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PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Nationality: Bulgarian
- Place of Birth: Sofia
- Date of Birth: October 14, 1954
- Married, two sons

EDUCATION

1968 - 1973

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN SOFIA

1975 - 1980

HIGH INSTITUTE FOR THEATER AND CINEMATOGRAPHY - SOFIA

Film and TV cinematography

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

1973 - 1975 Optical photography at Film Studio VREME in Sofia

1980 - 1990 Cameraman at VREME Film Studio for science and documentary films in
Sofia

1990 - till now: free lance DOP/cameraman

FILMOGRAPHY

As Director of Photography:

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, 2018, ISRAEL, preproduction

ONLY ASH REMAINS/OSTANALOTO E PEPEL/ BG 2018, pre-production

PLEBS, 2018, UK TV series, Season 4, Episodes 1-8, Director Sam Leifer

The Art of Political Murder, 2017 UK documentary, Dir. Nick Green, reconstruction scenes
THE REMISSION PATH, 2017, Jordan, in pre-production, Dir. Sandra Kewar
BLACK EYED SUZAN, 2016, UK Dir. Nick Rowntree
I2A, 2016, Bg, Dir. Maggie Ralcheva
FINAL SCORE, 2016UK, Dir. Scott Mann
MARA,2016, US Dir. Clive Tonge
ALIENS, 2015, UK E4 Tv, episodes 3-6, Dir, Lawrence Gough
LABYRINTHS OF LOVE, 2015, Russia/Bg, Dir. Vlado Shterianov
I1A, BG, 2014, Dir. Joro Kstov
SAVIOUR,2013,ISRAEL/USA, Director Robert Savo
CODE RED,2012 USA, Director Valeri Milev
SOLDIERS, 2012, USA, Bulgarian sequence, Director Valery Milev, Jean-Claude Van Damme
SKOBELEV, 2012, Russia-Bulgaria, Dir. Vlado Shteryanov, Valeri Milev
PUZZLE,2011, Bulgaria, Director Ivo Staikov
BOOK OF ETERNAL DREAD, USA,2010,Director Gerry Lively
SCREAM OF THE BANSHEE, USA, 2010, additional photography
TALION, 2010, UK, Director Scott Mann, trailer
GOODBYE MAMA,2010, Bulgaria/Italy, Director Michelle Bonev
CHRISTO – A BULGARIAN IN NEW YORK,2010, BNT, Director Toma Tomoff
THE NIGHT HAG, 2009, UK, Director Clive Tongue, trailer
THE TASK, 2009, USA, Director Simon Fellows
PRINCE AND ME 3, 2008, NI, USA, Director Catherine Cyron
CYCLOPES,2007, USA, a Roger Corman production,Director Declan O'Brien, with Eric Roberts
THE TOURNAMENT, 2007, UK, dir. Scott Mann, , with Robert Carlyle, Ving Rhames, Kelly Fu
MEGASNAKE, 2006, USA, NI, dir. Tibor Takacs
FINDING RIN TIN TIN , 2006 USA, NI, dir. Danny Lerner
WICKED LITTLE CREATURES, 2005, USA, NI, dir. Joe S. Cardone
MOSQUITO MAN, 2004, NU IMAGE, dir. Tibor Tacacs
HAMMERHEAD,2004, NU IMAGE, with William Forsythe, dir. Michael Oblowitz
RAGING SHARKS, 2004, NU IMAGE, dir. Danny Lerner
CONTROL, 2003, USA, NU IMAGE, with Ray Liotta and Willem Defoe, /additional photography/,dir. Tim Hunter
TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY, 2003, USA –TOSCA PICTURES, NU IMAGE, dir. Danny Lerner
CREATURE ,2003,USA, NU IMAGE, /additional photography/, dir, Tim Cox
JURASSIC SHARK, 2002, USA – a NU IMAGE,/NI/ production, dir. Danny Lerner
DEN OF LIONS,2002,USA, NU IMAGE, /additional photography/, dir, James Bruce
DAN KOLLOFF : BORN TO WIN , 2000, Bulgaria, dir. Mikhail Getzov
DAN KOLLOFF: KING OF CATCH, 2001, Bulgaria, dir. Mikhail Getzov
SOMBRERO BLUES, 1998, Bulgaria, dir. Iliyan Stoyanov

FILMOGRAPHY

As “A” or “B” camera operator, DOP Second unit, Model photography DOP, Additional photography DOP:

