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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.

Fluent in Greek, English and French.

I have been working with the BBC and other English companies on major documentaries as a local producer/location manager/fixer.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BBC

- Invisible Ancient Cities: Athens in co-production with PBS (with Michael Scott, with Darius Arya for PBS) **2017-2018**
- Discovery Channel/ Wall to Wall LTD / “Mysteries of the Missing–Atlantis: The lost Evidence”/ Location **2017**
- Treasures of Ancient Greece 2 Episodes (with Alastair Sooke) **2015**
- Genius of Ancient World- Socrates (with Bettany Hughes) **2014**
- Sex and the Church (with Diarmaid MacCulloch) BBC 2 **2014**
- The Ottomans Europe’s Muslim Emperors (with Rageh Omaar) **2012**
- Divine Women (with Bettany Hughes) **2011**
- History of the World (with Andrew Marr) BBC 1 **2011 & 2012**
- Delphi the Bellybutton of the Ancient World (with Michael Scott) BBC 4 **2010**
- Justice: A Citizen’s Guide to the 21st century (with prof. Michael Sandel) BBC 4 **2010**
- Ancient Worlds (with Richard Miles) BBC 2 **2010**
- Atlantis, the Evidence (with Bettany Hughes) BBC N. Ireland **2009**
- How Earth Made Us. (with Iain Smith) BBC 2 **2009**

- Francesco's Mediterranea (with Francesco Da Motta) BBC World **2008**
- The Story of Maths (pre-production) **2007**
- Around the World in 80 Treasures, BBC 2 **2006**
- How Art Made the World (with Nigel Spivey) BBC 2 **2006**
- What the Ancients did for Us (pre-production) **2004**

ATLANTIC PRODUCTIONS for Discovery and History Channel

- Ancient Atlantis - Myth and Reality (with Martin Pepper) **2015**

2005-2007

- Spartans: At the Gates of Fire for Granada **2003**
- Who killed Alexander the Great for Granada **2006**
- The real Jason and the Argonauts **2003**
- The Seven Wonders of Ancient Greece **2007** Rhodes
- The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World **2006**
- Mummy Autopsy **2004/2005**
- Lost Worlds series "The Minoans" **2006**
- Lost Worlds series "Athens Supercity" **2006**

BLINK FILMS (UK) for BBC and History Channel

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

TREMENDOUS ENTERTAINMENT (USA) for Travel Channel

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

CITIZENS PICTURES for Travel Channel

- 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) (film for exhibition of Bronzes) 2015

BLEACHER REPORT (USA) for TURNER BROADCASTING

Giannis - An Identity (Documentary on NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo) 2019

NOON FILMS for ALARABY TV

2 documentaries for the series "Tales of Cinema"

The Thessaloniki International Film Festival (2019)

Make Up and Special Effects in Cinema

CAP (Spain) for ZARA

A commercial for ZARA kids, shot on the island of Milos (2019)

PRODUCTIONS LOL – CANADA 2013

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

THE EDGE PICTURE COMPANY 2013

A film for a new Childrens' Museum in Saudi Arabia by Aramco Research, casting and filming in order to find the ideal Santorini 11 year old girl to be in a film about her life. (Shot on the island of Santorini)

IMG 2013

Fifa Mundial

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**

ATOMIZED ENTERTAINMENT 2011 and 2012

Advertising films for Johnnie Walker campaign on the internet

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

WORLDWIDE PICTURES for the Learning Channel - Discovery

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

MAYA VISION for BBC 1999

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

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