

HENDRIKUS DE VAAN "Harrie"

cinematographer | gaffer

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Class 1 full licence (manual)

equipment: full Sony FX6 package

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LX/Grip truck via FAT Lighting

PROFILE

Harrie has worked in film, television, animation, and commercials since 2007. He began in grip and lighting in Wellington before focusing early on directing, working in New Zealand and Europe. His short film DISAPPEAR was selected for a Young Directors Award by a panel including Danny Boyle and went on to win a Silver Young Directors Award at Cannes Lions. Alongside directing, he worked in post-production as an editor, colourist and animator, sharpening his understanding of story, pacing and how images ultimately function in the cut.

Over time, Harrie realised his true passion lay in cinematography. It offered the combination of instinctive artistry and technical execution he was drawn to, and the opportunity to lens stories across a diverse and wide set of directors' voices.

As a path to cinematography, he spent several years working as a gaffer on network television drama, award-winning NZFC short films, broadcast, and international commercials. That experience grounded his work in practical judgement around time, scale and what is achievable on set. He occasionally still gaffs through FAT Lighting, with access to larger-scale equipment.

Harrie now works primarily as a director of photography, with a narrative focus spanning NZFC funded and independent short films, EPK for international productions, web series and documentary work, alongside commercials and music videos. His work ranges from intimate, performance-driven drama to technically complex shoots, including virtual production and VFX-integrated projects.

Member of the NZCS and NZ Screen Guild

SELECTED WORK

Role

CINEMATOGRAPHER

2026	JuicySweet BTS	<i>prod: Anthony Lee / SunnyBoy</i>	DP, prod
2026	Umami EPK Interviews	<i>prod: Anthony Lee / SunnyBoy</i>	DP
2026	Rolling Cigarettes short film	<i>dir: Michelle Ang</i>	DP
2026	PGG White Knights commercial	<i>prod: Studio Butter</i>	DP
2026	Imani J "Talk is Cheap" mv	<i>dir: Claire Watson</i>	DP
2026	Emerson "Again" mv	<i>dir: Tom Grut</i>	DP
2025	iTroll 48hr film	<i>dir: Hweiling Ow</i>	DP
	<i>winner, best film: Auckland regional</i>	<i>prod: Sara Chen</i>	
2025	Genesis short film	<i>dir/prod: FHS</i>	DP, colourist
2025	Fearlessli short doc	<i>dir: Lee Li</i>	DP

LINKS

showreel & portfolio: hendrikusdevaan.com

IMDb: [imdb.com/name/nm3969503/](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3969503/)

2025	Vendors Pilot	<i>dir: Muche Murare</i>	DP
2025	One More Time short film	<i>dir: Ashely Pitman</i>	DP, colourist
2025	Emerson "I Want You to Know Me" mv	<i>dir: Tom Grut</i>	DP
2025	Propel commercial	<i>dir: Stevie Oxtan</i>	DP
2025	Emerson "Tip of My Tongue" mv	<i>dir: Tom Grut</i>	DP
2024	Anna Low short doc	<i>dir: Hendrikus De Vaan</i>	OPC, colourist
2024	Rice Run NZFC short film	<i>dir: Pon Torthienchai</i> <i>prod: Sara Chen, Harry Wynn</i>	DP
2024	ZolaNova: Dreamer mv	<i>dir: Nicholas Bruce-Baker</i> <i>prod: Alix Whittaker</i>	DP
2024	Race To The Bottom short film	<i>dir: Nick Sanders</i>	DP, colourist
2024	XX short film	<i>dir: Nick Sanders</i>	DP, colourist
2024	RyanGoslingImYourBiggestFan mv	<i>dir: Guillaume Arnoulet</i>	DP, colourist
2024	Down Slayment 48hr film	<i>dir: Nicole Chen</i>	DP, colourist
2023	The Balloon short film	<i>dir: James Fink-Jensen</i>	DP, colourist
2023	Greetings short film	<i>dir: Pulkit Arora</i>	DP, colourist
2023	Sanoi album mv XR	<i>prod: Gemma Campbell</i> <i>Studio: Disguise Labs (virtual Production/ XR)</i>	DP
2023	Gods Favourites Fall Hardest short film	<i>dir: Faith Ward</i>	DP, colourist
2023	The Graceful Act short film	<i>dir: Jimmy Woo</i>	DP, colourist
2023	Damp Trees short film	<i>dir: Sam McKay</i>	DP, colourist
2023	De Gustibus Mozerella TVC	<i>prod: DreamPark</i> <i>Studio: Disguise Labs (virtual Production/volume)</i>	DP
2023	Alex De Vries: Back of You mv	<i>dir: Kelsey Chapman</i>	DP, colourist
2023	Ships in the Night Web Series	<i>dir: K-Ci Williams</i>	DP, colourist
2023	Strangers short film	<i>dir: James Fink-Jensen</i>	DP, colourist
2023	Yez: Fighting For Survival mv	<i>dir: Henry Jiao</i>	DP, colourist
2022	Solitaire short film	<i>dir: Brian Gill</i>	DP, colourist
2022	We Cry Together short film	<i>dir: Christian Skrentny</i>	DP, colourist
2022	Time Quest short film	<i>dir: Robert Richards</i>	DP, colourist
2021	Scalper: Bismallah mv	<i>dir: James Fink-Jensen</i>	DP, colourist

LX / GRIP

2026	Tech Town web series	<i>DP: Tom West</i> <i>prod: Viva La Dirt League</i>	gaffer
2026	Microsoft TVC	<i>dp: Jake Munro</i>	gaffer
2026	Obsidian Dir EPK Interview	<i>prod: Anthony Lee / SunnyBoy</i>	gaffer
2026	"Protect When We Connect" TVC	<i>agency: Flightingwave</i>	gaffer
2024-25	"Chasing The Fox" live TV	<i>TVNZ</i>	gaffer

