

NICOLAS ABAUNZA

CINEMATOGRAPHER

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Montreal, Canada

EDUCATION

Bachelor: Film making- Camera, Sound and Light.

*ESEC Superior School of
Cinematographic Studies*

Paris, France

2009-2012

LANGUAGES

french



spanish



english



EXPERIENCE WITH SOFTWARES

Adobe Premiere pro

Final cut Pro X

Davinci resolve

Jira

PROFILE

As a cinematographer, I'm driven by a passion for visual storytelling. Starting as a camera assistant, I gained diverse skills and a versatile aesthetic sensibility. Recently, I've focused on creating documentaries that tackle social issues worldwide. I constantly seek new challenges to learn and grow as a cinematographer, excited about the future. My goal is to craft visually powerful images that connect with audiences on a meaningful level.

SKILLS

- Collaborate with directors, production teams, and crew to develop and create visual concepts for films and videos from pre-production to production all the way to post-production.
- Experienced working in a fast-paced environment.
- Used to work with natural light as well as artificial light.
- Operated and maintained a wide range of cinema cameras, lenses, gimbals, and accessories.
- Achieved cinematic looks and moods by controlling lighting and framing.
- Managed camera gear inventory, ensuring all equipment was in excellent working condition.
- Collaborated with the gaffer and grip team to achieve desired lighting setups.
- Maintained a thorough understanding of the latest camera technology and trends in cinematography.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cinematographer

2013-2023

- "MY SKIN AND I" feature film fiction/documentary by Milton and Fiona Guillen. (August 2023- work in progress)
- "The RETURN", a short film documentary by Jeremy Levine for Al Jazeera and Suffolk University (July 2022 - in progress)
- "NINE", a feature film documentary directed by Jeremy Levine (June 2022- September 2023)
- Seeds for Progress Foundation virtual gala, series of documentaries and corporate videos with Tanacatana films, Directed by Laura Baumeister. (August 2022) (In post-production)
- "Trail", a short film directed by Vincent Ménard, (march 2022, Montreal)
- Seeds for Progress Foundation virtual gala, series of documentaries and corporate videos with Tanacatana films, Directed by Laura Baumeister. (2021)

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AWARDS

- Chicago Filmmaker Award 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Vancouver Movie Awards 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Vaughan International Film Festival 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Hong Kong Indie Film Festival 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Florida short 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Vienna Indie Short Film Festival 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Toronto independent film festival of Cift 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- Digital Griffix Film Awards 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".
- New York Cinematography Awards 2023 for the short film "TRAIL".

EXPERIENCE WITH EQUIPMENT

Arri cameras (alexa, mini, xt, amira) / red cameras (scarlet, epic, dragon, weapon, gemini, etc..) / sony cameras (f series, Venice, etc..) / Blackmagic cámaras (all cameras) / dslrs (canon, panasonic, sony) / optics (cookes, zeiss, arri, kowa, lomo, leica, etc..) and more.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- ANF American Nicaraguan Foundation, series of commercial documentaries with Tanacatana films. Director Laura Baumeister. (2021)
- The Island Utopia that became a Social Experiment, a documentary for BBC (2021) https://www.bbc.com/reel/video/p09bh2bz/the-island-utopia-that-became-a-social-experiment?fbclid=IwAR0QEAXOXouJi0eh-070hp2HKDTo_zUG9a5O9ARiWkAsWes3nnbQRxMWXJ8
- Haulover Baiki Sakan, documentary for HORA ZERO, director Alvaro Cantillano (2021) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpqxRIUjgUQ>
- Spanish Nicaraguan Cultural Center (CCEN) commercial spot (2021) <https://vimeo.com/521532483>
- LaLa (La perfecta), spot comercial, with Hora de grabar production (2021) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ty_aKe2tkBA
- White Shark Media, managua, nicaragua, comercial spot, director Sebastian Verde (2020 / 2021) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Crv0js5LFJ0>
- La Soga, managua, nicaragua, contemporary dance video (feb 2020) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6Y6yi6U294>
- Ferreteria Sinsa, managua, nicaragua, comercial spot Fuego (2020) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixHvXxumCuU>
- Sr. John, Jinotega, Nicaragua, commercial spots with glitch production with tanacatana production (October 2019) <https://vimeo.com/422847980>
- North Western university, "The Son of Genocide", kenya/Chicago, Documentary, (August 2019) director Milton Guillen <https://vimeo.com/372927828>
- Fundacion fabreto, managua, nicaragua, documentary, director, Laura Baumeister (may 2019) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O68d4MF8>
- Music video, "bajo tus cenizas", managua, nicaragua, director Alvaro cantillano. (April 2019) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMe_tUAXtwc
- European Union, managua, nicaragua, documentary for the nicaraguayan (April 2019) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5C0--XplpU> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HUDVEo6Y7w> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VIQ29KKVds>
- A+J(al Jazeera), managua, nicaragua, "Mothers of April", interviews, (fevrier 2019)
- Moropotentecerveceria, managua, nicaragua, comercial, product shots with glitch production (enero 2019) <https://vimeo.com/325943943> / <https://vimeo.com/325944950>

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REFERENCES

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Rossana Baumeister (Producer)

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Hard rock restaurant, Managua, Nicaragua, commercial, product shots (January 2019) with glitch production <https://vimeo.com/325994974>
- Colby College, turkey, Istanbul, documentary "Bassam" director, Nicolas Abaunza y Milton Guillen (August 2018) <https://vimeo.com/325910764>
- Colby college, Iceland, scifi short film "trompe l'oeil" director, Milton Guillen (July 2018) <https://vimeo.com/287332007>
- Colby College, Waterville Maine, USA - experimental video "Origin" (February 2018) <https://vimeo.com/325986430>
- Colby College, Washington DC, USA - short documentary "True North" series (November 2017) <https://vimeo.com/264138075>
- Colby College, Bronx, New York, USA- short documentary "True North" series (September 2017) <https://vimeo.com/245834518>
- Living with volcanic gases, Masaya, Nicaragua - documentary for the VolFilms series with CaLé Producciones (may 2017) <https://vimeo.com/326638232>
- Colby College, Kenya, a documentary "Maji" (July 2016) <https://vimeo.com/194978787> (silver award)
- Claro Nicaragua , Managua, Nicaragua - spot TV for "Claro Nicaragua" (august 2015) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_BJzRS6FAM
- Cierta guis producciones, Managua, music video, band NEMIPALI (july 2015) song "Enano Cabezon" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOmUQJmF4MI>
- Lupe Lupe S.A, Managua – spot TV for "Claro Nicaragua" (may 2015) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blMekZqmNzl>
- Cierta Guis Producciones, Managua - documentary "Si buscabas" (november/december 2013)directores "Tomas Arce" and "Alvaro Cantillano" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTLotYL8ftU>