

SAIMANTICK BHADRA

CINEMATOGRAPHER | FILM-MAKER

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PROFILE

I am Saimantick Bhadra, a Director of Photography and former Assistant Director with over 6 years of experience in the media industry. My creative journey is deeply anchored in visual literacy, cinema, and design, where I continually mine inspiration to craft visual narratives that resonate deeply.

My dedication to learning and pursuit of excellence are constant companions in my creative endeavours, ensuring that each project I undertake reaches its full potential. My portfolio reflects technical proficiency and a deep-seated commitment to pushing artistic boundaries that leave a lasting impact on audiences worldwide.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2021 - PRESENT

FREELANCE

CINEMATOGRAPHER

- Worked as the cinematographer of short films, TVC, brand films, non-fiction managing a team of 5-6 crew members
- Organized and executed video shoots in a range of challenging environments of budget & crew without compromising on quality
- Shot non-fiction films and TVCs with Mr. Brahmanand S Siingh, Nation Award winning director, Mr. Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize winner
- Shot branded content with brands like ICICI Bank, Citi Commercial Bank, Cars24, Film Heritage Foundation, Mobius films, WORD Marketing
- Collaborated with directors, clients to achieve the desired visual aesthetic for branded content
- Enhanced video quality by leading a color grading initiative using LOG footage techniques and proxies

2018 - 2021

FREELANCE / MOBIUS FILMS

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

- Worked as the Chief AD on TVCs, Digital AVs, Music - videos, non-fiction web-series with McCann World Group, MasterCard, Britannia, Hyatt Hotels, ICICI Bank
- Assisted Mr. Brahmanand S Siingh as an AD for the theatrically released film, Jhalki.
- Shot the film promotions with the cast Boman Irani, Tannishtha Chatterjee, Sanjay Suri & Divya Dutta.
- Assisted throughout post-production of the film, at various departments for the trailers, posters, DI, sound mixing and the studio mastering.

2018 - 2021

PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHER

- Covered the event 'Film Preservation & Restoration' with FIAF & Martin Scorsese's film foundation along with KIFF '19.
- Assisted the DOP at a shoot with Mr. Amitabh Bachhan.

PROJECTS

BIKAJI - KAHAANI ASLEE BIKANERI KI

SHORT FICTION FILM

- Associate DP of the short film with Mr. Satya Rai Nagpaul (ISC)

FIELD OF DREAMS

DOCU-FICTION FILM

- DP of the film
- Operated and maintained a variety of Sony camera equipment
- Contributed creative input on shot selection and scene setups, positively impacting the storytelling approach in the fictional recreation sequences
- Devised innovative measures during guerrilla shoots in Mumbai and Goa
- Advised the colourist during the DI process

SHASHIKOSH: LIFE OF DR. SS NAITHANI

NON-FICTION FILM

- Based on SS Naithani, the founder of the Hindi department of St. Xaviers College, Mumbai
- DP of the film from the 2nd schedule
- Shot using a variety of different cameras
- Experimented with light to keep a naturalistic look of the film

ICICI BANK - A DREAM COLORED WHITE

SHORT NON-FICTION FILM

- DP of the film commissioned by ICICI Bank for an inspirational series

CITI BANK - MAKERS OF INDIA

4-PART NON-FICTION SERIES

- DP of the 4 docu-films featuring Cars24 shot at Hyderabad, Gujarat, Delhi & Mumbai.
- Supervised the post-production & DI process

MASTERCARD INC.

DIGITAL AV

- Chief Assistant Director of the Mastercard film on the pre & production of the shoot.
- Directed few sequences independently

BRITANNIA MARIE GOLD

TVC & DIGITAL AD CAMPAIGN

- Chief Assistant Director of the Britannia film advertisement on pre & production of the shoot.

DIL KO RULAYA | HAYAA - SVMT

MUSIC VIDEOS

- Chief Assistant Director of 5 music videos

THE HINDU, MUMBAI

INTERNSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHER

- 8 features, 2 photo-stories based on Mumbai

PREVIOUS PROJECTS

AGRIBAZAAR - TECH POWERED AGRI

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR / 2nd UNIT DP

- Chief AD & 2nd-unit-DP of the films, shot in Mumbai and Kota introducing the use of AI & machine learning in Indian agri-ecosystem. Supervised during the post-prodcution

THE MILLIONAIRE ASIA POLO CUP

PHOTOGRAPHER / VIDEOGRAPHER

- Shot the video and photo of the India vs England & India vs Argentina Polo matches presented by Jeep, Swiss & Marriot Bonvoy, hosted by The St. Regis Mumbai at Mahalaxmi Race Course

KOLKATA BLOGGERS

PHOTOGRAPHER / BLOGGER

- Covered Holi at Mathura, Barsana & Vrindavan officially as a part of Kolkata Bloggers partnered with OYO rooms
- Photographed and covered events of US Consulate Kolkata and WiFi Street by Derek O'Brien

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Featured in 'Times of India' as 'Few Good Bloggers' of Kolkata
- Ranked as one of the top 20 photographers of Kolkata and had two public exhibitions by CamArena
- Public photography exhibition by Alliance Francaise & ICOMOS

OTHER SKILLS

- Pre-Production (development, research)
- Production (directing sequences, directing extras, coordinating & communicating between the director & other departments.)
- Script Breakdown
- Creative & Critical thinking
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Leadership
- Budgeting
- Scheduling

EDUCATION

AMITY UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI

2015 - 2018

- BA Mass Communication & Journalism, specialization in Photography & Film-making
- Was the President of the Photography Club

THE FRANK ANTHONY PUBLIC SCHOOL

2001 - 2015

- ISC Commerce
- Founded the Photography Club
- Editor of the annual school magazine
- Represented school in multiple inter-school fests and secured the 1st position in photography competitions

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Cinematic composition and camera movements
- Cinematic Lighting & Visual Storytelling
- Technological expertise & troubleshooting
- Film Direction
- Film Editing Softwares (DaVinci Resolve, FCP X)
- Colour Grading (DaVinci Resolve)
- Photography

LANGUAGES

- English (UK)
- Bengali
- Hindi
- French (Beginner)

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vimeo

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