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GENERAL INFO

Date of birth:	03/23/1986
Country of birth & citizenship:	Belgium - Europe
Visa Status:	Green Card - Permanent Resident
Native Language:	Dutch
Other languages:	English - fluent Spanish - conversational French - conversational

DOCUMENTARY WORK SUMMARY

RELIGHTING CANDLES: THE TIM SULLIVAN STORY - Short Documentary on Hulu (2024):

- Co-Directed with Zeb Newman.
- Executive Produced by Melissa McCarthy and Ben Falcone.
- Winner 2024 GLAAD Media Award - Special Recognition.

GEMMEL & TIM - Feature Documentary on Tubi, Dekkoo & Revry (2023):

- Winner of 8 film festival awards, incl. Best Director at Ouray Int. Film Fest.
- Selected to over 30 film festivals, incl. Palm Springs Int. Film Fest.

THAT'S WILD - Feature Documentary on AMC Networks & Reel South/PBS (2021):

Director - Producer - Cameraman - Editor:

- Winner of 3 jury awards and 1 audience award.
- Selected to over 30 international film festivals in 5 continents, including Wildscreen & American Black Film Festival.

KIDS GAME - Short Documentary on PBS (2021):

- Selected for PBS Short Film Festival 2021.

THE AMERICAN ARMY DREAM - Short documentary on Canvas/VRT (2017):

Director - Producer - Cameraman - Editor:

- Broadcasted on the short doc program "4x7" on Belgium national TV.

GAME FACE - Feature Documentary on Netflix (2016) and Peacock (2023):

Director - Producer - Cameraman - Editor:

- First ever-Belgian documentary with exclusive worldwide release on Netflix.
- Winner of 12 film festival awards, inc. Frameline Audience Award for Best Doc.
- Selected to over 50 international film festivals in 4 continents, incl. DOC NYC.

Freelance Documentary Filmmaker, Video Journalist, Cameraman, Editor, Producer between 2006–2024:

- Clients include: Netflix, Hulu, HBO, Peacock, PBS, BBC World, TBS, 60 Second Docs, USA Today, Uproxx, Eleven Sports Network, VRT, VTM, Telenet, RTL, TVL, Mediahuis, Greet in Hollywood, David Weissman, Savage Films, De Chinezen, etc.

EDUCATION

Santa Monica College (USA)

- A.A. in Broadcasting (2008–2010) – GPA 4.0 on all broadcasting & multimedia classes.
- Classes: intro to broadcasting, news casting & writing, TV field production, broadcasting announcing and production, sports casting, advanced video editing, motion graphics, multimedia for the web, English 1, etc.
- Internship “El Segundo Cable TV”: Camera and editing.

Narafi, University College for Sciences & Arts, Brussels (Belgium)

- B.A. in audiovisual techniques – TV/film/video (2005–2008)
- Internship “DB video productions”: Multi-camera production house.
 - I worked as a cameraman at political events, sports events and business conferences.

AFS Intercultural program: ULACIT & Universidad Interamericana (Costa Rica)

- Certificate program in Spanish & Photography. (2004–2005)

High School: Wico Campus Mater Dei Overpelt (Belgium)

- Human Sciences. (1998–2004)

SKILLS

- Owner of a professional video and audio equipment, incl. Canon C200, Canon R6, variety of lenses, DJI Mavic 3, GoPro 360, DJI Ronin, etc.
- Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro, Avid Media Composer, Photoshop, Red Giant.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Basketball & Sports:

- Former player on the Belgian first division basketball team “Bree BBC” (2002–2004).
- Active player LAMBDA Basketball Los Angeles & NGBA.

Travel & Nature:

- I have an enormous passion for traveling, the outdoors and other cultures.

Volunteer work:

- Plettenberg Bay, South Africa, July 2007: Promo videos for non-profit Born in Africa.
- Moscow, Russia, July 2006: Building a shelter for homeless children.