

MITCH BOWMILE

DIRECTOR & CINEMATOGRAPHER

Director and Cinematographer specializing in unscripted films that share empowering and hopeful stories of natural history, culture, wildlife, science and exploration with exceptional visuals and journalistic integrity.

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DIRECTOR & CINEMATOGRAPHER

2021 - Present | Self-Employed - Toronto, ON

- I provide expert cinematography and direction to documentary productions around the globe with a specific focus on films that document natural history, culture, wildlife, science and exploration.
- I've brought a critical eye for both research and story development to documentary productions from Canada's subarctic to Guatemala's Peten jungle developed for both television and independent distribution.
- As a director I've worked to establish unique relationships and trust with subjects, research in-depth themes, understand critical issues through discerning reliable sources and develop quality storylines that convert to an audience's emotional resonance, all with an unwavering commitment to journalistic integrity.
- As a cinematographer I use a variety of creative methods and knowledge of industry equipment to provide an added layer of visual storytelling to the scenes I document. I specialize in a verité, run-and-gun style. My professional training in a variety of harsh outdoor environments gives me the ability to tell stories from all corners of the globe.
- I'm proficient with gimbals and stabilization systems, aerial cinematography, timelapses, and filming wildlife.

CREATIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER

2021 - Present | North Country Media House - Toronto, ON

- I develop impact films and commercial videos from creative concept to completion for a wide-range of clients with an emphasis on the environmental non-profit sector.
- I've created large-scale campaigns for organizations including NorthEastern Ontario Tourism and the Greenbelt Foundation, handling all elements of pre-production, production (including cinematography, aerial cinematography and audio mixing), and post-production (including editing, colour grading and sound design).

FREELANCE FEATURE WRITER & PHOTOGRAPHER

2021 - Present | Self-Employed - Toronto, ON

- I write detailed features, with original photography, about my expeditions, conservation, adventure and people of interest that are published in a range of magazines including Explore Magazine and Northern Ontario Travel.
- My photos have been published alongside articles in additional publications including The Globe and Mail and Rotary International Magazine.

IN-HOUSE MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST AND FEATURE WRITER

2021 - 2017 | SwimSwam News - Global

- Reported on multiple beats including international competitions, breaking news and profiles through magazine feature articles, web articles, videos and photos.
- Led the development of a Canadian news section which is still relevant today.
- Worked as the lead reporter for the 2016 Olympic Games, 2015 Pan American Games and all major Canadian competitions.
- Developed several engaging multi-page features for SwimSwam Magazine.
- Developed a web-story with over 1,000,000 views that was internationally recognized by multiple other news outlets.

DIGITAL CONTENT COORDINATOR

2021-2022 | Earth Rangers - Vaughan, ON

- Developed multimedia content on the topics of wildlife and conservation for the Earth Rangers blog, podcast, website, social media, print media, video and TV advertisements.

WILDERNESS GUIDE

2021 - Present | Contracted with various organizations - Toronto, ON

- I work with reputable outfitting and guiding companies to teach and lead a range of clients through multi-day outdoor expeditions in varied technical terrain in all four-seasons including canoe tripping and winter camping.

SENIOR SWIM & STRENGTH COACH

2016-2020 | Toronto Swim Club - Toronto, ON

- Developed seasonal swim and strength and conditioning programs for a wide-range of athletes aged 8-18 with a focus on long term athletic development, often working with members of Canada's junior national team.

EDUCATION

B.J. Bachelor of Journalism | 2017
Toronto Metropolitan University
Ross & Don MacLean Award for class of 2017's best documentary film

CERTIFICATIONS & CONTINUED EDUCATION

- Drone Pilot Certification (Basic Operations)
- 12-day Mountaineering Skills Course | Alaska Mountaineering School
- Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist | National Strength & Conditioning Association
- CPR & AED
- Introduction to Tandem Moving Water Canoe Skills
- National Lifesaving Society Lifeguard

NOTEABLE CREDITS

- Director & Location Sound Mixer | Global Heroes, It's a Beautiful World Episodes 2 & 3, (Airing 2024)
- Cinematographer | More Than 350, (In production)
- Director, Producer, Cinematographer | Conserving Catchacoma, 2022

NOTABLE PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITS

- Panelist | The Earth Sustains us | Reframe Film Festival, 2022
- Panelist & Presenter | Conserving Catchacoma at Patagonia Toronto, 2022
- Panelist & Presenter | Dying Art | Muskoka Arts & Crafts Show, 2022

SELECT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Conserving Catchacoma | Official Selection & Honourable Mention, International Migration and Environmental Film Festival 2023
- Conserving Catchacoma | Semi-Finalist, Films For the Forest 2022
- Off The Couch | Best Documentary Short, Sudbury Outdoor Adventure Reels 2022
- Sully's Tough | Best Documentary Short, Toronto Short Film Festival 2017

LINKS

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