2024	N00b TV THREE drama <i>prod: Great Southern TV</i>	DP: Daryl Wong dir: Josh Frizzel, Victoria Boulton	main unit gaffer
2025	A2 Milk International TVC	DP: Matt Toll	gaffer, Akl unit
2026	Simplicity Kiwisaver commercial	agency: Studio Butter	gaffer
2024	Les Mills x Google commercial	DP: Piotr Kwasnik	gaffer
2023	Good Sport short film	DP: Pepe De Hoyos	gaffer/ grip
2023	Basmati Bitch commercial	DP: Daryl Wong	gaffer
2023	Doordash Tom Sainsbury TVC	DP: Will Prosor Dir: Calvin Sang / Eyes & Ears	gaffer/ grip
2023	Wendys TVC	DP: Will Prosor Dir: Calvin Sang / Eyes & Ears	gaffer/ grip
2023	Warriors/ Bestfoods TVC	DP: Andy Day	gaffer/ grip
2023	"Spiritual Healing" Israel Starr mv	DP: Jack Barry	gaffer/ grip
2023	Six Concertos short film	DP: Jack Barry	gaffer/ grip
2023	Vivie NZFC short film	DP: Nina Wells dir: Hweiling Ow	gaffer/ grip
2023	"Dorothy Bay" Tiny Ruins mv	DP: Pepe De Hoyos	gaffer/ grip/ 2nd unit dp
2023	New Balance, Zoe Hobbs TVC <i>Prod: The Collective Force</i>	dir: Reagen Butler DP: Ryan Alexander Lloyd	gaffer/ grip
2022	Bottle Money short film	DP: Jack Barry	gaffer
2022	Red Bull & RnV TVC	DP: Aidan Rogers	gaffer/ grip
2022	Pincher series Pilot <i>Prod: Thomas Coppell/ Sara Chen</i>	DP: Nina Wells dir: Pon Torthienchai	gaffer/ grip
2022	Spark Game Arena TVC <i>client: Spark/ Colenzo</i>	DP: Devan Narsai dir: Connor Prichard	gaffer/ grip
2022	Anu NZFC short film	DP: Adam Luxton	gaffer / grip
2022	"The City" Riiki Reid mv	DP: James Moore	gaffer
2022	"Saw it in Your Eyes" mv	dir/DP: Ezra Simons	gaffer
2022	"Last Call" Rachel Leo mv	DP: Mason Bennett	gaffer
2022	Ahikāroa TV series	gaffer: George Huhu	best boy LX
2022	Head short film	DP: Alex Campbell	gaffer
2022	"Pilot" Brody Leigh mv	DP: Warren Rodricks	gaffer
2022	"HE +Lost In Nairobi" Muroki mv	DP: James Moore	dolly grip
2022	"Miraculous Death" Earth Tongue mv	dir/DP: Ezra Simons	gaffer
2022	"Tell Me Something" Lepani mv	DP: Ezra Simons	gaffer
2022	It Lies At Night short film	DP: Kelly Chen	gaffer 2nd unit
2022	"If You Wanna Go" Bret McKenzie mv	dir/DP: Ezra Simons	gaffer
2022	Star Wars: After Endor web series	DP: Isaac Newcombe	gaffer
2022	Hand in Hand short film	DP: Isaac Newcombe	gaffer

2022	Suffer the Children short film	DP: Isaac Newcombe	gaffer
2021	Entangled Synthesis short film	dir/DP: Leigh Elford	best boy LX
2010	Predicament NZ feature film	DP: Simon Raby gaffer: Adrian Hebron	lx assist
2010	Choice Night short film	DP: Jac Fitzgerald key grip: Murray Love	grip assist

DIRECTOR

2022	Weekend Warrior, WN commercial	prod: Miro Sudzum	dir, DP, editor, colourist
2020	Panic Attack short doc		dir, DP, editor
2014	DISAPPEAR stop motion short film		dir, DP, editor
	Young Filmmaker Award, Shuffle Festival, London 2014 2nd, Animation Asia-Pacific, YDA, Cannes Lions 2015 Official Selection, New Zealand International Film Festival 2014 Played many festivals worldwide incl: Mill Valley Film Festival & BFI Future Film Festival		
2011-Cur	Music Videos		dir, DP, editor, colourist
	2022 Scalper: Ink		
	2022 Scalper: Stars In Their Eyes		
	2021 Scalper: Silence Speaks		
	2021 Unwanted Subject: In My Eyes		
	2019 Fin Rah Zel: Be My Lady		
	2011 Kendall Brake: Sunrise		
2011	Rainbow Short Film		dir, DP, editor

OTHER

2025-now	Owner Operator of cineAKS.nz	Design & fabrication of motion picture equipment.	
2025	Vitalife	CamOp Eyes&Ears DP: Will Prosor	
2025-now	Licensed Aputure Repairs and general LX fixture repair work	Fat Lighting	
2020 - 2022	Content Specialist Wireless Nation Ltd		
2011 - 2017	Animation Director/ Animator	(Primarily commercials, promos, explainer videos)	
2016 - 2018	Voice Actor	(Clients incl: Volvo, TSB Bank, Walker Mowers, Sky TV, Auckland Zoo)	
2009	Last Paradise INTL Doc Feature	dir: Clive Neeson	online editor, colourist

EDUCATION

2008	The NZ Film & Television school	Certificate in Film & Television Production
2007	NZ Film Academy	Certificate in Applied Filmmaking
2007	Cut Above Academy	Certificate in Production Design and Sculpting