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Director/Writer/Producer

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DIRECTOR – FILMS & EPISODES:

THE RED TENT

Mini-Series. Mini Driver, Morena Baccarin, Rebecca Ferguson, Iain Glen.
Sony. Lifetime. Air date - December 7&8, 2014. Shot in Morocco. Edited in Montreal.

*The main character; Dinah, grows, learns and changes a great deal throughout the series' four hours, and her journey of romance, murder, sorrow, and more romance is well-handled visually, thanks to **Roger Young** (who also directed the overlooked [Barabbas](#)). It is at times charming and different, and a good fit for Lifetime. -
--- Hollywood Reporter*

"The Red Tent" story is spellbinding from start to finish and the performances are solid across the board. Pencil it in as a must see. -----Jackie K Cooper - Huffington Post

"The Red Tent" is a handsome melodrama. One suspects this fairly sizable bet on "The Red Tent" will leave Lifetime in the black.---Brian Lowry - Variety

Lifetime series finds fresh wisdom from the Bible in story about women's choices. The miniseries is engaging both as untold fable and modern-day television --- David Hinckley - New York Daily News

BARABBAS

Mini-Series. Billy Zane, Hristo Shopov, Cristiana Capotondi, Anna Valle, Filippo Nigro, Maria Cristina Heller
International co-production: ReelzChannel USA, RAI-Uno Italy, France 2, TVE Spain.
Four hours. 2012. Shot in Tunisia.

LAW AND ORDER: LA

Episode: "Runyon Canyon" Alfred Molina, Terrence Howard, Maria Cristina Heller
One hour. NBC. Los Angeles. May 9, 2011

LAW AND ORDER: LOS ANGELES

Episode: "Pasadena" Alfred Molina, Skeet Ulrich. NBC. Air date: November 3, 2010

LAW AND ORDER

Episode: "Shotgun" Elliott Gould, Sam Waterston, S. Epatha Merkerson, Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson, Alana De La Garza, Linus Roache
 One hour. NBC. 2009. New York
 Air date: November 20, 2009

LAW AND ORDER

Episode: "All New"
 One hour episode. NBC. 2009. New York City.
 Aired May 6, 2009

THE CLOSER

Episode: "Til Death Do Us Part One" Kyra Sedgewick, JK Simmons, GW Bailey.
 One hour episode. TNT. 2007. Filmed in Hollywood
 Aired September 3, 2007

ROME

Episode "Philippi". Ray Stevenson, Kevin McKidd.
 One hour episode of series. HBO. 2006. Filmed in Rome, Italy.
 Aired February 18, 2007

HERCULES

Paul Telfer, Timothy Dalton, Elizabeth Perkins, Sean Astin, Leelee Sobieski,
 Produced by Robert Halmi, Sr. and Robert Halmi, Jr., for Hallmark Entertainment
 and NBC. Filmed in New Zealand. Four hours. Airdate; May 16, 2005 NBC.

THE PERFECT HUSBAND

Dean Cain, Dee Wallace, GW Bailey.
 Produced by Judith Verno, Rachel Verno, Diana Kerew and
 Diane Sokolow for USA network.

"A hard-hitting docudrama about the killing of a beautiful and beloved Modesto, California woman, eight months pregnant when she disappeared." "Writer Dave Ericson, and director Roger Young exhibit intelligence and sensitivity." ----Tom Shales, Washington Post

"This fact-based TV movie is surprisingly suspenseful."
 -----TV Guide

"The intimate pain suffered by the victim's friends and family is searingly re-created by some fine performers." -----Newsday

"Is it riveting? Bet on it." ----New York Post

"A fascinating and macabre melodrama." ---- Houston Chronicle

AUGUSTUS

Peter O'Toole, Charlotte Rampling,
 Produced by: LUX, Vide of Italy in co-production with RAI Fiction;
 German television; French television and Spanish television
 Four hours. Filmed in Tunisia

DRACULA

Patrick Bergin, Giancarlo Giannini, Hardy Kruger, Jr., Stephania Rocca,
 Muriel Baumeister, Kai Weisinger
 Produced by LUX Vide of Italy for RAI and German television, Four hours
 Filmed in Budapest

ST. PAUL

Johannes Brandrup, Barbara Bobulova, GW Bailey, Ennio Fantastichini,
 Franco Nero, Umberto Orsini, Maria Cristina Heller.
 Produced by LUX, Vide for RAI-TV and German Television, Four Hours
 Filmed in Morocco

THE THIN BLUE LIE

Rob Morrow, Randy Quaid, Paul Sorvino, GW Bailey
 Produced by Paramount and Helfgott-Turner for ShowTime, Two hours
 Filmed in Toronto. Executive Producer.

