

# Colby Oliver

## Cinematographer

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### **Profile**

Colby Oliver is a passionate cinematographer with an enthusiastic desire for stories. Colby has found his calling in cinematography, the artistic medium for storytelling through a delicate blend of humanity, mathematics, nature, & technology.

### **Experience**

#### **Freelance Cinematographer, San Diego & Los Angeles, CA**

**2006 - present**

The heart of Colby's passion for cinematography is leading a crew of 20 technicians and collaborating with a director and producer about the visual language of a project. However, the foundation of Colby's success is managing creative ideas and technical equipment, amidst a fiercely competitive and political environment, to achieve **art** on a schedule and on a budget.

- 5 feature films main unit, 6 feature films 2nd Unit, 15 commercials, & 6 music videos.
- Films have been in several film festivals including Tribeca Film Festival, Toronto International, Los Angeles

#### **Freelance Camera Operator, San Diego & Los Angeles, CA**

**2007 - present**

Seamlessly transitioning between narrative and live broadcast television, while providing a variety of different techniques to deliver the demands of each individual show.

- **Techniques** - Underwater, Techno-Crane, Handheld, Long Lens, Studio, Gear Head, and Fluid Head skill sets
- **Broadcast** - ESPN, FOX SPORTS, Discovery, KPBS, NFL football, Churchill Downs, Major League Baseball.
- **Narrative** (feature) - Bugeater Films, Seedless Pictures, Vacationeer Productions, and Market Street Productions.

#### **Operations Manager, A-List Camera, LLC. Los Angeles, CA.**

**2011**

Building the foundation and successfully starting up a boutique camera rental house, specializing in high-end motion picture cameras. Advising the president on all decisions pertaining to the growth and direction of the company.

- Establishing contracts for 3 Alexa Camera Systems
- Generating profits of \$10,000/week via commercial production Alexa rentals.

#### **Freelance Camera Assistant, San Diego & Los Angeles, CA**

**2005 - 2009**

Managing a department of 3 people to fulfill the needs required by a given cinematographer, and to do so with technical precision. Duties to include **comprehensive understanding of film & digital camera systems**, focus pulling, budgeting, and navigation of politically complex production environments.

### **Education**

American Film Institute, Los Angeles, California.  
MFA in Cinematography, 2011.

San Diego State University, San Diego, California.  
BS in Film Production, 2007.

San Marin Technology Academy, Novato, California.  
HS Diploma, 2002.

### **Referrals (contact upon request)**

Loren Gilley  
Director  
Checco Varese ASC, AMC  
Cinematographer

Chris Engle  
Director  
Stephen Lighthill ASC  
Cinematographer

John Kaiser  
Director  
Nancy Schreiber ASC  
Cinematographer

### **Skills**

Leadership. Quick thinking. Grace under pressure.  
Technological & mechanical understanding. Collaboration.  
Photography. Storytelling. Work ethic. Attitude. Humor.

### **Awards**

2002 - Perfect score 800 of 800 on SAT (math)  
2007 - Excellence in Cinematography - SDSU  
2007, 2011, 2013 - Panavision New Filmmakers Grant.

## **Cinematographer Credits Selected**

### **Features**

<i>Zedd</i>	Arri Alexa	dir. Teppei Nakamura	Fontana / Bluestone	2014
<i>The Other Side</i>	Sony F55	dir. Jason Horton	Zapruter / New Conquest	2014
<i>VANish</i>	Arri Alexa	dir. Brian Bockbrader	Grizly / Dark Sky Films	2013
<i>Winning Formula</i>	Sony F3	dir. Tyler Farr	LFL / Indican Pictures	2013
<i>Ice Scream</i>	RED Epic	dir. Vito Roberto	Little Studio Films	2012

### **Features (2nd Unit)**

"Better Things" Pilot (additional)	Arri Alexa	dir. Pamela Adlon	FX Networks	2016
<i>Be The Ball</i> (additional)	Sony Fs7	dir. Erik Lang	Pictures Pictures	2016
<i>Folk Hero &amp; Funny Guy</i>	RED Dragon	dir. Jeff Grace	Spitfire Studios / Gravitas	2015
<i>Tab Hunter: Confidential</i> (additional)	Sony PMW-500	dir. Jeffery Schwarz	Automat / Film Collaborativ	2014
<i>Kepler's Dream</i>	Arri Alexa	dir. Amy Glazer	Kepler's Dream / Leomark	2014
<i>Its a Disaster</i>	Arri Alexa	dir. Todd Berger	Vacationeer / Oscilloscope	2011

