

FRANZ BENJAMIN STAPELBERG

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Personal Profile

- Expertise in film and photography production and editing with specialization in human rights documentaries and educational films for international agencies and non-profit organizations
- Founder of Rwanda Visual Media Ltd. a Rwandan based production company, which included applying to tenders, producing and editing films and photographs, tailoring footage to client needs, and promoting content on social media
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/franz-benjamin-stapelberg-32029a97/>
- Samples of my diverse film production and editing work:
<https://vimeo.com/user32155559>

Secondary Education

September 2017-Present **Goldsmiths University, London**

Candidate for Masters of Arts in Screen Documentary

- Courses include 'Producing Fundamentals', 'Social Activist Filmmaking', 'Representing Reality'
- Produced thesis film entitled the "Mush Hole" which documented history and legacy of a residential school for Indigenous children in Canada, told through the perspective of an artist

January 2003 – December 2005 **City Varsity College, Cape Town**

Diploma in Animation for Film and Television

- Majored in 3D animation
- Successfully completed courses in 2D animation and Stop motion animation

Technical Expertise

- Excellent knowledge and significant experience with Final Cut Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Lightroom and Adobe Premier
- Excellent knowledge in the use of DSLR and Camcorder type cameras, lighting for Film and Photography, and good knowledge of sound recording for film
- Currently studying AVID media composer

Awards & Achievements

2018 **One World Media Award for my puppetry for Short Documentary 'I am Bisha', London, UK**

2014 **Media, Film and Gender Advocacy Workshop, Sonke Gender Justice, Cape Town**

2014 **Completion of Video for Convening Change-Southern Africa, Steps/Witness, Cape Town**

2004 **City Varsity, Best Stop Motion Animator Award**

Film Screenings

June 2018 Screening of short film I produced 'The Mush Hole' at event hosted in Zurich by Incomindos
<http://incomindios.ch/en/?p=1726>

Production Experience

September 2017-Present **USAID, Kigali, Rwanda**

Filmmaker and Photographer

- Producing series of short films, still photographs and murals for promotion of PSDAG (Public Sector Driven Agricultural Growth) project showcasing their various projects to support economic growth of the agricultural sector in Rwanda

May 2016- June 2018

UNICEF, Kigali, Rwanda

Filmmaker

- Produced film raising awareness of benefits of free education for UNICEF Malawi
- Produced two films for social media platforms covering the opinion of school children of a UNICEF competency based curriculum, being rolled out across Rwanda

- Produced film of UNICEF event that shared data about social development goals influencing children's lives
- Filmed launch of UNICEF's Tubarerere Mu Muryango (TMM) 'let's raise children in families' campaign and provided detailed footage of all launch speeches and activities
- Produced promotional films covering UNICEF pitch night event, which showcased young Rwandan entrepreneurs applying for funding for their business plans
- Produced film to promote fatherday activities with the Anglican Church of Rwanda

October 2015 –September 2017 University of Global Health Equity, Kigali, Rwanda

Filmmaker

- Filmed and edited Masters of Global Health and Delivery classes and ensured high quality of sound and image for learning purposes, internal monitoring and evaluation
- Produced two short films of students in their workplace, describing the influence of their participation in the masters programme on their work

June 2017

Photographer

UN Women, Kigali, Rwanda

- Photographed and shadowed Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women during her visit to Rwanda

May 2017

Filmmaker

UNDP and ONE UN, Kigali, Rwanda

- Produced a film to commemorate UN employees who died in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi for screening at a UN hosted commemoration event

December 2016, April 2017 UNHCR, Kigali, Rwanda

Filmmaker

- Produced film that was screened in refugee camps across Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to encourage Rwandan refugees to re-settle in Rwanda
- Produced two films for social media platforms documenting the contribution of Finnish aid to uplift disabled refugees living in refugee camps in Rwanda

September 2016–January 2017 Girl Effect, Kigali, Rwanda

Filmmaker

- Produced two short films for Ni Nyaminga Heroes campaign social media launch
- Produced behind the scenes film of the Girl Effect drama team

December 2015-February 2017 CARE Rwanda, Rwanda Women's Network, Kigali, Rwanda

Filmmaker and Photographer

- Produced 50 professional still images and a 5-minute synopsis film of launch of the Indashyikirwa community gender based violence prevention program
- Produced 5-minute film highlighting current impact of Indashyikirwa programme