"Viewers who enjoy crime dramas should definitely appreciate this powerful two hours, the story of a journalist who uncovers police corruption. Ruthless doings lift the action quotient, and suspense factors high above the average as director Roger Young conducts the film with fine, terse action."
 By Michael Farkash, Hollywood Reporter

JESUS

Jeremy Sisto, Gary Oldman, Debra Messing, Armin Mueller-Stahl,
 Jacqueline Bisset, GW Bailey.. CBS and a Co-Production with
 LUX Vide of Italy
 Four hours
 Filmed in Morocco

"The single most moving film I have ever seen on the life of Christ, a golden, glowing work of tremendous power and beauty. Really. So sensitively directed by Roger Young."
 -----Washington Post By Tom Shales

"...the best network miniseries in years. The direction by Roger Young, teleplay by Suzette Couture and performances by a strong cast create an entertaining feast that you needn't be Christian to savor."
 -----Los Angeles Times By Howard Rosenberg

"CBS's new two-part movie about the life of Jesus is intriguing and strikingly original, a portrait of the clash between politics and spirituality, a mix of Biblical tradition and insistent humanizing."

-----New York Times By Anita Gates

" This is a very different "JESUS" and from the perspective of drama, a very different Jesus. Taken together, the vibrant combination could well be the most emotionally genuine dramatization of this oft-told story every put on film."

----New York Daily News

Director Roger Young gives the more familiar moments the force and freshness of revelations. We sense the spiritual power behind the miracles and feel Jesus' dread as the crucifixion nears.

-----People Magazine

"Director Roger Young's take on "Jesus" is reverence lite, rooted solidly between the pious showmanship of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and the interpretive and controversial "The Last Temptation of Christ." That said, "Jesus" is everything a sweeps event is meant to be... an entertaining, bigger-than-life story with marquee stars, sweeping locales, fancy costumes and elaborate sets."

-----Variety

"Shooting in Morocco and Malta, director Roger Young makes a reported \$22 million production budget look grander still, nicely framing the action on sets impressively designed by Paolo Biagetti."

----Hollywood Reporter

ONE SPECIAL NIGHT

Julie Andrews, James Garner, Patricia Charbonneau
CBS. Filmed in Montreal

"CBS edged ahead in homes for the week when it wrapped the Thanksgiving weekend with its vidpic "One Special Night," the season's best homes rating for any movie on any net, and the Eye's highest-rated film in two years."

----Variety

"The movie is winningly directed by Roger Young."

----New York Times, Ron Wertheimer

"One Special Night" is bound to warm whatever hearts come near it."

----Tom Shales, Washington Post

"Nancy Silvers and Roger Young deliver, as screenwriter and director. They get us to the clinch we need. And if there isn't a tear in our eye when we finally arrive, we should probably give up on ourselves."

----John Leonard, New York Magazine

A KNIGHT IN CAMELOT

Whoopi Goldberg, Michael York
Wonderful World of Disney, ABC
Filmed in Budapest

"Whoopi Goldberg and King Arthur: If you never thought the twain would meet, you may be surprised at what a pleasant twosome they make."

----USA Today

"Helmer Roger Young keeps the action focused and Goldberg in control"

-----Variety

*"Knight" is full of spectacle and drama, sorcery and skullduggery, quandaries and serious social issues.----*Washington Post

KISS THE SKY

William Petersen, Terrance Stamp, Sheryl Lee, Gary Cole
Produced by MGM for ShowTime
Filmed in the Philippines

"Kiss the Sky" is a smart, sexy, sophisticated comedy-drama with provocative ideas, witty dialogue and droll performances by a first-rate cast. Roger Young's astute direction manages the screenplay's shifts of tone perfectly, and he gets maximum mileage from the talented cast."

----Hollywood Reporter

SOLOMON

Ben Cross, Max Von Sydow, Vivica Fox, Anouk Amiee, David Suchet, G.W. Bailey
Produced by LUX, Vide for RAI-TV and PAX-TV, Four hours
Filmed in Morocco

"A cast of high-profile actors is just one of the reasons to tune in to this stirring tale of intrigue, greed and mystery. But there are also other perks. There is a rousing teleplay by Bradley T. Winter, and Roger Young's ("Joseph") direction is sprightly and nicely focused on getting the most action possible (both physically and emotionally) from the characters and events. In its best moments, the telepic is nothing short of grand opera, with enough color to dazzle even the most complacent viewer."