### **Commercials**

NFL 100	Arri Alexa	dir. Anthony Smith	NFL Films	2019
HALLMARK Winter Promo	Arri Mini	dir. Elaine Cantwell	Broadway Video	2018
COMEDY CENTRAL / GEICO	Arri Amira	dir. Lukas Kaiser	Framework LA	2017
FACEBOOK TV	Arri Alexa	prod. Kaitlin del Campo	The Custom Family	2016
STAR WARS: Secret Stormtrooper	Arri Amira	dir. Will Gordth	Disney	2015
CHEVY "Range Anxiety"	RED Epic	dir. Kyle Soehngen	KIN Pictures	2012 **

\*\*notes shot on spec

### **Student Shorts**

H.O.G.'s Tooth	Panavision Genesis	dir. Loren Gilley	American Film Institute	2011
Paper	Sony Ex3	dir. Nicole Delaney	Columbia University	2012
Alphabet Soup	16mm	dir. John Kaiser	San Diego State University	2006

## Cinematographer Credits Master List

### Features

<i>Be The Ball</i> (additional)	Sony Fs7	dir. Erik Lang	Pictures Pictures	2016
<i>Folk Hero &amp; Funny Guy</i> (2nd Unit)	RED Dragon	dir. Jeff Grace	Spitfire Studios / Gravitas	2015
<i>Zedd</i>	Arri Alexa	dir. Teppei Nakamura	Bluestone Entertainment	2014
<i>The Other Side</i>	Sony F55	dir. Jason Horton	Zapruter / New Conquest	2014
<i>Tab Hunter: Confidential</i> (additional)	Sony PMW-500	dir. Jeffery Schwarz	Automat / Film Collaborativ	2014
<i>Kepler's Dream</i> (2nd Unit)	Arri Alexa	dir. Amy Glazer	Kepler's Dream / Leomark	2014
<i>VANish</i>	Arri Alexa	dir. Brian Bockbrader	Grizly / Dark Sky Films	2013
<i>Winning Formula</i>	Sony F3	dir. Tyler Farr	LFL / Indican Pictures	2013
<i>Silver Skies</i> (2nd Unit)	Arri Alexa	dir. Rosemary Rodriguez	Roar Productions	2013
<i>Ice Scream</i>	RED Epic	dir. Vito Roberto	Little Studio Films	2012
<i>Its a Disaster</i> (2nd Unit)	Arri Alexa	dir. Todd Berger	Vacationeer / Oscilloscope	2011

### Feature Promos

<i>Soul Glow</i>	RED Dragon	dir. Allen Meinung	West Coast Curl	2017
<i>The Last Duane</i> (2nd Unit)	RED Epic	dir. Chris Eckstein	Market Street Productions	2012
<i>Red Moon Rising</i>	Panasonic-HVX	dir. Jeremy Tuttle	Tuttle Brothers Films	2010
<i>The Scroll</i>	RED MX	dir. Chris Engle	Avyan Entertainment	2009

### Television

"Better Things Pilot" (additional)	Arri Alexa	dir. Pamela Adlon	FX Networks	2016
"Adventures in Golf" (2 episodes)	Canon c300	dir. Erik Lang	Skratch TV / PGA Network	2016
"Beauty Queen Murders" (2nd Unit)	Sony F55	dir. James Adolphus	Investigation Discovery	2014
"IMO" (25 episodes)	Sony Ex3	dir. Michael Joseph	Awesomeness TV	2012-13
"Make Me Over" (3 episodes)	Sony Ex3	dir. Carter Hansen	Awesomeness TV	2012
"Blow-Up Guys" (1 episode)	Sony Ex3	dir. Carter Hansen	Awesomeness TV	2012
"American Hobbies" (pilot)	Sony Ex3	dir. John Kaiser	Second Story Films	2011

### Music Videos

Cross Gene - "Billion Dolla"	Arri Alexa	dir. Teppei Nakamura	Bluestone Entertainment	2014
John Fulton - "Trip"	RED Epic	dir. John Kaiser	Second Story Films	2012
Moshen - "If You Stay"	Canon 5D	dir. Mark Devlin	Peris Music Production	2012
Nickelback - "This Means War"	RED Epic	dir. Mark Devlin	Devlin Visual Design	2012
Nickelback - "Bottoms Up"	RED Epic	dir. Mark Devlin	Devlin Visual Design	2012
AD - "Main Girl"	Canon 7D	dir. Evan Urman	Range Productions	2011

