



MATTHEW BUSSON

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

With over 15 years of experience in the television and film industry across both Australia and the UK, Matthew is a seasoned First Assistant Director, specialising in the production of scripted television and film. Known for his expertise in managing complex productions, he brings a blend of creativity, precision, and leadership to every project. His career has been defined by a dedication to seamless production processes, ensuring that every project runs smoothly from start to finish. Throughout his career, Matthew has worked on a diverse range of projects, from micro-Independent to multi-million dollar productions, earning a reputation for excellence and as a reliable and effective leader on set. Passionate about the art of storytelling, he thrives in the fast-paced, dynamic world of TV and film production. Matthew is eager to drive innovative projects and continue bringing compelling stories to life whilst focusing on a healthy work environment for all cast and crew, ensuring a safe space for communication and creativity, opening up possibilities to enhance each production.

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EDUCATION

SHORT COURSE,
Assistant Directing Fundamentals
AFTERS, Sydney
2017

MASTER'S DEGREE,
MA Producing
MET Film School, London
2015 — 2016

BACHELOR'S DEGREE,
BSc (Hons) Video & Broadcasting
University of Portsmouth, UK
2007 — 2010

CERTIFICATIONS

FIRST AID & CPR
HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
St John / Melbourne / 2024

REFERENCES

Kate Merrin - Producer

Nathan Croft - 1st AD

Pete McLennan - 1st AD

John Sheedy - Director

WORK EXPERIENCE

2024 - AUS

2nd Assistant Director
NAB | TVC | Finch
Director: Kyra Bartley | Producer: Kate Menzies
1st AD: Jonny Moffatt

1st Assistant Director
M&M - Australian Open | TVC | Poppet
Director: Lizzy Bailey | Producer: Elizabeth Malcher

1st Assistant Director
Nintendo | TVC | Palomina
Director: Matt Weston | Producers: Kate Merrin, Rachel Gilkison

2nd Assistant Director
Sportsbet | TVC | Palomina
Director: Matt Weston | Producers: Kate Merrin, Rachel Gilkison
1st AD: Nathan Croft

1st Assistant Director
NAB | TVC | Fizz Farm
Director: Alex Von Hofmann | Producer: David Kerestes

2nd Assistant Director
Victorian Department Of Education | TVC | Poppet
Director: Lizzy Bailey | Producer: Elizabeth Malcher
1st AD: Nathan Croft

1st Assistant Director
NRMA | TVC | Blackfish
Director: Malinda Rutter | Producer: Simon Heath

1st Assistant Director
Herbal Essences | TVC | Antenna Media
Director: JJ Jimenez | Producer: Tania Salter

1st Assistant Director
Penguin Books | TVC | Push Media
Director: Cameron Marsh | Producer: Tania Salter

1st Assistant Director
Raging Jake | Feature | Leogon Entertainment
Director: Stephen Degenaro | Producer: Haris Fazlic

SKILLS

| Technical

Movie Magic Scheduling

Final Draft

Script Breakdown

Shooting Schedules

Call Sheets

| On Set

Set Management

Multi Camera Coordination

Communication

Pacing Shoots

Adjusting For Delays

Continuity Awareness

Department Liaison

Health & Safety Protocols

Emergency Preparedness

| Experience With

SFX / VFX

Green Screen / Motion Control

Low Loaders / Tracking Vehicles

Fire / Water

Stunts (Cars, Wire)

Stunts (Fights, Weapons)

Drones / Aerials

Dancers / Choreography

Animals / Children / A List Talent

Large Crowds / Extras

WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

2023 - AUS

1st Assistant Director

We Used To Own Houses | Short | Good Oil

Director: David Robinson-Smith | Producer: Chloe Brennan

1st Assistant Director (2nd Unit)

