

# Corey J. Thomas



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## Summary

Corey J Thomas is a freelance Stills Photographer/Director of Photography/Camera Operator/Assistant Camera in TV and Film for several major networks, including National Geographic, Warner Brothers, Discovery, Sundance/AMC, Magnolia, and Food Network, to name a few. Specializing in underwater imaging. Seeking opportunities to create new content.

## Experience

### **CAMERA OPERATOR – CJ Thomas Imaging (2011 – Present)**

- Freelance DP, Camera Operator, Stills Photographer, Assistant Camera, Media Management
- Member of the Ocean Artist Society & Society of Camera Operators.
- Photo exhibitions in Miami, FL, Time Square NYC, NY, and the Louvre Museum Paris, France.

### **CAMERA & LIGHTING SPECIALIST – The Production Hive (2017- 2021)**

- Assistant Camera, Camera Operator, Director Of Photography, Production Stills Photographer
- Manage equipment and logistics for 60+ productions per month ensuring that each one has the necessary gear for a successful shoot.
- Source equipment from nationwide vendors on an as needed basis.
- Setup cameras and lighting to capture dynamic interviews.
- Operate cameras to capture content.
- Repair and maintain equipment between shoots.

### **CAMERA OPERATOR – Tennessee Smokies Baseball (2017 Season)**

- Hand-held, wireless operation of a JVC GY-HM790 PROHD
- Capturing game action, between inning activities, and fan interactions for web broadcast and home stand highlight reels of the AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs.

### **STUDIO CAMERA OPERATOR – Jewelry Television (2016 – 2017)**

- Prepare set and organized show products for live broadcast.
- Hand-held and pedestal operation of Hitachi z-hd6000 for specialty shows, such as The Morning Mix, regular sales segments, and product beauty captures.
- Operation of NXIO in a playback and image capture capacity.

### **UNDERWATER CAMERA OPERATOR – Aqua Cat Cruises (30 cruises) (2013-2014)**

- Captured and created memorable 30 minute trip videos and slideshows available for purchase on DVD at the end of each week long charter. Archive and log raw images/footage and finished products.

### **VIDEOGRAPHER – Open Aperture Productions (2011 – 2012)**

- Managed and operated multi-camera (Sony handycams and Canon 7D) shoots of legal, corporate, and wedding videos.
- Oversaw projects from pre-production through distribution.

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## Equipment Proficiencies

**Camera:** RED camera systems, Arri camera systems, Sony camera systems, Canon Camera systems, JVC GY-HM150U, JVC GY-HM790 PROHD, Hitachi z-hd6000, GoPro Hero camera systems, Garmin Action cameras, DJI action cameras, Nikon camera systems, Holga medium format, Minolta Maxxum, black & white film and print development, and the construction and use of pinhole cameras. Lens care and cleaning. Media Management.

**Lighting:** Arri tungsten fresnels, Lite Panel Astra 6x, Kinoflo Diva 400, Genaray Torpedo, Quasar tubes, Dracast 1x1 & ½ x 1, Kinoflo Celeb 200, LightMat 4+.

**Drone:** DJI Mavic Air 2

**Gimbal:** Ronin S series, Ronin M series, Zhiyun Crane 3

## Education

### **SOC Underwater Camera Operator Workshop**

**October 2022**

Hands on operating experience with Hydroflex Inc. underwater housings under the instruction of Pete Romano, Braden Haggerty, Jamie Alac, and Bill McClelland.

### **Cornell University/University of Queensland**

**August 2016**

Certificate course BIOEE101x: Sharks! Global Biodiversity, Biology, and Conservation.

### **Maritime Coastal Academy**

**April 2014**

Master of Yachts 200 ton Limited and VHF Radio Operator licenses.

### **National Association of Underwater Instructors**

**April 2012**

NAUI Scuba Instructor #54258 with specialties in underwater photo & video, nitrox, deep, and wreck diving.

### **East Carolina University**

**May 2011**

B.S. in Communications, Media Production Minor in Art & Design