### Commercials

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NFL 100	Arri Alexa	dir. Anthony Smith	NFL Network	2019
NFL - "Ready, Set, NFL"	Arri Amira	dir. Michelle Navarrete	NFL Films	2018
NFL PLAYOFFS - "We Ready"	Arri Amira	dir. Michelle Navarrete	NFL Films	2018
HALLMARK Winter Promo	Arri Mini	dir. Elaine Cantwell	Broadway Video	2018
HALLMARK Summer Promo	Arri Mini	dir. Elaine Cantwell	Broadway Video	2018
COMEDY CENTRAL / GEICO	Arri Amira	dir. Lukas Kaiser	Comedy Central	2017
COMEDY CENTRAL / TOTINOS	Arri Amira	dir. Lukas Kaiser	Comedy Central	2017
FACEBOOK TV	Arri Alexa	prod. Kaitlin del Campo	The Custom Family	2016
CRC OIL	Sony Fs7	dir. Dru Korab	CRC	2016
COMEDY CENTRAL/BURGER KING	Sony Fs7	dir. Lukas Kaiser	Comedy Central	2016
COMEDY CENTRAL / GEICO	Sony Fs7	dir. Lukas Kaiser	Comedy Central	2016
COMEDY CENTRAL / DORITOS	Sony Fs7	dir. Lukas Kaiser	Comedy Central	2016
STAR WARS: Secret Stormtrooper	Canon c300	dir. Will Gordth	Disney	2015

Gulls Game Day Open Video	Sony Fs7	dir. David Desrochers	San Diego Gulls	2015
COMEDY CENTRAL/BURGER KING RED Epic		dir. Lukas Kaiser	Comedy Central	2015
** Sony "Little Big Planet"	RED Scarlet	dir. Kyle Soehngen	KIN Pictures	2012
** Chevy Volt "Range Anxiety"	RED Epic	dir. Kyle Soehngen	KIN Pictures	2012
** Nike "Sparkle"	RED Epic	dir. Chris Babers	KIN Pictures	2012
** J&B Whiskey "There He Was"	RED Epic	dir. Kyle Soehngen	KIN Pictures	2012
** Tide "Sheets"	35mm	dir. Colby Oliver	American Film Institute	2011
** Doritos "The Game"	Canon 5D	dir. Lauren Tracy	Crash the Superbowl	2011
** Sony "Gamer Eyes"	Panasonic-HVX	dir. Chris Engle	Avyan Entertainment	2010
** Vampizer "Perfume"	35mm	dir. Bosco Kim	Art Center Design	2010
** OB Farmers Market	Sony XDcam	dir. Chris Engle	SDSU	2007

### **Student Shorts**

No Touching	Arri Alexa	dir. Adam Davis	No Touching LLC	2015
H.O.G.'s Tooth	Panavision Genesis	dir. Loren Gilley	American Film Institute	2011
Paper	Sony Ex3	dir. Nicole Delaney	Columbia University	2012
Cold Feet	RED Epic	dir. Leon Gallardo	New York Film Academy	2013
The Real Thing	35mm Anamorphic	dir. Hernan Cázares	American Film Institute	2011
Long Day	35mm Anamorphic	dir. Colby Oliver	American Film Institute	2011
Seared	Sony Ex3	dir. Hashim Hassan	American Film Institute	2010
Psychotopia	Sony Ex3	dir. Casey Johnson	American Film Institute	2010
Le Songé de Joseph	16mm	dir. Matt Handy	American Film Institute	2009
Lobsters	Sony Ex3	dir. James Breen	American Film Institute	2009
The Weakest Moment	Sony Ex1	dir. Gary Sumpter	Bewildered Pictures	2008
The Catch	Panasonic-HVX	dir. John Kaiser	KO Pictures	2007
Dr. Owens	35mm	dir. John Kaiser	KO Pictures	2007
Lure of the Cave	35mm	dir. Colby Oliver	KO Pictures	2007
Alphabet Soup	16mm	dir. John Kaiser	KO Pictures	2006
Small Town, Big Money	Panasonic DVX	dir. Joe Sonnenfeld	SDSU	2006
Girlfriends	Panasonic DVX	dir. Ron Mauer	24Hour Film Contest	2006
Corner Pocket	16mm	dir. Chad Beecroft	SDSU	2006
Boundaries	16mm	dir. Colby Oliver	SDSU	2006
Jensen is Our Leader	16mm	dir. Paul Coen	SDSU	2006
The Turn Around	16mm	dir. Ryan Baustian	SDSU	2005
Pacific Beach	16mm	dir. Chad Beecroft	SDSU	2005
Cordova	Sony VX2000	dir. Colby Oliver	SDSU	2005
Gone Fishing	Sony VX2000	dir. Colby Oliver	SDSU	2004