----Hollywood Reporter

SISTERS AND OTHER STRANGERS

Joanna Kerns, Deborah Farrentino, Steven Bauer, George Grizzard
 Produced by Dori Weiss for CBS
 Filmed in Sedona, Arizona

"This is a marvelous, don't miss mystery. Director Roger Young elicits wonderful performances that are gems in an overall platinum production."
 ----Hollywood Reporter

HEART FULL OF RAIN

Richard Crenna, Rick Schroeder, Carroll Baker
 Produced by Dori Weiss for CBS
 Filmed in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Any oversentimentality must be forgiven because of the beauty and simplicity of the performances and the fine visuals and direction, especially in one bittersweet unforgettable scene near the end."
 ----Hollywood Reporter

RUBY RIDGE: AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

Laura Dern, Randy Quaid, Kirsten Dunst.
 CBS Mini-series
 Filmed in Northern California

"One of the ten best movies of the year":
 -----TV Guide.

"Young's direction of the deadly tale is stunning."
 -----Variety

"Young projects the terrible events forward with deadly, unrelenting energy."
 ----Hollywood Reporter

"The movie is chilling. Watch it and shudder."
 -----John J. O'Connor, New York Times

"Expertly crafted docudrama...A+-." ----People Magazine

MOSES

Ben Kingsley, Frank Langella, David Suchet
 Produced by LUX, Vide for TNT, Four Hours
 Filmed in Morocco
 Co-Production with LUX (Italy), Beta (Germany), RAI (Italy), France 2,
 ORF (Austria, Czech TV), and Sky (England)
 Emmy Nomination for Best Mini-Series

"Young brings out all the best qualities of the script"

---Tom Shales, Washington Post

JOSEPH

Ben Kingsley, Martin Landau, Paul Mercurio, Leslie Ann Warren

Produced by LUX, Vide for TNT, Four Hours

Filmed in Morocco

Co-Production with LUX (Italy), Beta(Ger), RAI(Italy), France 2,

ORF (Austria, Czech TV), and Sky (England)

Emmy Award: Best Mini-Series

Emmy nomination: Best Actor, Ben Kingsley

"This four-hour production is directed by Roger Young with uncommon skill and humanity." ----Hollywood Reporter

"Epic in length, but it doesn't drag. Director Roger Young makes Egypt look intriguingly mysterious and menacing." ---TV Guide

"Filmed in Morocco and directed by Roger Young the film is stunningly handsome and the cast is terrific. Cecil B. De Who?" ----John J. O'Connor, New York Times.

GERONIMO

Joseph Runningfox

Produced by Norman Jewison for TNT

Filmed in Arizona

"The best movie about Native Americans I've ever seen on television"
-----Jeff Jarvis, TV Guide

"TNT's Geronimo recounts the life of the notorious Apache warrior with more empathy for Native American culture than ever before."

----Time Magazine

"A handsome and harrowing film." -----New York Times

"It achieves a kind of raw splendor." -----People Magazine

GETTING GOTTI

Lorraine Brocco, Anthony Dennison, Ellen Burstyn

CBS

Filmed in Toronto, Canada

"Director Roger Young has grit in his angry camera eye."

----John Leonard, New York Magazine

"Young's casting of the puffy, pasty-faced thugs and snitches is unusually authentic. And the opening sequence hurls the viewer into the nightmare story of the prosecutor and her arrogant, slippery prey." ---LA Times

*"The performances, Roger Young's direction and James Henerson's script are so involving that the audience may forgive the anticlimactic ending when it turns out that Bracco's character isn't the person who brought Gotti down."
" ----Variety*

MERCY MISSION

Scott Bacula, Robert Loggia
Produced by Robert Benedetti for NBC
Filmed in Australia

"A real goose-bump thriller. This isn't just another true tale turned into just another movie, it's an amazing story masterfully told." ----TV Guide

"Director Roger Young has fashioned considerable tension with the help of very strong playing by his leads. Fasten the seatbelts on your sofa." -----Hollywood Reporter

"A well executed, exciting telefilm, drawing the maximum emotion from what could have been a generic piece." ---Variety

"Best work so far this network season. Roger Young directs as if he were Noah on that ark." -----John Leonard, New York Magazine

"Fashion your seat belts, folks. This is the year's best new Christmas movie. A suspenseful and inspiring human drama. Director Roger Young builds tension steadily and skillfully." ----- Lon Grahnke, Chicago Sun Times

JEWELS

Annette O'Toole, Anthony Andrews, Jurgen Prochnow
Produced by Jonathan Estrin for NBC, Five Hours
Filmed in England, Italy and Luxembourg
Golden Globe Nomination: Best Picture

HELD HOSTAGE

Marlo Thomas, David Dukes
ABC
Filmed in Israel

"Riveting!" ----TV Guide

DOUBLECROSSED

Dennis Hopper, G.W. Bailey
HBO Filmed in Puerto Rico and New Orleans

Written by Roger Young

Cable-ACE Award, Best Picture
Cable-ACE Nomination:, Best Actor, Dennis Hopper

"Director-writer Young hits home with his complicated version of what happened."

