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IMDb

With over fifteen years' industry experience, I have a comprehensive understanding of filmmaking from development through delivery. I've written, directed, produced, and worked across multiple departments on films and TV series.

As a leader, I create democratic sets that foster authenticity and I love getting the best out of people. My inspirations include Working Title, Baby Cow, and early Pegg & Wright films.

Career Highlights

- Martin Freeman's stand-in and picture double on *The Hobbit* trilogy
- Daniel Radcliffe's double on *Guns Akimbo*
- Personal assistant to Lee Majors on *Ash vs Evil Dead*

Skills

- Budget management and scheduling
- Competent in Avid Media Composer, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop
- Collaborative problem-solving with HODs and cinematographers

WRITER / DIRECTOR

Year	Project	Role/s	Medium	Director/s
2025	BETA SQUAD "6 Kids vs 1 Adult"	Director	YouTube Video	Hayden J. Weal
10M+ subscribers on YouTube, worked with 40 children between the ages of 7 and 11, and 5 cameras.				
2024	CAMP BE BETTER	Writer / Director	TV series	Hayden J. Weal and Chye-Ling Huang
Released on TVNZ+ and featured at MIPCOM Cannes as part of International Comedy showcase.				
2020	DEAD	Writer / Director	Feature film	Hayden J. Weal
Official Selection London Frightfest 2020, Soho Horror Film Festival 2020, Dancing Spider Film Festival 2020, Horrible Imaginings Film Festival 2020				
2016	CHRONESTHESIA	Writer / Director	Feature film	Hayden J. Weal
Official Selection NZIFF 2016, Austin Film Festival 2016, Shanghai International Film Festival 2017, Nominated for 100 Flowers Award 2017				

EDITOR

Year	Project	Role/s	Medium	Director/s
2025	THE LONG SPRING	Editor / Online Editor	Short film	Olly Ginelli
2025	TINĀ	Associate Editor	Feature film	Miki Magasiva
3rd biggest domestic box office in NZ history. Seattle International Film Festival Best Film 2025				
2025	RAGING MIDLIFE	Editor	Feature film	Rob Taylor
2024	CAMP BE BETTER	Editor / Online Editor	TV series	Hayden J. Weal and Chye-Ling Huang
2023	THE CONVERT	First Assistant Editor	Feature film	Lee Tamahori
2022	SPRITE "Heat Happens"	Editor	Global campaign	Damien Shatford
650 deliverables, supplied to all territories worldwide				
2021	THE ROYAL TREATMENT	First Assistant Editor	Feature film	Rick Jacobson
2 weeks at number 1 worldwide on Netflix				
2019	GETTING TOASTED	Editor	Feature film	Cathasaigh Ó Fiannachta
2016	CHRONESTHESIA	Editor	Feature film	Hayden J. Weal

ACTING

Year	Project	Role/s	Medium	Director/s
2024	CAMP BE BETTER	Thomas	TV series	Hayden J. Weal and Chye-Ling Huang
2023	LOOP TRACK	Nicky	Feature film	Tom Sainsbury
2023	SHORTLAND STREET	Harvey Cochrane	TV series	Mia Blake
2020	THE WAR AT HOME	Bartender	TV series	Lewis Roscoe
2020	SEXTORTION	News Anchor	TV miniseries	Kyan Krumdieck
2020	DEAD	Officer Jayson Tagg	Feature film	Hayden J. Weal
2019	LIFE IS EASY	Appropriative Barman	TV series	Christopher Stratton and Amanda Tito
2019	HANG TIME	Harry McAlister	Feature film	Cathasaigh Ó Fiannachta
2016	CHRONESTHESIA	Dan Duncombe	Feature film	Hayden J. Weal
2015	NICK AND ALICE	Nick	Short film	Hayden J. Weal
2012	THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY	Dwarf Gem Holder	Feature film	Peter Jackson

INDUSTRY WORK

Year	Project	Role/s	Medium	Director/s
2018	GUNS AKIMBO	Daniel Radcliffe's body double/stand in	Feature film	Jason Lei Howden
2017	SHANNARA CHRONICLES	Cast Driver and PA	TV series	Jonathan Liebesman
2016–2017	ASH VS EVIL DEAD	Cast Driver and PA to Lee Majors	TV series	Rick Jacobson
2016	MEG	Cast Driver and PA	Feature film	Jon Turteltaub
2016	WHY DOES LOVE?	Art Department Assistant	Docudrama	Danny Mulheron
2016	DEAR MURDERER	Locations Assistant	Docudrama	John Laing
2016	AMERICAN PLAYBOY: THE HUGH HEFNER STORY	3rd AD	TV series	Richard Lopez
2010–2013	THE HOBBIT	Martin Freeman's body double/stand in	Feature trilogy	Peter Jackson

VOLUNTARY WORK

Year	Project	Role/s
2014–2020	DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES <i>Touring low decile primary schools throughout New Zealand talking about the importance of reading</i>	Duffy Hero
2014	INSPIRE CONFERENCE <i>Taught a two day course in filmmaking in Nelson for students 5–11 years old</i>	Filmmaking teacher
2014	NZ WEEK IN MALAYSIA <i>Supervised university students in their first 48hour film competition</i>	Filmmaking mentor