

# Russell Gienapp - Documentary Cinematographer / Director

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## Factual Credits

- **"How I Got Here"**  
**DOP / OP / Director - Varicam LT**  
Producer: Forte Ent. / BYU-TV  
Director: Various  
9 x :55 documentary series following a parent and child as they travel to the parent's home country to experience the culture and history.
- **"Company Town"**  
**DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K**  
Producer: Nomad Films / CBC (POV)  
Director: Peter Findlay  
1hr doc on the closing of the Oshawa GM assembly plant after 100 years of operation.
- **"Extreme Ice Machines"**  
**Director / DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K**  
Producer: Architect Films / Discovery  
Director: Various  
Doc series on machines made for use in extreme winter conditions and the people who love to operate them.
- **"Natures Clean-up Crew"**  
**DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K**  
Producer: Kensington Films  
CBC (Nature of Things)  
Director: Robin Bicknell  
Natural history documentary filming raccoons and opossum in Toronto.
- **"Under New Management"**  
**DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K**  
Producer: Proper Entertainment  
CBC  
Director: Kim Harris  
1/2hr series with Arlene Dickinson as she helps entrepreneurs buy a new business.
- **"Third Dive"**  
**DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K**  
Producer: Dam Builders / CBC (POV)  
Director: Robert Osborn  
1hr investigative doc on the death of environmental activist and filmmaker Rob Stuart.
- **"Political Blind Date"**  
**Season I ,II, III, IV, V**  
**DOP - Varicam LT**  
Producer: Nomad Films  
Cellar Door / TVO  
Director: Mark Johnston  
Doc series bringing two opposing politicians together for two days.  
**2019 Canadian Screen Award Nomination - Best Factual Series**
- **"17 and Life Doesn't Wait"**  
**DOP / OP - FS7**  
Producer: Makin Movies / TVO  
Director: Maureen Judge  
1hr doc following high school age girls.
- **"The Shadow of Gold"**  
**DOP / OP - Sony/4K**  
Producer: Kensington Films  
TVO  
Director: Denis Delestrac  
Feature doc on the human and environmental costs of gold.
- **"The Kingdom" Nature of Things**  
**DOP / OP - Varicam LT/4K**  
Producer: Real to Reel Prod / CBC  
Director: Anna Maria Talas, Simon Nasht  
1hr Natural History Doc - The world of fungi and how it shaped the world.  
**2019 Canadian Screen Awards Rob Stewart Award for Best Science or Nature Documentary Program**
- **"Much too Young"**  
**Co-Director / DOP - FS7**  
Producer: Nomad Films / TVO  
Directors: Chris Wynn / Russell Gienapp  
Feature length doc about four families coping with young onset Alzheimers.  
**2018 Canadian Screen Awards Nomination - Best Documentary"**
- **Much too Young VR"**  
**Director / DOP - Nokia OZO**  
Producer: Digital Generals / TVO  
Director: Russell Gienapp  
4 x 4min 360VR documentary

- **"Hello/Goodbye" Sony F5 DOP / OP**  
 Producer: Pivotal Media /CBC  
 Director: Mitch Gaborie / Various  
 10 x 1/2hr series of personal stories found at Pearson International Airport.
- **"The Nature of Things DOP / OP - Sony FS7**  
 Producer: Nomad Films / CBC  
 Director: Mark Johnston  
 "Giraffes - Gentle Giants": 1hr natural history doc on Giraffes. Filmed in Kenya.
- **"Puffin Patrol" Phantom Flex DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Rock Yenta / CBC  
 (Nature of Things)  
 Director: Scott Dobson  
 1000 fps of puffins in flight for one hour doc -
- **"March to the Pole" Sony F5 Co-Director / Cinematographer**  
 Producer: Muse Entertainment / History  
 Canadian veterans on arctic expedition
- **"Payday" (Reno) DOP / OP - FS7**  
 Producer: Vice (Viceland)  
 Director: Ben Addelman  
 1hr doc - Young adults making a living.
- **"Disabled American Veterans" DOP/OP - Sony F5**  
 Producer/Director: Mark Johnston  
 3 x 2:00 DTV commercial docs for US broadcast
- **"MightyShips" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: EPI / Discovery Canada  
 Director: Nora Pratt  
 Life aboard the newest Great Lakes bulk cargo carriers.
- **"Cold Water Cowboys" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Paperney / Discovery Canada  
 Director:Various
- 13 x 1hr series following Newfoundland fishermen
- **"Deadly by Design" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Linda Stregger / CBC  
 Director: Jaime Escallon  
 1hr Doczone on illegal synthetic drugs
- **"The Polar Sea" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Primitive Ent . / Arte  
 Director: Dylan Riebling  
 Hershel Island /Arctic permafrost carbon
- **"Nawaz Sharif" Arri Alexa DOP/OP**  
 Agency: Leo Burnett  
 Director: Mark Johnston  
 1 x 10 min commercial Pakistani political doc shot in Lahore Pakistan
- **"Carpe Diem" The Nature of Things DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Rock Yenta / CBC  
 Director: Scott Dobson  
 one hour doc - Asian Carp invasion in North America
- **"FightExchange" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Nomad Films / SuperChannel  
 Director: Mark Johnston  
 10 X 30 2 camera doc series on young MMA fighters
- **"Life Story Project" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Corus Entertainment / OWN  
 Director:Various 10 X 30
- **"You Gota Eat Here" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Lone Eagle / Food Network  
 Director: Jim Morrison  
 13 x 30 food series on diners in Canada
- **"Undercover Boss" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Alliance / W Network  
 Director:Various  
 2 camera series about CEO's working in the trenches
- **"World's WorstMom" DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Cineflix / TLC  
 Director:Various

