STEFAN BOGDANOV

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I am a seasoned Film and TV producer & director, screenwriter, videographer, video editor and graphic designer with an excellent technology and computer literacy. During my entire career, I was deeply involved in creative decision making, and I was responsible for various complex creative projects.

Please find below my creative path through the years.

VIDEO PRODUCTION, TV AND FILM WORK

2014 to date

FREELANCE FILMMAKER, SBSCreative, UK

As a self-employed video producer, I am working with various clients, helping them promote their product or services with video. I have always been result-driven, trying to understand the client's particular needs and goals, find their unique story and tell it the in the best possible and effective way.

As a skilful storyteller I'm highly skilled in construction a strong narrative choosing the best parts of the footage I film or I'm provided with. My approach to each project is the opposite of "one-size fits all" method of work. I consider myself an unorthodox and boutique filmmaker.

In addition, I offer my skills as a freelance video producer, videographer, video editor and post-production specialist to agencies and production companies and I'm also collaborating with fellow photographers and videographers on various joint projects.

Producer, Director, Screenwriter, Videographer, Video Editor, Post-production specialist.
*For examples of my work, please visit **SBSCreative website** or my creative **portfolio**.*

2007 – 2009

VFX COMPOSER, WorldWide FX – NU Boyana film studios, BULGARIA

I worked in one of the teams, responsible for the creation of the visual effects of the movies, produces by the studio (for ex. Rambo IV). The work included rotoscoping, green screen and 2D & 3D compositing.
VFX artist, Rotoscoper, 2D & 3D Composer.

2005 – 2007

PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR, TV Zdrave, BULGARIA

As a producer and director, I was responsible for the production of both live shows and recorded TV content for the channel. My responsibilities included organizing the production, directing the live shows and supervising the post-production of the pre-recorded parts of the TV program.
Producer, Editor, Director.

GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PRE-PRESS WORK

2008 – 2015

CREATIVE CONSULTANT, Swan Multimedia LTD, UK

Being a creative consultant and principal graphic and web designer, I helped Swan Multimedia bring their online H&S courses to a new level – both in terms of visual design & content and customer engagement. I've built and designed multiple training courses used by Shell UK, Texaco and AkzoNobel.
Graphic and Web Designer, Copy and Content Writer, Photographer and Videographer.

2011 – 2015

HEAD OF THE PRE-PRESS DEPARTMENT, StangaONE1, BULGARIA

My work as a Head of Pre-press department consisted of supervising the digital pre-press production, mainly localization, desktop publishing and artwork, of medical and technical literature to the highest standard of the company's numerous international clients, such as Boston Scientific and 3M. My responsibilities also included liaising with some of the biggest European Advertising Agencies regarding the online advertising campaigns they've being running for their clients, as well as QA of the digital deliverables. I worked for StangaONE1 both in their offices in Sofia, Bulgaria and remotely from the UK.

DTP & Artworker, QA Specialist.

2009 - 2010

CREATIVE DIRECTOR, Essence Marketing, BULGARIA

Essence marketing was a advertising and marketing agency, focused on automotive business. As a Creative director I oversaw the entire creative process and was involved in various marketing and advertising campaigns – both for print and web.

Creative Director, Graphic designer, Copywriter.

2002 – 2005

PRINCIPAL GRAPHIC DESIGNER, Damyan Yakov Publishing House, BULGARIA

As a principal Book Designer, I was responsible for the entire design and DTP work of the Publisher. That included books cover & body design, artwork, and pre-press. I have designed and prepared for publishing more than 150 books during that period.

Graphic designer, DTP & Artworker.

2001-2002

CREATIVE DIRECTOR, The Property Market magazine, BULGARIA

"The Property Market" was a monthly magazine, covering the real estate and property market in Sofia. In addition to writing numerous articles for the magazine, I was in charge of the overall design and the artwork of the issues.

Copywriter, Designer, Head of DTP.

ACTING FOR STAGE, FILM AND TV

1999 – 2011

TV, FILM AND VOICE ACTOR, various companies, studios and TVs, BULGARIA

As an film actor, had small roles in several international film productions and TV adverts. I also worked as a freelance voice actor with the Bulgarian National TV.