HERCULES 3D, 2013, USA, Director Renny Harlin
EXPENDABLES 2, USA 2nd unit A camera, additional DOP 2nd Unit
THE STRAYS, USA, Director Patric Syversen
UNDISPUTED 3, USA, Director Isaac Florentine
UNIVERSAL SOLDIERS – A NEW BEGINNING, 2009 USA, Dir. John Hyams, DOP Peter Hyams, with J.C. Van Damme and Dolf Lundgren
AN HOUR WITH OLIVER STONE, 2008 – Bulgarian National Television,
NINJA, 2008, USA, NI, DOP Second unit
DIRECT CONTACT, 2008, USA, NI, Dir. Danny Lerner, with Dolf Lundgren, aerial photography
HERO WANTED, 2007, USA, NI, dir. Brian Smrz, DOP Larry Blanford, with Cuba Gooding, Jr.; ‘a’ camera operator
THE SHEPPERD, 2007. USA, Sony pic, dir. Isak Florentine, with J.C. van Damme, DOP, Second unit
IT’S ALIVE!, 2007, USA, NI, DOP Second unit
BRAND HAUSER: STUFF HAPPENS, 2006, with John Cusack, DOP Second unit
DAY OF THE DEAD, 2006, DOP Second unit, Dir./Stunt coordinator Steve Griffin
TIL’ DEATH, 2006, NI, with Jean-Claude van Damme, A- camera operator
THE CONTRACT, 2005, NI, Dir. Bruce Beresford, DOP Dante Spinoti, Second unit A camera operator
CHILDREN OF WAX, 2005, a NI/BULGARIA FILM CENTER production, dir. Ivan Nichev, DOP Second unit
MERCENARY, USA, NI, with Steven Seagal, DOP Second unit
BLACK HOLE, 2005, USA, NI, DOP additional shoot in Bulgaria
UNDISPUTED 2, 2005, USA, NI, DOP – Second unit
TODAY YOU DIE, 2005, USA, NI, with Steven Segal, DOP – Second unit
SUBMERGED, 2004, USA, NI, with Steven Segal, DOP – Second unit
THE MECHANIK, 2004, USA, NI, directed by and starring Dolf Lundgren, DOP – Second unit
SKELETON MAN, USA, NI, DOP – additional photography
AVALANCHE, 2003, USA, NI – A camera operator and 2nd unit DOP
VOLCANO, 2004, NU IMAGE, miniature photography
NINE LIVES, 2003, USA, NI, with Wesley Snipes, 2nd unit co-DOP
SORAYA, 2002, Italy
OUT FOR A KILL, 2002, NI /with Steven Seagal/
THE SHU/THE PRISON, 2002, NI /with Jean Claude Van Damme
AIR MARSHAL, 2002, NI
AIR STRIKE, 2002, NI
ALIEN, 2002, NI
DERAILED, 2001, NI
MEGALODON/SHARK ATTACK 3, 2001, NI
AIR PANIC, 2001, NI

HARD CASH / IN GOD WE TRUST, 2001, NI, /with Val Kilmer, Christian Slater, Daryl Hannah/
FROGMEN, 2001, NI
TEXAS 46 / THE GOOD WAR, 2001, Italy, /with Roy Scheider
DISASTER, 2001, NI
THE ORDER, 2000, NI, / with J.C Van Damme
REPLICANT, 2000, NI, ./ with J.C. Van Damme
SHE, 2000, a TOWRS OF LONDON, /TOL/ production
HIGH ADVENTURE, 2000, TOL
ORIENT EXPRESS, 2000, TOL
QUEEN'S MESSENGER, 2000, TOL
OCTOPUS, 1999, NI
CITY OF FEAR, 1999, NI – TOL
FOR THE CAUSE, 1999, NI – MIRAMAX
DEEP FAULT, 1998, NI
AFTER THE END OF THE WORLD, 1998, Bulgaria
LOVE DREAMS, 1994, Bulgaria
IVAN AND ALEXANDRA, 1988 , Bulgaria

Worked with the following directors: Scott Mann, Tim Hunter, Clive Tonge, Nick Rowntree, Timothy Cox, Danny Lerner, Mikhail Getzov, Ilian Simeonov, Alain Jacobovich, Sheldon Letich, Mark Roper, David Douglas, David Worth, Bob Misiorowski, Predrag Anotnjievich, Yosi Wein, Giorgio Serafini, Michael Oblowitz, Sergio Pacelli, James D. Bruce, Ron Clarke, Tim Bond, Joe Cardone, Ivan Nichev, Eldora Traykova, Adela Peeva , Jezko Davidoff, Toma Tomoff among others.

Having shot more than one hundred documentaries and television features for Bulgarian, German, French and Austrian TV stations.

Shot more than 50 interviews for Steven Spielberg's SHOAH project.

Shooting experience in the USA, UK, France, Germany, Russia, Georgia, Greece, Denmark, Turkey, Austria , Dubai, etc.

AWARDS

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For the feature film *DAN KOLLOFF*:

Grand Prix at The National Cinematographers festival, Popovo 2001

Best Cinematography award at the National Feature film festival, Varna 2001

Best Feature film Award at the Sport Film festival in Milan, Italy, 2002

For the TV film *SOMBRERO BLUES*:

Best Cinematography Award at The International TV films festival at Plovdiv, 1999

Several Best cinematography awards for documentaries and TV features at national and international film festivals as well as two times the Annual Best cinematography for documentary film award from the Union of the Bulgarian Filmmakers -1986 and 2016
Active member of the BULGARIAN ASSOCIATION OF CINEMATOGRAPHERS – member of IMAGO – The EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CINEMATOGRAPHERS and The Union Of the Bulgarian Filmmakers
LANGUAGES: English, Russian