012 Ireland  
2013, 2014 Easter Island, Chile