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SKILLS

PROFESSIONAL

Strong Storyteller
Effective Leader
Clear Communicator
Process Driven

TECHNICAL

Avid, Final Cut, Premiere
Work Sharing Platforms
Final Draft
Excel

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)
Norwegian (fluent)
French (intermediate)
German (basic)
Irish (for fun)

INTEREST

Cycling
Kayaking
Cooking
International Travel

SOCIAL

[LinkedIn](#)
[IMDb](#)
[Facebook](#)
[Instagram](#)

HIGH FIVES

Eco Challenge: Morocco
Emmy 2000
Critter Fixers: Country Vets
Critics' Choice Award 2022

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- **Over a decade of experience** as an Executive Producer for National Geographic and Disney+, specializing in ensemble cast shows, follow-doc series, competition reality, and multi-camera productions.
- **Expert in end-to-end production management**, from preproduction to postproduction, ensuring seamless execution while maintaining creative excellence.
- **Proven track record in budget oversight**, managing productions ranging from **\$3 million to \$8 million**, optimizing resources while delivering high-quality content.
- **Strong leadership in creative vision**, shaping storytelling, directing editorial teams, and elevating the overall impact of each series.
- **Effective manager of schedules and logistics**, streamlining workflows across departments to meet deadlines and network expectations.
- **Skilled in fostering talent and network relationships**, working closely with on-screen talent, field crews, and postproduction teams to create compelling programming.
- **Collaborative problem-solver**, adept at navigating production challenges, negotiating contracts, and ensuring a productive, creative environment.

MY WORK EXPERIENCE

Most Recent

Nat Geo Wild/Disney+ | Development Producer (2024/2025)
Author Lili Wiegert | 30 Wines Under \$30 | Consultant (2024)

Executive Producer | Showrunner

Critter Fixers: Country Vets | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 4 (2023/24)
Critter Fixers: Country Vets | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 3 (2022)
Critter Fixers: Country Vets | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 2 (2021)
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 18 Episodes, Season 4 (2021)
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 18 Episodes, Season 3 (2020)
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 16 Episodes, Season 2 (2019)
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 1.5 (2018)
Adventures of Dr. Buckeye Bottoms | Nat Geo Wild, 8 Episodes, Season 2 (2017)
Adventures of Dr. Buckeye Bottoms | Nat Geo Wild, 3 Episodes, Season 1 (2016)
The Incredible Dr. Pol | Nat Geo Wild, 16 Episodes, Season 3 (2015, 2014)
The Incredible Dr. Pol | Nat Geo Wild, 16 Episodes, Season 2 (2013)
The Incredible Dr. Pol | Nat Geo Wild, 8 Episodes, Season 1.5 (2012)
The Winemakers | PBS, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2011)
Uncorked: Wine Made Simple | PBS, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2010, 2011)

MY FAVS

SHOWS

Diners, Drive-in & Dives
Travel Man
8 Out 10 Cats
Would I Lie to You?
The Bear

FOOD INSPIRATION

New York Times Cooking
Otto Lenghi Cookbooks
All Things Korean

PLACES

Lyon, France
London, UK
Copenhagen, Denmark

BOOKS

DIRT, by Bill Buford
Blood, Bones & Butter By G. Hamilton
Garlic & Sapphires by Ruth Reichl

WORKOUT

Orange Theory

SIDE HUSTLES

MY SCREENPLAY

"Famously Anonymous"

MY OTHER SCREENPLAY

"The Handsome Mr. Singh in Room 318"

MY FOOD & TRAVEL BLOG

NextStopLyon.com

LIFE LEARNING

University of On the Job
French Culinary Institute, NYC
Johnson & Wales College, Providence RI
Hofstra University, Long Island NY
Queens College, Queens NY
University of Bergen, Norway

WORK LOCATIONS

Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, California,
Hawaii, Norway, Sweden, Denmark,
Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania,
Russia, UK, France, Germany, Ukraine,
Portugal, Albania, Greece, Morocco,
Tunisia, Argentina, Chile, Thailand ...

WORK EXPERIENCE | Continued

Consulting Executive Producer | Consulting Producer

On the Block with Tamar | OWN, Pilot (2022)
Park Rangers | National Geographic Television, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2021)
Meet the Chimps | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2019)
Fish My City | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2018)
Animal ER | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2017)
Dog Nation with Cesar Milan | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2017)
Puppy Days | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2016)
Safari Brothers | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2016, 2015)
Second Chance Chihuahuas | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2015)
Shear Madness | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2014, 2013)

Producer | Field Producer

Little People, Big World | TLC, 2 Episodes Special, Season 10 (2016)
Leonardo's Hidden Mural | National Geographic Channel (2012)
Gift of Life | Discovery Channel, 8 Episodes, Season 1 (2005)
Double Agents | Discovery Channel, 13 Episodes, Season 1 (2003)
Everything You Need to Know | Discovery Channel, 26 Episodes, Season 1 (2005)
National Geographic Today | National Geographic Channel (2002, 2003)
The Story of Drayton Hall | PBS (2002)
Eco Challenge: Argentina | Discovery Channel, 1 Episode (2001)
Amazing Destinations: Argentina | Travel Channel, 1 Episode (2001)
Eco Challenge: Morocco | Discovery Channel, 1 Episode (2000)
Amazing Destinations: Morocco, 1 Episode (2000)

Development Producer

Reel Men of Mystery | Roam Pictures (2019)
America's Best Buffets | Indigo Films for Travel Channel (2015)
Men of Steel | NG Studios for National Geographic Studios (2014)
Welcome to Weedville | NG Studios for National Geographic Channel (2014)
Lucky Catch | NG Studios for National Geographic Channel (2014)
The Interns | Tiger Tigress Productions for Court TV (2006)
Death By Chorus | Tiger Tigress for Discovery Channel (2006)
Arctic Summer | Tiger Tigress for Warner Bros/PBS (2006)
Mission Ops | Tiger Tigress for Discovery Channel (2006)
The Hypnotist | Tiger Tigress for A&E (2005)
Dangerous Places | Beyond Productions for Discovery Channel (2005)
Risk Takers/History Makers | Beyond Productions for History Channel (2005)

My Culinary Detour

One day I decided to quit my day job, enroll at The French Culinary Institute in NYC, and become America's next top chef. Well, that was the plan anyway. A year later, I graduated with a Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) and landed my first kitchen job. Six weeks in a posh Upper East Side restaurant as an apprentice nearly did me in. So, what did I do? I jumped from the frying pan into the fire and took off for Europe where I did a stint at a restaurant in Paris. Luckily, my visa expired before the chef's patience, so I headed to Norway where I landed another restaurant job. And it was there, along the icy shores of some Norwegian fjord, that I realized the recipe for fulfillment probably lay elsewhere.