

Darren Ilett

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Summary

Darren Ilett has spent a total of 12 years in the film industry work in all aspects of the camera department. Progressing from a camera assist to camera operating and then proudly to a Director of photography. Winning a SAFTA in 2014 for best Reality series in which he was the DOP and head camera operator.

Darren graduated from AFDA with a BA in Motion Picture Medium and Majoring in Cinematography

During His time in the Film industry, experience covered shooting TVC, ground breaking reality series and Documentaries. Shooting for South Africa and some of the world's biggest TV brands such as Netflix, Mnet, BBC, Travel Channel, Food network, National Geographic, Discovery Channel, SABC and ETV. Travelled though out the world to countries such as Iceland, Madagascar and china shooting and interacting with the local people.

Education

AFDA – Cape Town, South Africa

2004-2006

BA- Degree in Motion Picture Medium (Bachelor of Arts)

Major- Cinematography

Experience

RENEGADE/STRING BEAN FILMS:

Naked and Afraid Season 7
Naked and Alone Season 1 Episodes 1,3,5,7
DOP, Shooter, Story Producer for Discovery USA
(2020, 2019)
NAA XL, Shooter (2019)

TIMESLICE CINEMATOGRAPHY:

Drone Camera Operator for TV
Commercials and movies (2017 – 2019)
Porsche TVC
BMW TVC
Toyota TVC
Citroen TVC
Audi TVC
Apple Watch TVC
Bloodshot Sony pictures (movie)
Dr Who (BBC TV series)

	Black mirror (Netflix)
RAPIBLUE:	The Bachler South Africa Season 2, Back stories (2019)
CARDOVA:	Presenter search on 3, Camera operator (2019)
DISCOVERY CHANNEL USA:	Naked and Afraid XL3, solo camera and Story Producer (2017)
TRAVEL CHANNEL USA:	Extreme Screams Camera operator (2017)
I TV STUDIOS:	I'm a Celebrity get me out of here seasons 2, 3, 4,6 Camera operator. (2016, 2017, 2018,2020)
RED PEPPER:	Educational documentary (2017)
ENDEMOL:	Fear Factor India, Camera Operator (2015)
LUCAN VISUALS:	DOP for a Storage commercial
STRING BEAN:	DOP Diamond River Hunters 6 part realty show Located in Lesotho
CHEEKY MEDIA:	Camera operator and Director for Inserts on the Man Cave.
TSWELOPELE PRODUCTIONS:	Top Billing inserts
GREYSCALE PRODUCTIONS:	Camera Operator for TV show Inserts
LIONS HEAD PRODUCTIONS:	Boer Soak n Vrou season 9 and 10, camera operator (2016, 2017)
COOKED IN AFRICA FILMS:	Karoo Land of Thirst, DOP(Director of Photography), Camera operator and RC Camera Drone Pilot. In charge of a four man team. Covering all aspects from the creative visuals to camera operating and piloting the RC camera drone in a verity of locations and technical situations. (60 hours flying time),13 Part realty TV Series. (2013)
	Charly's Cake Angles Season 2 DOP(Director of photography) working closely with the director to create a colourful wonderland. Managed a team of

four and all the technical aspects. 13 Part Realty TV Series for SABC, Mnet and Food channel. (2012-2013)

Ultimate Braai Master, Head of camera department, Head camera operator, Manage a team of six camera operators all the cameras logistics and helps with the creative decisions. 13 Part realty Series for SABC and Travel Channel. (2012-Season 1, 2013 – Season 2, Season 3- 2014, Season 4- 2015, Season 5- 2016)

Bush Boys, Okavango Delta DOP(Director of Photography),Shooting and capture one of the last remaining true wilderness sanctuary's left on earth the Okavango delta. 6 Part Documentary series for National Geographic and Travel Channel.(2012)

The Ride Season 3 Head Camera operator, 6 Part series for SABC and the Travel Channel. (2012)

Around Iceland on Inspiration DOP, I Shot and directed in one of the most inhospitable corners of the world, Iceland. For 6 months I was managing my team of three as we circumnavigated Iceland shooting in Snow, rain and sun. from climbing the highest peaks and facing the roughest seas to deal with all the technical difficulties that come with this harsh climate .13 Part series for SABC, Travel channel (2011) **Winner of a 2014 SAFTA for the best realty show.**

Charly's Bakery Season 1 Camera operator, 13 Part Realty Series for SABC, Mnet, Food channel. (2011)

The Ride Season 1 Camera operator, 6 Part series for SABC (2010)

Cooked Season 6 Camera operator, 13 part series for BBC

Cooked Season 5 Camera operator, 13 part series for BBC Life-Style (May- September 2010)

Cook Season 4 Camera operator, 13 part series for BBC Life-Style (Feb-April 2010)

Exploring The Vines camera operator, 13 part series for Mnet HD and National Geographic. (August-October 2009) Contact: Sunel Haasbreak (0823579132)

OKUHLE MIDIA:	Koskaskenades, Cookeing show SABC (2018, 2020) ShowVille Tallent show Camers operator, 26 Part TV Series. (July – October 2015)
ABACUS:	Commercials, camera unit assistant. Contact: Andre (082 6580101)
RAT RACE MEDIA:	HOD for camera operators, gear and Head operator for Super Sport Productions such as: Bud Cup (Shot at Old Trafford Manchester England) Paramoter World Cup (Beijing China) The Trans Agulhas Inflatable Boat Race Rat Quad And a number of other sporting events Camera operator for a thirteen part series on Kyknet called Aqua X. (Madagascar) (December 2006 – Jan 2008) Contact: Dewald (082 8538529)
TVPC MEDIA:	Camera operator for Classic Clashes Rugby for Super Sport. (2009) Contact: Gordon Greaves
LITTLE BIG PRODUCTIONS:	Camera operator for camel parties and other corporate functions. (2008 -2009) Contact: Roland (082 7707854)
ADVENTURE VIDEOS:	Camera operator for promotional Video for Fantastic Racing and thunder city. (2009) Contact: Russ (072 0711592)
MONKEY FILMS:	Worked as a runner in the office and on set
PRIVET WORK:	Second camera unit for a music video for Levis young Guns.

VIDEO LINKS FOR REFERENCE WORK

<http://vimeo.com/m/107495045>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNW6djAlJ8w>
<http://vimeo.com/22645373>
<http://vimeo.com/47510045>
<http://vimeo.com/47354802>
<http://vimeo.com/86897785>

<http://vimeo.com/47354805>

<http://vimeo.com/73756316>