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You just can't put me in a box with a label. My experience spans virtually all segments of the production industry and I am known for taking what seems impossible to reality. Some call me the "resourcerer" because of my depth and breadth of knowledge about how the world works. When I was a child, I loved pulling things apart, figuring out what makes them work and putting them back together. Yes, I was the kid that created the science experiment that blew up the science lab. But all this trial and error has served me well in a production environment. I know how to put things together to make them work to meet my clients' needs regardless of the size of their budget. I can pull together a large talented crew to produce a beautiful story in a long-format and I can create a short spot for my clients with small budgets.

I am an award winning producer/director with great lighting and audio skills. I have managed projects that required private jets and helicopters; and I have given back to my community working with charities that have no budget. I specialize in being able to build relationships with people in order to help them to tell their story, regardless of whether they are trained actors or everyday people. From commercials and training videos to 40 foot wide billboards, interactive touch screen kiosks to video walls, real and virtual sets, i can design, produce and direct the project. I have extensive experience, knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Video production, direction and photography
 - Both single and multi camera
 - Live, live-streamed and pre-recorded
- Still Photography
- Lighting for film, video and live theatre
- Audio recording and editing
- Interactive media design and programming
- Tradeshow booth design & content
- Special Effects creation
 - Virtual Sets – who needs reality anymore?
 - Gadgets – milk waterfalls to air cannons, Olympic torches to trebuchets

History

2002 - Current: Producer / Director

Big Blue Dog, LLC

Hundreds if not thousands of various projects shot all over Utah, the United States, Canada, and Europe give me a deep old-school knowledge base; blending that with the latest equipment makes for insanely creative solutions.

In addition to film and video projects, I've built touch-screen kiosks for museums and trade show exhibits, as well as numerous stand-alone video projects, and of course, web-based interactive solutions.

1994 – 2002: Producer / Director

Video West Productions

Several clients needed me to start handling their projects from start to finish, often times that involved traveling both locally and internationally to fulfill their needs. I learned how to deal with expensive production equipment, time-pressed clients and touchy Customs Agents, a job made ever more difficult these days. Several times I

had shoots scheduled in three different cities, in different states on the same day. Needless to say, I've learned how to be organized, and watch a budget.

1992 – 1994: Technician

Video West Productions

Deciding I wasn't meant to be behind a desk was one of the best things I've ever done! Instead of scheduling the studios, I was running them. Building sets, lighting, running camera, directing, assisting clients, even sweeping the floors, this was one of my favorite jobs.

1988 – 1992: Coordinating / Scheduling

Video West Productions

Scheduled 5 edit bays, 2 studios, 2 remote trucks and coordinated duplication. Besides caring for clients and fragile editors, I managed a large crew of freelancers, making sure the right people and equipment were in place for any and all of our clients' needs.

Education, Training, etc

Bachelor of Science, University of Utah, Radio, Television & Film, 1992

Extensive ability in:

Photoshop
Illustrator
After Effects
Premiere
Avid

Recent Clients Include

ABC	Franklin-Covey
AMC	Goal Zero
Big D Construction	Google
CBS	NBC
Children's Miracle Network	PBS
CNN	Rio Tinto
DirecTV	Salt TV Network
eBay	Toyota Motors
Entertainment Tonight	Veterans Administration (EES)
Extra	Zimmer Medical
Fox News	
Intel	

Awards

Rocky Mountain Emmy
Many Gold and Silver Tellys
Gold UBEE
Dozens of awards my kids made and gave me!