

Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Highly creative and dedicated Cinematographer with an excellent record of film production service, as well as high interest in design and multimedia. Adept at handling high volume tasks with ease and accuracy. Able to maintain cordial and professional relationships with clients.

Honours and awards

„Best Cinematography“ (Nine-Eleven Festival) For „LEONARDI“ Film

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2020–2021 **PhD - Candidate**
University “Kiril I Metodij” Skopje North Macedonia
- 2014–2016 **MASTER OF FILM AND TV DOCUMENTARY FILM**
University of Prishtina „Hasan Prishtina“, Pristina (Kosovo)
- 2009–2013 **BACHELOR OF FILM DIRECTING**
University of Prishtina „Hasan Prishtina“, Pristina (Kosovo)
- 2001–2008 **BACHELOR OF FILM CAMERA**
Academy of Theatre, Film, TV and Radio (Kosovo)
- 2019–2020 **ADVANCED GRAPHIC DESIGN & MULTIMEDIA**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010–2020 **GRAPHIC DESIGNER**
Printing House Graf-X Prizren - Kosovo
 - Designing and modeling
 - Client Advice - modern design, branding and color harmony
 - Vehicle lettering
 - Company lettering
 - Digital printing
 - Textile printing
- 2013–2021 **MARKETING PHOTOGRAPHER**
Freelance
 - Photo shooting of objects for marketing purposes
- 2016 - 2021 **UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA - FACULTY OF ARTS**
Course Instructor Photography, Camera and Light Design
- 2018 - 2021 **AAB COLLEGE - FACULTY OF ARTS**
Teacher of Camera, Photography and Practical Camera

Cinematographer

2020 **SHQIPONJA** (short film) Production - Tilia Entertainment (USA)
<https://bhff2021.eventive.org/films/6046a46f00a24015db59f391>

2019 **FAMILJA** (feature film) Production - (Kosovo Cinematography Center)
<https://industry.poff.ee/about/works-in-progress/>
<https://www.screendaily.com/news/tallinn-black-nights-unveils-2019-works-in-progress-titles/5144460.article>
<https://www.cultureofbalkans.com/categories/cinematography/384-just-film-works-in-progress-in-tallinn.html>
<https://cineuropa.org/en/newsdetail/380936/>
<https://qkk-rks.com/sq-al/info-lajme/609/familja-nga-durim-kryeziu-fiton-mbeshtetje-nga-just-film-works-in-progress-ne-tallinn/>

2019 **VLORA** (short film) Production - Tilia Entertainment (USA)
Award Best International Fiction Film
Jury Award and Audience Award
<https://www.izmirkisafilm.org/finalistler-ua.php?tip=kurmaca>
<http://wins.dcs shorts.com/schedule-of-events/vlora/>

2018 **BEYOND OUR MOUNTAINS** (short film) (Kosovo - USA)
<https://gigharborfilm.org/beyond-our-mountains/>
<https://filmfreeway.com/14371>
<https://gigharborfilm.org/film-selections-2019/foreign/>
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f9860cf2131d951fa9508cb/t/5fc6a7aafa04221c710b39d8/1606854579495/2018+Program+Guide+%28Sept.+27-Oct.+6%29.pdf>
Award Best Foreign Short: Beyond Our Mountains

2018 **BINI** (short film) Production - Tilia Entertainment (USA)
Award Nominated for Student Academy Award for Best Narrative Film, Regional Student Emmy Award [Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter], Gold REMI Award [WorldFest Houston], Jury Award for Best Local Film [DC Shorts], Best Short Film Audience Award [Cinema at the Edge Film Festival], Best Short Film Audience Award [Annapolis Film Festival].
Link of Film https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vczn2AM0LQ&t=5s
<https://www.oscars.org/news/meet-2018-student-academy-awards-finalists>
<https://beverlyhillsfilmfestival.com/2019-official-selection-wed/>
<http://www.capitalemmys.tv/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2018-NATAS-NCCB-Student-Production-Awards-Press-Release-v3.pdf>
<https://film-business.com/2018/08/16/erblin-nushis-true-story-bini-is-a-finalist-at-the-student-academy-awards/>
<https://newportbeachfilmfest.com/event/bini/>
<https://www.stockholmfilmfest.net/2018-festival>
<https://dev.worldfest.org/2019-remi-winners/>
<https://dev.worldfest.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Remi-Winners-2019-8-26.pdf>
<http://www.cinemaattheedge.com/cate-2018-schedule/>
<https://www.jimthorpeindiefilmfest.com/awards-2019>
<https://film-business.com/2018/08/16/erblin-nushis-true-story-bini-is-a-finalist-at-the-student-academy-awards/>

2018 **PLUM IN THE THROAT** (feature film) Production - (Kosovo Cinematography Center)
<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8750724/>