One Night | TV Series | Paramount + / Easy Tiger

Director: Catherine Miller | Producer: Simon Maxwell

1st Assistant Director

Fanny Scat Investigates | TV Mini Series | Opening Act Films

Director: Tony Radevski | Producer: Pete Island

1st Assistant Director

Lets Get Ducking Famous | TV Mini Series | Blackfish

Director: Grace Julia | Producer: Malinda Rutter

2nd Assistant Director

Moonbird | Feature | SBS

Director: Nathan Maynard | Producer: Catherine Pettman

1st AD: Andy Campbell

2nd Assistant Director

Home & Away | TV Series | Seven Network

Director: John Sheedy | Producer: Lucy Addario

1st AD: Dimitri Ellerington

2nd Unit 3rd Assistant Director

Road To The Sky | Feature | Servo Productions

Director: Mark Vanselow | Producer: Paul Walton

1st AD: Sean Barnacle | 2nd AD: Ash Hamilton

3rd Assistant Director

Runt | Feature | See Pictures

Director: John Sheedy | Producer: Jamie Hilton

1st AD: Pete McLennan | 2nd AD: Sean Roe Curran

3rd Assistant Director

Total Control S3 | TV Series | Blackfella Films

Directors: Wayne Blair, Jub Clerc | Producer: Darren Dale

1st AD: Noni Roy | 2nd AD: Sam Faull

1st Assistant Director

Love At First Bite | TV Mini Series | Turtle Media

Director: Yurou Zhang | Producer: Daniel Chua

1st Assistant Director

Next Wave Home | TV Mini Series | Turtle Media

Director: Yurou Zhang | Producer: Daniel Chua

1st Assistant Director

Light My Fire | TV Mini Series | Turtle Media

Director: Yurou Zhang | Producer: Daniel Chua

1st Assistant Director

Joon-Delam | Short | Opening Act Films

Director: Shadi Soheili | Producer: Alexis Talbot-Smith

WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

2022 - AUS

Additional Assistant Director

The Newsreader S3 | TV Series | Werner Film Productions
Director: Emmer Freeman | Producer: Michael Lucas
1st AD: Todd Embling | 2nd AD: Kristan Dowsing

Additional Assistant Director

The Fall Guy | Feature | NBC Universal
Director: David Leitch | Producer: Kelly McCormick
1st AD: Scott Lovelock | 2nd AD: Sam Faull

Additional Assistant Director

Kingdom Of The Planet Of The Apes | Feature | 20th Century Studios
Director: Wes Ball | Producer: Amanda Silver
1st AD: John Mallard | 2nd AD: Josh Watkins

Additional Assistant Director

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga | Feature | 20th Century Studios
Director: George Miller | Producer: Doug Miller
1st AD: PJ Voeten | 2nd AD: Danielle Blake

2021 - UK

On Set 2nd 2nd Assistant Director

Rogue Heros S1 | TV Series | BBC / Kudos
Director: Tom Shankland | Producer: **????**
1st AD: Marcus Catlin | 2nd AD: Anne Warter

On Set 2nd 2nd Assistant Director

The Thief, His Wife & The Canoe | TV Series | ITV / Story Films
Director: Richard Laxton | Producer: **????**
1st AD: Jai Lusser | 2nd AD: Alex Gavigan

2020 - UK

On Set 2nd 2nd Assistant Director

Time S1 | TV Series | BBC Studios
Director: Lewis Arnold | Producer: **????**
1st AD: Graham Drover | 2nd AD: Jamie Hetherington

On Set 2nd 2nd Assistant Director

Des | TV Series | ITV / New Pictures
Director: Lewis Arnold | Producer: **????**
1st AD: Graham Drover | 2nd AD: Abbie Ross

2019 - UK

On Set 2nd 2nd Assistant Director

Dead Water Fell | TV Series | Channel 4 / Kudos
Director: Lynsey Miller | Producer: **????**
1st AD: Morris Malne | 2nd AD: Abbie Ross

2018 - UK

On Set 2nd 2nd Assistant Director

Poldark S4 | TV Series | BBC / Mammoth Screen / Masterpiece
Directors: Joss Agnew, Brian Kelly | Producer: **????**
1st AD: Andrew Kelly | 2nd AD: Danielle Richards

WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

2017 - AUS

3rd Assistant Director

A Place To Call Home S5 | TV Series | Seven Network

Directors: Jeremy Sims, Catherine Miller, Mark Joffe | Producer: ????

1st AD: Tom Read | 2nd AD: Robert Rogers

3rd Assistant Director

Home & Away | TV Series | Seven Network / Ambience Entertainment

Director: Geoff Bennett | Producer: ????

1st AD: John Clabburn | 2nd AD: Amber Popperwell

3rd Assistant Director

Drop Dead Weird | TV Series | Seven Network

Director: Danny Raco | Producer: ????

1st AD: Liam Doyle | 2nd AD: Rob Rodgers

3rd Assistant Director

Love Child S4 | TV Series | Paramount + / Easy Tiger

Director: Geoff Bennett | Producer: ????

1st AD: John Clabburn | 2nd AD: Claire Blake