

WALID BAAKLINI

Filmcrew ME, Dubai, UAE

WORK EXPERIENCE

1st Camera assistant “focus puller” - Filmquip (2015 > Present)

As a Focus Puller my primary responsibility is to maintain image sharpness. During production, I am also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all camera equipment and accessories, as well as configuring the camera and its accessories in multiple ways for different setups.

Filmmaker/DOP - Filmquip (2016 > Present)

Creating the visual identity, or look, of the film, working with the Director, camera crew and lighting department to achieve this. Managing all aspects of filming: from ordering and overseeing equipment to recce to reviewing footage

2nd Camera Assistant - Filmquip (2013 > 2015)

Building the camera upon DOP requirements “Lenses, filters, EVF and on board monitor position, camera setups...”, building a proper workflow that makes the 1st AC, DOP and the director's work a lot easier, handling camera accessories, making sure all accessories are clean, accessible and ready to use, clapper and loader. I have worked on many international feature films as well as commercials and independent productions

VTO – Filmquip (2012 > 2013)

Video tape off, setting up a link between cameras, HD recorder and monitors to playback, logging, reports and following up on

EDUCATION

Hospitality Management 1997 – 2001

Strong verbal communication: Arabic mother tongue. English fluent speaking, writing and reading. French fluent speaking, writing and reading.

Computer literacy: substantial experience in online research. Knowledgeable in the use of Microsoft office. Proficient in the use of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator

ABOUT ME

Born in 1980 in Beirut, Lebanon

I studied hospitality management in Beirut. Worked in the F&B industry for 14 years. Organized and produced several concerts and events in Lebanon, but my passion has always been film. In 2012 I moved to Dubai, UAE to pursue a career in the film industry, I started as a VTO, then became a focus puller and DOP. In 2019 My wife and I established a production house in Tbilisi, Georgia.

<https://vimeo.com/wladobek>

References upon request

Links to my work on page 2 >>

SKILLS

Photography

Organization, Management, Creation, Adaptability, Relational skills, Written and oral expression, Ability to work in a team, Group leadership, Decision making, Anticipation

Work Portfolio

DOP

Independent Productions

The Rhythm – Short movie –
Won first place in Happiness Film Festival
2018, UAE
Director – Danielle Arden
<https://vimeo.com/687918806>

DU
Producer/Director – Issam Saadan

Chiatara – Georgia
Director – Toby Andris Cayouette
Terra Incognita Films

Spotlife

I Am Nat Geo Photographer – season 2
Director – Samer Arzouni
<https://vimeo.com/276196264>

Mayar – Journey of Rice – India
Director – Samer Arzouni
<https://vimeo.com/276195059>

Al Marai – Argentina
Director - Samer Arzouni
<https://vimeo.com/215792856>

Reese's
Director – Samer Arzouni
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqRPFtNR8f8>

Al Marai – Argentina
B Camera Operator
Director - Samer Arzouni
<https://vimeo.com/215792856>

Viola Productions

Al Hilal Bank
Director – Stewart Chambers
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dz68-93mOrw>

MOHRE
Director – Stewart Chambers

Louvre – ASO
Director – David Black

Filmworks

Mountain Dew
2nd Unit DOP
Filmworks Productions

DTCM
B Camera Operator
Director – Nayla Al Khaja
<https://vimeo.com/276194029>

GM – Hidden Camera
Director – Mazen Fayyad

Act3 Production House

Reese's
B Camera Operator
Director – Samer Arzouni
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqRPFtNR8f8>

King of the Streets
B Camera Operator
Director – Samer Arzouni
<https://vimeo.com/215788342>

Others – B camera operator

Bloomingdale
Magnet Films
Director - Chris Saunders
<https://vimeo.com/227616221>

Nutella
Code8 Production House
Director - James Adey

Happiness Festival
Dubai Films Production House
Director – James Adey
<https://vimeo.com/276826161>

Maggi – Jordan
Filmmaster
Director – Sofiane Belaid
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq-6tZlnfOY>

Subway
Streetwise Production House
Director - Mehdi Norowzian
<https://vimeo.com/255150037>

Focus Puller

Films

Lisa
Independent movie
Director – Ahmed Zain
DOP – Ian D Murphy

Fan Of Amoor
Independent movie
Director – Amer Salmeen Al Murray
DOP – Ian D Murphy

Opia
Short movie
Director – Maryam Asadi
DOP – Jad El Saabi

Commercials

Milkshake Production House
Sharjah TV
Al Kaleema
Chopper Shoot Production House
Azai Studios Production House – Volante
Filmworks Production House
Inhouse Production House
Jaime Siordia Films – Qatar Airways
Dubai Media Production House