-----Variety

"Doublecrossed makes for better viewing than a James Bond movie."

-----New York Daily News

DEATH OF INNOCENCE

William Devane
CBS
Filmed in South Carolina
Highest rated original film on CBS for 1991.

"This film renders a taut story many cuts above the usual, thanks mainly to a relentlessly focused script by John Robert Bensink and the direction by Roger Young. It isn't every day that we get a made-for-TV film capable of maintaining suspense for more than an hour and a half."

-----Wall Street Journal

"Director Roger Young works up several taut passages, and his definition of family closeness is effective." ----- Variety - Tony Scott

MURDER IN MISSISSIPPI

Tom Hulce, Blair Underwood, Jennifer Gray, Josh Charles
Produced by Mark Wolper for NBC
Filmed in Georgia

Emmy nomination: Best Movie for Television
Emmy nomination: Best Actor, Tom Hulce

DGA award: Outstanding Director of a Dramatic Special

"Murder in Mississippi" provides a fine example of how, with time and persistence, sensitive matters of history can come into reasonable perspective. The end, of course, is never in doubt.

But the deaths remain as shocking as if they happened yesterday."
 ----- John J. O'Connor, New York Times.

"Directed by Roger Young, it's a heart pounding film."
 -----Kay Gardella/New York Daily News

LOVE AND LIES

Mare Winningham, Peter Gallagher
 ABC. Filmed in Los Angeles

THE BOURNE IDENTITY (Mini-series)

Richard Chamberlain, Jaclyn Smith
 ABC Four Hours
 Filmed in Nice, Paris, Zurich and London

Emmy nomination: Best Mini-Series
 Golden Globe Nomination: Best Mini-Series

*"This thriller unfolds at the fast-paced clip of a James Bond film,
 while weaving suspense in the style of Hitchcock."*
 -----TV Guide

*"A miniseries that kept me so tightly glued to the TV tube that wild horses
 were needed to tear me away."* -----New York Times, Russell Baker

*"A spellbinding thriller...scenically exciting... Carol Sobieski has written
 a fine script and Roger Young's direction is excellent."*
 -----New York Daily News , Kay Gardella

THE SQUEEZE (Feature film)

Michael Keaton and Rae Dawn Chong
 Tri-Star
 Filmed in New York

"The Squeeze," directed in high television style by Roger Young...."
 -----New York Times, Janet Maslin

UNDER SIEGE

Peter Strauss, Hal Holbrook, E.G. Marshall
 NBC, Three Hours
 Filmed in Arkansas

ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS

Season 1, Episode 1, "Revenge", Linda Purl, NBC

"Director Roger Young drew such a taunt, feverish portrait of the city as a modern urban jungle that I'm sure Hitchcock would have approved."

-----Rona Barrett, Entertainment Tonight

LOVE AMONG THIEVES

Audrey Hepburn, Robert Wagner

ABC

Filmed in San Francisco and Tucson

GULAG (Released as a feature in Europe)

David Keith, Malcolm McDowell, David Suchet, Warren Clarke

HBO Filmed in London, Oslo and mountains of Norway

ACE-Cable Awards Nomination for Best Picture

INTO THIN AIR

Ellen Burstyn, Robert Prosky

Produced by Ron Howard and Tony Ganz for CBS

Filmed in Vancouver, Canada

Emmy nomination: Best Actress, Ellen Burstyn

"Into Thin Air" has been created with intelligence and unusual sensitivity. The Tony Ganz production - made in association with Major H Productions, written by George Rubino and directed by Roger Young - carefully avoids manufactured uplift, staying tightly focused on the more unsettling aspects of the story. What follows is a painstaking, relentless detective story. The performances are superb. Miss Burstyn brilliantly conveys a woman of powerfully restrained passion. Mr. Robards is appealingly sincere as the always helpful Stephen. And Mr. Prosky does a wonderful turn as the sly old veteran who can run rings around the supposed experts.