2 camera series on overprotective parents

- **"Cash & Cari" Season 1** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Cineflix / HGTV USA  
Director: Dennis Beauchamp  
13 X 30 2 camera lifestyles/reality series
- **"National Parks Project"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Primitive Entertainment / Discovery  
Director: Michael Downie, Jeff Thrasher  
**Gemini Award, 2011**  
**Best Performing Arts**
- **"MightyShips"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: EPI / Discovery  
Director: Henry Ten Cate  
Offshore oil production off the coast of Brazil
- **"Church of Elvis"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Summerhill / Vision  
Director: Scott Dobson  
3 X 60 doc series exploring the spiritual life of Elvis
- **"Real Stories-Jaws"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Proper Television  
Director: Leora Eisen
- **"Dive Detectives"** **HD/SCUBA**  
**DOP/OP**  
Producer: Yap / Nat Geo / History  
Director: Various  
6 X 60 solving underwater mysteries in Southeast Asia, Europe, Caribbean and the Great Lakes  
**2010 Gemini nomination - Best History Documentary Program**
- **"Firejammers"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer:Yap / Discovery  
Director: Michael Morrow  
**2010 Gemini - Best Performing Arts Documentary**
- **"Gold Medal Plates"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Lively Media / CTV  
Director:Various  
7 x 1hr 6 camera Cooking Competition
- **"A Murder of Crows"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Qfilms / CBC (Nature of Things)  
Director: Susan Fleming  
one hour natural history doc on crows
- **"Bikers" Outlaws** **DOP/OP**  
Producer:Wall to Wall / E1  
Director:Tom Willis
- **"Out in the Cold"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Real 2 Reel / Discovery Channel  
Director: Herrie ten Cate  
Series on working in extreme cold environments
- **"Iris Chang Story"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Real 2 Reel  
Director: Anne Pick / Bill Spahic -  
Feature docudrama shot in North America and China
- **"NineLives"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: EPI / Discovery Channel  
Director: Nadine Pequenezza  
1 hr "Nelson Mandela" shot in South Africa
- **"Pretty Dangerous"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Summerhill / Global  
Director:Various  
**2007 Gemini Nomination - Best Photography Information Program**
- **"Seeds of Sedition"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: Real 2 Reel / CBC "The Lens"  
Director: Nick Wilson  
1 hour doc on cannabis activism
- **"Murders that Shook the World"** **DOP/OP**  
Producer: IWC Media / Discovery  
Director: Andy Webb  
1hr Doc/Drama on serial killer BTK

- **"SPAM" The Documentary** **DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Chocolate Box Ent . / CBC  
 Director: David Manning  
 1 hr . Documentary on the fight against Spam email  
**2007 Gemini nomination - Science, Tech & Nature program**
- **"Mayday III & IV"** **DOP/OP**  
**Documentary and Drama Unit**  
 Producer: Cineflix - National Geographic, Discovery  
 Director: Various Shot in Africa, Europe, Asia, & North America
- **"Chef's Domain"** **DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Lively Media / Discovery World  
 Director: Various  
 2 of 8 x 1hr eps following a Chef's journey field/plate
- **"Men of the Deeps" 16mm** **OP**  
 Producer: Terry Greenlaw, John Walker, NFB / CTV  
 Director/DOP: John Walker  
 1hr doc in Cape Breton -  
**2004 Geminis - Best Photography in a Documentary**
- **"Cecil's Journey"** **HDCam**  
**DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Peter d'Entremont, Kent Martin (NFB)  
 Director: Cecil Fernando  
**2003 Gemini Nomination - Best Biography Documentary**
- **"Mystery Hunters"** **DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Jonathon Finkelstein / Discovery Kids  
 Directors: Jean-Louis Cote & Eli Gorn  
**2003 Gemini Nomination - Best Photography Information Program**
- **"The Last Just Man"** **DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Barna Alper / History  
 Director: Steven Silver  
 Feature length doc shot in Rwanda, Africa  
**2002 Gemini - Best History Documentary**
- **"Where's My Chance?"** **DOP/OP**  
 Producer: Courter Films and Assoc . / PBS  
 Director: Phil Courter  
**Regional Emmy Award Best Documentary**

### *Skills and Certifications*

- *US/Canada Dual Citizen*
- *Extreme Conditions (arctic, tropical, marine, etc)*
- *Level II (Secret) Clearance - Government of Canada*
- *International Travel*
- *Underwater Cinematography*
- *Aerial Cinematography*