Freelance Actor for Film and TVs.

1998-1999

STAGE ACTOR, Ivan Radoev Theatre, Pleven, BULGARIA

Several roles, including Perdican from "No Trifling with Love" by Alfred de Musset.

Stage actor.

MANAGERIAL WORK

1999 – 2001

ART DIRECTOR, Theatre Mr. Punch, BULGARIA

As an Art Director I oversaw the program selection and the repertoire of a small independent theatre in Sofia.

Art Director.

MOVIES

2010

CRASHTIME

Short Science Fiction movie.

Producer, Screenwriter, Director, Cinematographer, Video Editor.

Self-funded and produced. Online screening and distribution.

2008

LUMINATOR - THE ONE WHO BRINGS LIGHT

Short Fantasy Machinima movie.

Producer, Screenwriter, Director, Cinematographer, Video Editor.

Self-funded and produced. Online screening and distribution.

2005

THE MAGIC SARCHO

A documentary about the life and works of my grandfather, Stefan Sarchadzhiev - Sarcho, one of the founders of the contemporary Bulgarian theatre.

Screenwriter, Executive Producer, Director, Head of Post-production.

Co-production: SCAT TV, National Film Centre, National Academy of Theatre and Film Arts.

Aired on Bulgarian National TV in January 2006

BOOKS

2011

THE ART OF ACTING - PRACTICAL HANDBOOK

A training system and a practical guide on stage and film acting. Language - Bulgarian

Autor, Graphic Designer, DTP & Artworker.

Self-published, Sofia, Bulgaria.

2002

SARCHADZHIEV - GENERATIONS ON STAGE

A non-fictional biography book about the history of the Bulgarian theatre after the WWII and the place of Sarchadzhiev family in its post-war evolution. Language – Bulgarian.

Autor, Graphic Designer, DTP & Artworker.

Damyan Yakov Publishing House, Sofia, Bulgaria.

EDUCATION

1999-2003

Postgraduate research in Theatre History,

National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts, Bulgaria

1996-1998

Master's training programme - Film and TV Directing,

Free University "Chernorizec Hrabar" Varna, Bulgaria

1992-1996

Master's degree - Theatre and Film Acting,

National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts, Bulgaria

CERTIFICATES

- CAA certified drone operator and pilot (CAA ID 12120), 2020
- CSCS H&S certification (REG No. 13496682), 2020
- Circuits and Electronics 6.002x, MITx certification, 2012
- Eyeon Fusion 5.0 proficiency, certificate, WorldWideFX, 2007

EXPERTISE AND SKILLS

- TV, film and video directing
- Videography and video production
- Video post-production, animation & VFX
- Graphic and Web Design, Social Media
- Excellent computer literacy
- Experience in acting for film and TV
- Confident with decision making
- Can work independently
- Quick and eager learner
- Good listener
- Loyal and responsible
- Versatile and adaptable

VIDEO FILMING EQUIPMENT

- Canon C100 Mark II, Panasonic Lumix DC-GH5
- Drone: DJI Mavic Air 2 drone
- 360-degree and action cameras: Kandao QooCam 8K 360, Insta360 ONE R Twin Edition
- Various lighting solutions - LED, halogen and CFL lights, reflectors and negative fills.
- Audio: Røde NTG4, RødeLink wireless, Røde Smartlav, Tascam DR-60D mkII external audio recorder.
- FeiyuTech AK4000 gimbal, EDELKRONE motorised slider, tripods, green/blue screens, various grip.

VIDEO EDITING EQUIPMENT

- Video post-production workstations
  - Video editing, colour grading and VFX dedicated PC workstation.
  - Video editing, encoding and archiving PC workstation.
  - Video transfer and re-encoding Apple Mac mini machine.
- High speed 1Gb/s Intranet and Full-fibre broadband.
- 4 TB RAID storage, dedicated FTP storage, 2 TB Dropbox cloud storage.

MAIN SOFTWARE

- Adobe CC suite – Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition, Photoshop, Illustrator
- DaVinci Resolve 17 (Blackmagic Design)

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian - Native
English - Full professional proficiency
Russian - Professional working proficiency
French - Limited working proficiency

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Driving Licence (Car and Motorbike): Full UK clean