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# DAVID UNGARO, AFC

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# BIOGRAPHY

Born in France in 1970, David Ungaro started out as a camera assistant before becoming director of photography in the late 90s. Today, he is working today on a wide variety of projects, both French and international.

David has worked on music videos, for Jamiroquai and Texas in particular, as well as on numerous commercials with directors such as Philippe André, Reynald Gresset, Paul Gore, Xavier Mairesse, Cyrille De Vignemont, Antoine Bardou-Jacquet, Luca Guadagnino, Zoe Cassavetes, Marco Gentile or Lynn Fox, for clients like Diesel, Renault, Nissan, Givenchy, Cartier, Samsung, Hugo Boss, Sony, Mercedes or even Finish, for which he was particularly noted.

He won the award for best photography at the Cristal Festival for his work on a Nissan Juke commercial, produced by Philippe André.

After a first feature film in 2007, 99 Francs, for the director Jan Kounen, David has put his authenticity and know-how to good use in no less than sixteen other films, including What's in a Name by Alexandre de la Patellière and Matthieu Delaporte, A Storm in the Stars by Haifaa al-Mansour, A Prayer before Dawn by Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire, To the Ends of the World by Guillaume Nicloux, and more recently Julius Avery's Samaritan with Sylvester Stallone, currently in post-production.

His photography on A Prayer Before Dawn was widely acclaimed at the film's premiere at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival, thanks to the "aesthetic grace" of his combat scenes, hand-shot as close as possible to reality, its sequence shots and its almost exclusive use of natural light.

# BIOGRAPHIE

Né en France en 1970, David Ungaro a débuté comme assistant caméra avant de devenir directeur de la photographie à la fin des années 90. Il travaille aujourd'hui sur une grande diversité de projets, français et internationaux.

David a ainsi travaillé sur des clips, de Jamiroquai et Texas notamment, ainsi que sur de nombreuses publicités avec des réalisateurs tels que Philippe André, Reynald Gresset, Paul Gore, Xavier Mairesse, Cyrille De Vignemont, Antoine Bardou-Jacquet, Luca Guadagnino, Zoe Cassavetes, Marco Gentile ou Lynn Fox, pour des clients comme Diesel, Renault, Nissan, Givenchy, Cartier, Samsung, Hugo Boss, Sony, Mercedes ou encore Finish, pour laquelle il a été particulièrement remarqué.

Il a remporté le prix de la meilleure photographie au Cristal Festival pour son travail sur une publicité Nissan Juke, réalisée par Philippe André.

Après un premier long métrage en 2007, 99 Francs, pour le réalisateur Jan Kounen, David a mis à profit son authenticité et son savoir-faire dans pas moins de seize autres films, dont Le Prénom de Alexandre de la Patellière et Matthieu Delaporte, Mary Shelley de Haifaa al-Mansour, Une Prière avant l'Aube de Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire, Les Confins du Monde de Guillaume Nicloux, et plus récemment Samaritan de Julius Avery avec Sylvester Stallone, actuellement en post-production.

Sa photographie sur Une prière avant l'aube a été largement acclamée lors de la première du film au festival de Cannes ainsi qu'au Festival Camérimage 2018, à la faveur de la "grâce esthétique" de ses scènes de combat, tournées caméra portée au plus près de la réalité, de ses plans séquences et de son usage quasi exclusif de lumière naturelle.