- 2017 **ROOFTOP STORY** (feature film) Production - (Kosovo Cinematography Center)
Best Actor [Prishtina International Film Festival]
<https://mubi.com/awards-and-festivals/montreal?year=2017>
<https://mubi.com/films/rooftop-story>
<https://www.kultplus.com/filmi/rooftop-story-nga-gazmend-nela-premiere-boterore-ne-montreal-world-film-festival/>
- 2016 **BISEDA** (short film) - Albania Production (Albanian National Center of Cinematography)
https://www.imdb.com/name/nm6915829/awards?ref_=nm_awd
- 2014 **E DASHURA NITA** (short film)
 El Rey Award for Excellence in Short Filmmaking [Barcelona Film Festival Barcelona], Best Editing [Albanian Film Week New York, USA], Honorable Mentions [London Film Award London], Official Finalists [American Movie Award Awards Event / Online Festival], Italian Finalist [Tracce Cinematografiche Film Fest Neptun - Roma, Italy],
 Barcelona International Film Festival - Excellence in Short Filmmaking
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3863828/awards/?ref_=tt_awd
<https://mubi.com/films/dear-nita>
<https://www.lipjaninews.com/filmi-e-dashura-nita-merr-cmim-ne-barcelone/>
<https://video.gjirafa.com/e-dashura-nita-film-artistik>
- 2012 **NËNA** (short film) Production - Prishtina Film (Kosovo)
 Best Screenwriter [Skena Up Film Festival Prishtina]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZKMz-nNIL0&ab_channel=PriamProduction
- 2012 **LEONARDI** (short film) Production - Prishtina Film (Kosovo)
Best Cinematography [Nein-Eleven Film Festival - Kosovo]
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2525166/?ref_=nm_filmg_cin_1
- 2012 **HESHTJE** (short film) Production - Stone Production (Kosovo)
Best short fiction [Cinerail Film Festival Paris], Best Lead Actor [Albaian Young Filmmakers Festival NYC], Audience Award [Tirana International Film Festival], Best Editing [SwissKos Basel], Nominated [Cineuphoria Portugal], Official Selection [Albanian Film Week USA], Official Selection [Other Venice Film Festival Californy USA], Official Selection [Film Market Brest France]
Best Film -
Best Director in a Short Film - International Competition
Dresden Film Festival Best Short Fiction Film - International Competition
Milledgeville-Eatonton Film Festival, US Best Short Film
Queens World Film Festival International Narrative Short
Tirana International Film Festival, Audience Award
<https://www.queensworldfilmfestival.com/films/detail.asp?fid=407>
<http://cineuphoria09.blogspot.com/2013/11/heshtje-2013.html>
<https://tiranafilmmfest.com/oldarchive/#>
<https://www.mefilmfest.com/>
<https://www.mefilmfest.com/>
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3063832/awards/?ref_=tt_awd
<https://vimeo.com/81484091>
- 2011 **ULPIANA ANTIKE** (dokumentar) Production - Ministry of Culture (Kosovo)

ADDITIONAL FILM EXPERIENCE

Producent

- 2019 **VLORA** (short film) Tilia Entertainment (Kosovo)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt10417478/?ref_=nm_knf_i4
- 2016 **MISIONARI** (short film) Production - Ministry of Culture (Kosovo)
- 2013 **NO PROBLEM** (short film)

Camera assistant

- 2011 **AGNUS DEI (film I gjate)** Production - (Kosovo Cinematography Center)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2233951/awards/?ref_=tt_awd

- 2009 **ALIVE** (feature film) (Albania) Production - "QKK" - WILDart Film (Austria)
AGAT FILMS ET CIE (France)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1517148/fullcredits?ref_=tt_cl_sm
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1517148/fullcredits?ref_=tt_cl_sm#cast
<https://cineuropa.org/en/film/109306/>
<https://letterboxd.com/film/alive-2009/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRZoAJ2_soE
https://www.filmfestivals.com/blog/vanessa_mcmahon/artan_minarolli_is_alive
<https://www.filmfestivalcottbus.de/de/news/trauer-um-artan-minarolli.html>

- 2004 **KUKUMI** (feature film) (Kosovo) Production - (Kosovo Cinematography Cente)
Jardan Film – Hrvatska / Kosova Film
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0472839/?ref_=nm_knf_i2

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

- 2013 **Cinematographer**
Silverfish Media, London (United Kingdom)
Albania's 2013 Prime Minister Election Campaign
- 2015 **Cinematographer**
Silverfish Media, London (United Kingdom)
PS Commercial for Albania's 2015 Local election campaign

COMMERCIAL VIDEOS

- 2009–2020 **Cinematographer**

Commercial Videos for:

- ALBTelecom (Albania), - Ipko Telecommunications, - Kosovo Telecom VALA, - TEB Bank Kosovo
- KEP Bank Kosovo, - Uje RUGOVE, - Uji I Alpeve - BIOBLAS

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Mother tongue(s) Albanian Native
Foreign language(s) English B1
German A2

Digital skills

Professional skills in Photo Editing Software:

- Corel
- Adobe Photoshop

Basic Skills in video editing software

- Adobe Premier Pro