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I have studied History and Archaeology in the **University of Athens** and Film making in London at the **London Film School**.

I have been a production manager for many feature films and TV drama series, producer and production manager for commercials.

I currently work in Greece as a feature films producer and script writer.

I am a Member of the **Hellenic Film Academy**, and am fluent in Greek, English and French.

I have been working with the BBC and other English, American, French, German companies on major documentaries as a local producer/fixer.

Languages: **English, French, Greek**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BBC

- Ancient Powers, BBC Studios **2022**
- o Invisible Ancient Cities: Athens in co-production with PBS (with Michael Scott, with Darius Arya for PBS) **2017-2018**
- o Treasures of Ancient Greece 2 Episodes (with Alastair Sooke) **2015**
- o Genius of Ancient World- Socrates (with Bettany Hughes) **2014**
- o Sex and the Church (with Diarmaid MacCulloch) BBC 2 **2014**
- o The Ottomans Europe's Muslim Emperors (with Rageh Omaar) **2012**
- o Divine Women (with Bettany Hughes) **2011**
- o History of the World (with Andrew Marr) BBC 1 **2011 & 2012**
- o Delphi the Bellybutton of the Ancient World (with Michael Scott) BBC 4 **2010**
- o Justice: A Citizen's Guide to the 21st century (with prof. Michael Sandel) BBC 4 **2010**
- o Ancient Worlds (with Richard Miles) BBC 2 **2010**
- o Atlantis, the Evidence (with Bettany Hughes) BBC N. Ireland **2009**
- o How Earth Made Us. (with Iain Smith) BBC 2 **2009**
- o Francesco's Mediterranea (with Francesco Da Motta) BBC World **2008**

- o The Story of Maths (pre-production) **2007**
- o Around the World in 80 Treasures, BBC 2 **2006**
- o How Art Made the World (with Nigel Spivey) BBC 2 **2006**
- o What the Ancients did for Us (pre-production) **2004**

ZDF TV Channel (Germany)

- STORYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS “Cleopatra” **2022**
- STORYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS “ATLANTIS” **2020**
- ZDF “TerraX :Fascination Earth” with Dirk Steffens **2013** (shot in Cyprus & Santorini)How Earth Made Us with Dirk Steffens (co production with BBC) **2010, 2011**

LABEL NEWS distributed by RMC DECOUVERTE (France)

- “Pharaos” TV doc. series **2023** (still in production)
- “Cleopatra- Cracking the Enigma” TV doc. series **2022**

STONEHENGE CIRCLE for VIRGIN CRUISES (USA)

- Promotional material for the Company’s cruises in the Greek islands **2023**

BEACH HOUSE PICTURES PTE LTD (Productions for Chinese TV channels)

- “Silk Road from above” **2022**

WINDFALL FILMS (UK)

- Series “Unearthed” – 2 Episodes “OLOUS” and “HELIKI” **2022**

CIC Media (UK)

- “Uncharted Adventure” series, episode on Ionian islands Greece **2022**

OCEANIA CRUISES (USA)

- Promotional material for the Company’s Cruises in the Greek Islands **2022**

HOLLAND AMERICA LINES (USA)

- Promotional material for the Company’s Cruises in the Greek Islands **2021**

SLOVAKIA TV 2021 (SLOVAKIA)

- “Dinner with Havran” 2 round table programs with the participation of Greek Academics

ONLY CHILD PRODUCTIONS for TNT (USA)

- “Arena: Giannis And Identity” (Documentary on NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo) **2020**

TILE FILMS for SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL (USA)

- “Aerial Greece” (Doc. Series) **2020**

NOON FILMS for ALARABY TV

- Documentaries for the series “Tales of Cinema”
 - The Thessaloniki International Film Festival
 - Make Up and Special Effects in Cinema **2019**

WALL to WALL Ltd /for Discovery Channel

- “Mysteries of the Missing–Atlantis: The lost Evidence”/Location **2017**

CITIZENS PICTURES for Travel Channel (USA)

- o Top Secret Swimming Holes **2017** (On the islands of Crete and Kythira)

SNAKE OIL PRODUCTIONS (USA) for Travel Channel

- Expedition Unknown series “Vanished Empire” with Josh Gates **2016**

THE WASHINGTON GALLERY OF ART (USA)

- A film for the exhibition of Bronzes **2015**

ATLANTIC PRODUCTIONS for Discovery and History Channel

- o Ancient Atlantis - Myth and Reality (with Martin Pepper) **2015**
2005-2007
- o Spartans: At the Gates of Fire for Granada **2003**
- o Who killed Alexander the Great for Granada **2006**
- o The real Jason and the Argonauts **2003**
- o The Seven Wonders of Ancient Greece **2007** Rhodes
- o The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World **2006**
- o Mummy Autopsy **2004/2005**
- o Lost Worlds series “The Minoans” **2006**
- o Lost Worlds series “Athens Supercity” **2006**