-----New York Times, John J. O'Connor

LASSITER (Feature film)

Tom Selleck, Jane Seymour and Bob Hoskins

Produced by Al Ruddy for Warner Bros.

Filmed in London

"The movie is acted and directed with such style that we have fun."

-----Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun Times 2/22/84

DREAMS DON'T DIE

ABC

Filmed in Manhattan

INNOCENT LOVE

Produced by Steve Binder for CBS

Filmed in Seattle

TWO OF A KIND

George Burns, Robbie Benson
 ABC
 Winner of Humanitas Award
 Golden Globe nomination: Best TV Film

BITTER HARVEST

Ron Howard and Art Carney
 NBC
 Emmy nomination: Best Picture
 Emmy nomination: Best Director, Roger Young
 Winner of Humanitas Award

"A gripping drama under the deft direction of Roger Young."
 -----Arthur Unger, Christian Science Monitor

"A gripping and conscientious film"
 -----Tom Shales, Washington Post

WRITER - TELEPLAYS:

DRACULA - Writer
 RAI Television, Italy, Four hours
 Co-written with Eric Lerner

DOUBLECROSSED - Writer
 HBO
 Best Picture Award, Cable Ace

MORTAL FEAR - Writer
 NBC
 Produced

VIRUS -Writer
 NBC
 Produced

THE FINAL DESCENT -Writer
 CBS. Produced

"Final Descent surprises with a few truly original plot situations that make for a more than satisfying outing for stars Robert Urich and Annette O'Toole. Roger Young's admirably crafted screenplay (based on the Robert P. Davis novel "The Glass Cockpit") builds layer upon layer of attention riveting aeronautical complications, well served by director Mike Robe."-----Variety

BLESSED MCGILL -Writer

Adapted from Bud Shrake's novel by the same name. Unproduced.

DIRECTOR, TELEVISION PILOTS:

MAGNUM, P.I. 1980 (series picked up by CBS)

BUREAU 1981

HARDCASTLE AND McCORMICK 1983 (series picked up by ABC)

LEGMEN 1984 (series picked up by NBC)

DICK AND TRACY 1984 (series picked up by ABC)

OHARA 1985 (series picked up by ABC)

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT 1989 (series picked up by USA Cable)

HEARTS ARE WILD 1991 (series picked up by CBS)

SHENANDOAH 1992

DIRECTOR, EPISODIC TELEVISION:

LOU GRANT

14 Episodes

Two Director's Guilds of America Awards for Outstanding direction.

Emmy Award for Outstanding Direction in a dramatic series.

ROME - "Philippi" HBO 2007

THE CLOSER - "Til Death Do Us Part One" TNT 2007

LAW AND ORDER – "All New" NBC 2009

LAW AND ORDER - "Shotgun" NBC 2009

LAW AND ORDER: LOS ANGELES - "Pasadena" NBC 2010

LAW AND ORDER: LA - "Runyon Canyon" NBC 2011

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

Directors Guild of America Award: "Lou Grant"

Directors Guild of America Award: "Lou Grant"

Emmy Award: Directorial Achievement, "Lou Grant"

Emmy nomination: Directorial Achievement, "Bitter Harvest"

Humanitas Award: "Bitter Harvest"

Humanitas Award: "Two of a Kind"

ACE Award nomination: Directorial Achievement, "Gulag"

ACE Award nomination: Best Picture, "Gulag"

Emmy nomination: Best Mini-Series, "Bourne Identity"

Golden Globe nomination: Best Mini-Series, "Bourne Identity"

Emmy nomination: Best Film, "Murder in Mississippi"

Directors Guild of America Award: Directorial Achievement, "Murder in Mississippi"

ACE Award: Best Motion Picture, "DoubleCrossed"

Golden Globe nomination: Best Picture, "Jewels"

Emmy Award: Best Mini-Series, "Joseph"

Emmy nomination: Best Mini-Series, "Moses"

Emmy nomination: Best Mini-Series, "Jesus"

Golden Globe nomination: Best Picture, "Two of a Kind"

JUDGE

Judge for Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences 24th Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting competition. 2009

Emmy Judge - multiple years

College Film Awards judge - multiple years

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

The Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Chair in Telecommunications

Ball State University

Fall and Spring semesters 2008-2009

Taught three classes each semester. Two that I created: “Director’s Styles” and “Directing Drama”, plus “History of Film” and an Honors class in Directing.

Each class received a score of 4.8 (out of 5) from the student evaluations.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, BS, Journalism. Dean’s list.

Member of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

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