# FEATURE FILMS

## **SAMARITAN**

Directed by Julius Avery

(2021) MGM & Balboa Productions

Sylvester Stallone - Moisé Arias - Martin Starr - Natacha Karam

## **THE OWNERS**

Directed by Julius Berg

(2020) Blue Light - Logical Pictures - Wild Bunch - XYZ Films

Maisie Williams - Sylvester McCoy

## **THE BURNT ORANGE HERESY**

Directed by Giuseppe Capotondi

(2020) Ingenious Media & MJZ

Claes Bang - Elizabeth Debicki - Charles Willeford

/IN COMPETITION, VENICE FILM FESTIVAL - 2019

## **THE TURNING**

Directed by Floria Sigismondi

(2020) Amblin Entertainment - Vertigo Entertainment

McKenzie Davis - Finn Wolfhard - Brooklyn Prince

## **DONNYBROOK**

Directed by Tim Sutton

(2018) Rumble Films, BackUp Media et The Jokers

Jamie Bell - Franck Grillo - James Badge Dale

/MAIN COMPETITION, WINNER, AUSTIN FANTASTIC FESTIVAL

/IN COMPETITION, TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

## **LES CONFINS DU MONDE**

Directed by Guillaume Nicloux

(2018) Les Films du Worso

Gaspard Ulliel - Guillaume Gouix - Lang Khê Tran - Gérard Depardieu

/NOMINEE, LUMIÈRES - 2019

/WORLD PREMIERE, DIRECTORS FORTNIGHT, CANNES FILM FESTIVAL - 2018

/IN COMPETITION, GIJÓN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

/IN COMPETITION, HAMBURG FILM FESTIVAL

## **A PRAYER BEFORE DOWN (UNE PRIÈRE AVANT L'AUBE)**

Directed by Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire

(2018) Senorita Films, Indochina Productions, HanWay Films, Canal+,

Ciné+, Meridian Entertainment, Symbolic Exchange, Hurricane Film

Joe Cole - Vithaya Pansrigarm

/NOMINEE, CAMERIMAGE - 2018

/IN COMPETITION, CANNES FILM FESTIVAL - 2017

# FEATURE FILMS

## MARY SHELLEY

Directed by Haifaa Al Mansour

(2017) Gidden Media - HanWay Films - Parallel Filmst

Elle Fanning - Douglas Booth - Bel Powley - Ben Hardy - Maisie Williams  
- Tom Sturridge - Stephen Dillane - Joanne Foggatt

/IN COMPETITION, EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

/IN COMPETITION, NEUFCHÂTEL INTERNATIONAL FANTASTIC  
FILM FESTIVAL

## UN ILLUSTRE INCONNU

Directed by Matthieu Delaporte

(2014) Chapter 2 - Axone Invest - Fargo Films - Galfin Production 1/2 -

Nexus Factory - Orange studio - Pathé Production

Mathieu Kassovitz - Marie-Josée Croze

## DES MORCEAUX DE MOI

Directed by Nolwenn Lemesle

(2013) Tokib Productions

Zabou Breitman - Tchéky Karyo - Adèle Exarchopoulos

## LE PRÉNOM (WHAT'S IN A NAME)

Directed by Alexandre de la Patellière & Mat-  
thieu Delaporte

(2012) Chapter Two

Patrick Bruel - Valérie Benguigui - Charles Berling - Guillaume de  
Tonquedec

## COCO & IGOR

Directed by Jan Kounen

(2009) Eurowide Film Production - Hexagon Pictures - Canal+

Anna Mouglalis - Mads Mikkelsen

/CLOSING FILM, CANNES FILM FESTIVAL - 2009

## LA RAFLE (THE ROUND-UP)

Directed by Rose Bosch

(2009) Légende Films

Jean Reno - Mélanie Laurent - Gad Elmaleh

## 99 FRANCS

Directed by Jan Kounen

(2007) Légende Films

Jean Dujardin - Jocelyn Quivrin - Patrick Mille - Vahina Giocante - Elisa  
Tovati

# SHORT FILMS

## **EVERYTHING'S PERFECT**

Directed by Philippe André

/SEGMENT OF THE "25X25 SAATCHI@SAATCHI NDS, AN EXPERIMENT IN FILM"

/SCREENINGS 2015: MOMA NEW YORK, TATE MODERN LONDON, BRITISH FILM INSTITUTE LONDON

/CANNES LIONS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

## **CROCODILE**

Directed by G. Denis

/WINNER, CANAL PLUS SHORT FILM AWARD

/SEMAINE DE LA CRITIQUE, CANNES FILM FESTIVAL - 2014

## **DELICATE GRAVITY**

Directed by Philippe André

/JURY AWARDS, BEST OF FESTIVAL AWARD, PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL SHORT FESTIVAL - 2013

/BEST OF THE FESTIVAL AWARD, BEST FOREIGN FILM, NEVADA CITY FILM FESTIVAL - 2013

## **MÉPRISES & CONSÉQUENCES**

Directed by M. Nakache

## **À FLEUR DE PEAU - LA CHAMBRE ROUGE**

Directed by J. Granier

## **LA POINT OMEGA**

Directed by L. Hassan

## **NOTRE BESOIN DE CONSOLATION...**

Directed by Jean-François Fontanel

## **DEUX L.**

Directed by L. Bouhnik

## **LA MULE**

Directed by Jean-Stéphane Sauvaire

## **PHOTOMATON**

Directed by K.Joreige

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# MUSIC VIDEOS

**AIR**

Directed by Antoine Bardou-Jacquet

**MIRWAÏS**

Directed by Alex & Martin

**JAMIROQUAI - LITTLE L**

Directed by Stéphane Sednaoui

**MIRWAÏS**

Directed by Jean-Baptiste Mondino

**MIRWAÏS**

Directed by Christophe Navarre

**TEXAS**

Directed by Philippe André



# COMMER- CIALS

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