BLINK FILMS (UK) for BBC and History Channel

- o Treasures Decoded - The Search for Atlantis **2015**
- o Absolute Tyrants series - Episode on Alexander the Great and Cleopatra with Michael Scott **2010**

TREMENDOUS ENTERTAINMENT (USA) for Travel Channel

- o Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations (food Program in Santorini) **2016**
- o Edible Icons (Food Program in Athens) **2014**

WANTED75 (France)

- Advertising photo shoot for air company Transavia **2022**

CAP (Spain) for ZARA

- A commercial for ZARA kids, shot on the island of Milos **2019**

PRODUCTIONS LOL – CANADA

- Short comic sketches shot on location in Greece (Island of Kythira) **2013**

THE EDGE PICTURE COMPANY 2013

- For Childrens’ Museum in Saudi Arabia by Aramco Research.
A short documentary about the story of an 11 year old girl on the island of Santorini.

IMG

- Fifa Mundial **2013**

ATOMIZED ENTERTAINMENT

- Advertising films for Johnnie Walker campaign on the internet **2011 and 2012**

ARTEMIS FILMS AUSTRALIA

- Various research projects for “Who do you think you are” **2011- 2012**

THE CASE OF MARY FORD Producer in the short English feature
Produced and directed by Ben Mole and shot on location in Greece **2012**

WILD DREAM FILMS LTD for Learning and History Channel 2002 to 2009

- Ancient Discoveries (Six series).All the episodes involving Ancient Greece

ZIG ZAG PRODUCTIONS for National Geographic Channel 2010

- The Truth Behind Atlantis

CARBON MEDIA LTD for Channel 4 , 2008

- Whatever happened to the 12 Disciples of Christ

PROMA ONE – Canada (for History Channel) , 2008

- MEGA DISASTER series : Episode “Atlantis Apocalypse”

JWM PRODUCTIONS (USA) for DISCOVERY Channel , 2008

- Solving History Series with Olly Steeds ATLANTIS

WAG Television (for National Geographic) , 2008

- Mysteries- Crete The Labyrinth and the Phaistos Disc

LION TELEVISION Ltd for Channel 4 , 2007

- Athens (2 hour documentary with Bethany Hughes)

FERTILE GROUND PRODUCTIONS Inc. (Canada) 2004

- Sexual Intelligence with Kim Catrel (shot in Cyprus)

INSIGHT TELEVISION LTD 2003

- The Pagans with Dr.Douglas Campbell

MAYA VISION for BBC 1999

- Alexander the Great (research, recce, preproduction) with Michael Wood

WORLDWIDE PICTURES for the Learning Channel - Discovery

- War & Civilisation (program 1) **1998**

GREEK PRODUCTIONS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

DIRECTOR / PRODUCER

- Archaeological Research : 8 part series (8 * 50 min) Documentaries on Neolithic Greece for **ERT3** :
- 4 documentaries on Neolithic Economy
- 4 documentaries on Neolithic Ideology

- Rediscovering the Epikourios Apollo Temple at Vassai for **ERT 1**
- 1 Documentary x 90 min about the temple and its discovery by 19th c. architects Cockrell and Foster.

PRODUCER/EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

- 1998 "From the Edge of the City" By Constantine Giannaris.
- Award in direction at the Thessaloniki International Film Festival
- Critics Award at the Thessaloniki International Film Festival
2nd prize of the Greek Film Awards

- 2000 "A Day in August" by Constantine Giannaris
Official Greek Entry at the Berlin Film Festival

- 2004 "Marathon" by Antonis Kokkinos

- 2009 "Apnea" by Aris Bafaloukas
Official Greek Entry at the Montreal World Film Festival
Public Award
Official Greek Entry at the Thessaloniki International Film festival
Critics Award, Public Award

PRODUCER

- TV Commercials 1990-1998

PRODUCTION MANAGER

- Various TV drama series and feature films

SCRIPT WRITER

- 2005- 2010 Co- writer in TV dramas for Greek TV

- 2008 "Liaison Culinaires" based on a the novel of Andreas Staikos
A feature film directed by Vasilis Tselemengos, starring George Corraface

- 2013 “Spring Awakening” Co- writer with Constantine Giannaris
A feature film film directed by C.Giannaris

- 2018 Co-writer of the script “Mes Jours Volcaniques” with
Film Director Vangelis Seitanidis (2018)
A feature film project in development