May 2016

Editor

DFID, Kigali, Rwanda

- Edited footage of interviews with several Congolese adolescent researchers with La Pepiniere's Girl-Led Research Unit and developed 5 minute video for DFID launch

May 2016

Videographer

World Economic Forum, Kigali, Rwanda

- Filmed live streamed footage for World Economic Forum event

August - October 2015 Rwanda Family Health Programme USAID Kigali, Rwanda

Filmmaker and Director of Photography

- Produced 50 still photographs and a 20-minute documentary profiling the work of the Rwanda Family Health Programme (RWFP) over the last three years which involved interviewing stakeholders and beneficiaries and adapting the film to meet the priorities of RWFP

June 2015

Sonke Gender Justice, KMG Ethiopia, Kembatta Zone Ethiopia

Photographer

- Produced and edited photographs as stories of change for case study assessing how men and boys were engaged in efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation and circumcision

April 2015 Facilitator Witness, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Trained a group of 20 LGBTI activists to produce videos for evidence gathering and publicizing their activities including around how cameras work, how to edit using free software available online, protecting identities of subjects theory for conducting and shooting interviews

September 2014 - April 2015 Nuba Reports, Kenya, Sudan Facilitator/Producer

- Contributed to documentary film about political situation and human rights in the Nuba Mountains, Sudan and acted as camera drone pilot
- Conducted trainings with Sudanese filmmakers in video editing and post-production

January - March 2013 USAID – OKACOM (NGO), Botswana, Namibia and Angola Production Designer, Props and Puppets Fabricator and Set-builder

- Created Puppets, props and sets for travelling show in the Okavango delta that provided education around sanitation, HIV awareness, domestic violence and pollution
- Assisted with writing the content of the show and production design

2008 - 2012 Snap Photography, Cape Town Photographers Assistant

- Responsible for laying cables, setting up lighting, reflector boards, diffusers and set-building
- General preparation for studio and location photography

2010 - 2012 (Film Seasons) Silver Bullet Lighting, Cape Town Spark and Grip

- Responsible for set up of lighting, reflectors and screens for international TV adverts and films, managed cables, coordinated generators and 3 phase power sources, set up dolly tracks, crane arms and performed general rigging

February- December 2011 City Varsity College, Cape Town Art Department Assistant and Photoshop Lecturer

- Assisted with Sculpture, mould making and miniature set building for production design
- Convened photoshop modules which included preparing and teaching lectures, setting and marking practical tests and exams and supervising student development

February - December 2010 South African School of Motion Picture Medium & Live Performance, Cape Town 3D Lecturer Maya

January 2008- December 2009 Both Worlds Productions 'ZA NEWS' , Cape Town Props Fabricator and Set Designer/Wardrobe Manager

- Created and sourced props for puppet show, coordinated sourcing and manufacture of accessories, dressed puppets in costume and managed set wardrobe

January 2006 - December 2007 Hewit and Associates, Durban Structural Engineer - 3d Artist (Auto CAD - Cinema 4D)

- Designed supermarket point of sale units for various products
- Applied graphics to 3D prototypes and rendered images and video for presentations

Language Skills

- Fluent in English and Afrikaans

Volunteer Positions

August 2017 Rouge Hill Sports Camp, Toronto, Canada

- Produced promotional film of summer sports camp for children in Canada

August-December 2015 Rwandan Cricket Association, Kigali, Rwanda

- Produced promotional video celebrating 15 years of Cricket in Rwanda and the ground-breaking ceremony for the first international standard Cricket stadium to be built in Rwanda

June-December 2015 Play for Hope, Kigali Rwanda

- Lectured and mentored affiliated students in filmmaking and documentary production techniques and supported student filming and editing a promotional documentary

August 2014 Unmute Dance Company, Cape Town

- Filmed and edited promotional trailer for Unmute Dance Company; a dance company for people with disabilities which uses dance to raise awareness of disability stigma and issues

June 2014 Brothers for All, Cape Town

- Filmed and edited promotional trailer for Brothers for All NGO which supports current and former prisoners to be involved in community development projects

References available upon request.