

MANI BLAXTER PALIWALA

FOCUS PULLER / 1st ASSISTANT CAMERA

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FREELANCE 1ST CAMERA ASSISTANT WITH 20+ YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN HETV, WORKING ACROSS COMEDY, CRIME, SCI-FI AND PERIOD DRAMA. DEEPLY COMMITTED TO STORYTELLING AND THE COLLABORATIVE PROCESS OF FILMMAKING, I STRIVE TO CREATE INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS WHERE CREWS CAN THRIVE AND DELIVER THEIR BEST WORK.

PRODUCTION	DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPY	TECHNICAL	TRAILERS
BLOOMERS (2025) A camera Wales Unit Sister Pictures/ Apple TV	Suzie Lavelle	ARRI ALEXA 35 EXTREME, ARRI 416, BOLEXH16mm, K35 primes	Not yet available
BOARDERS (2025) Studio Lambert/BBC 3	Yinka Edward Ewan Mulligan	ARRI ALEXA 35 ARRI Master Primes	https://youtu.be/ZEE2fq_mTD0?feature=shared
YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES (2025) Motive Pictures	Matt Winton	SONY Venice 2 Panaspeed Primes	Not yet available.
APOLLO HAS FALLEN (2025) A camera second unit Urban Myth Films	Caroline Bridges Adam Etherington	ARRI Alexa 35 Hawks V-Lite Anamorphic Primes	Not yet available.
CLOSE (Pilot) (2024) A camera Avalon	David Rom	ARRI Alexa 35 Caldwell Chameleon Anamorphic	Not yet available
THE FAMOUS FIVE (2024) A camera Moonage Picture/BBC	Ewan Mulligan Caroline Bridges	ARRI Alexa mini LF Leitz Hugo Primes, Augenieux Optimo Primes	https://youtube.com/shorts/SymGI-wClpU?feature=shared
THE FORSYTE SAGA (2024) A Camera second unit Mammoth Screen	Simon Archer	ARRI Alexa 35 Signature primes 3rd Camera Operator	https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1EtsfCdMrE/?mibextid=UaIRPS
THE ROAD TRIP (2023) A Camera Paramount +	Oliver Curtis Catherine Derry	SONY VENICE 4K Zeiss Supreme Primes Atlas Orion Anamorphic Primes	https://youtu.be/WHYVqvUTB5Q?feature=shared
RIVALS (2023) A camera second unit Happy Prince/ Disney+	John Lynch Mark Nutkins Carlos Catalan	ARRI mini LF 3.2K UHD Gecko Genesis 35 Vintage primes, Cannon K35s & Rangefinders	https://youtu.be/VkiwhYkz20Q?feature=shared
THE WAY (2023) Red Seam/Littledoor	Bobby Shore	ARRI Mini 3.4K Zeiss Super Speeds & Ultra Speeds Additional photography	https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fYGscmdJX2A
SEX EDUCATION (2023) Starco TV/Netflix	Arthur Mulhern Andy McDonnell	SONY Venice Augenieux Optimo Primes	https://youtu.be/WldgrH9SvbE?feature=shared
THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT (2022) Kudos	Rik Zang	ARRI Mini LF ARRI Signature Primes	https://youtu.be/w83lXy-Sktw?feature=shared
SANDITON (2019-2021) Red Planet	Maja Zamojda David Raedeker Emily Almond Barr Ewan Mulligan	ARRI Mini Cooke S4s Additional photography	https://youtu.be/Cw9DpG2_Va8?feature=shared
THE LONG CALL (2021) ITV (TLC) ltd	Bjørn Bratburg	SONY Venice Cooke Anamorphic	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAbOQ_h_7Jk
THE SPANISH PRINCESS (2017-2019) New Pictures	Maja Zamojda Stefan Ciupek Ian Moss Joel Devlin	SONY Venice 5.7K ARRI Signature Primes Phantom Flex Cinifade Additional Photography	https://youtu.be/xQp27JgzJpg?feature=shared
POLDARK (2016-2018) A Camera Mammoth Screen	Mark Waters Simon Archer Nick Dance James Aspinall David Rom	ARRI Alexa SXT/Mini Cooke S4s Cinifade Additional photography	https://youtu.be/MnC_Q9d5rhQ?feature=shared

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Other CREDITS

SKINS, FRANKIE, AGATHA RASIN, WIZARDS VS. ALIENS, TROLLIED, CLASS, CARA FI, BAKER BOYS, REIT TU OL I TI, ACCESS ALL AREAS, THE SARAH JANE ADVENTURES, TORCHWOOD

MUSIC VIDEOS

“RING-A-RING O’ ROSES”- CHARLOTTE GAINSBOROUGH. 2017 ([HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/OMW-gkTrj4A?si=MPPopJP-FCG12PCg](https://youtu.be/OMW-gkTrj4A?si=MPPopJP-FCG12PCg))

“RING THE ALARM”- SONG BY AURORA, TOMORA, AND THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS. 2025 ([HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/JL-B1cFFwLU](https://youtu.be/JL-B1cFFwLU))

DAILIES

THE DREAMLANDS, BAD APPLES, INHERITANCE, THE SCURRY, TRUE LOVE, KIRI, THE TRIAL OF CHRISTINE KEELER, THIRTEEN, THE PURSUIT OF LOVE, HIS DARK MATERIALS, GAME OF THRONES, BEING HUMAN, SHERLOCK, DOCTOR WHO, THE LAST BUS, THE CASUAL VACANCY

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY
- EXCELLENT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS
- RESOURCEFUL TEAM PLAYER WHO EXCELS AT BUILDING TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS AS PART OF A FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE CAMERA TEAM
- EXTENSIVE WORK IN TELEVISION DRAMA INCLUDING VISUAL FX, SPECIAL FX, PERIOD DRAMA AND STUNT SEQUENCES
- BRITISH ASIAN WHO VALUES AND ENCOURAGES DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING

- 2ND ASSISTANT CAMERA: DOCTOR WHO, TORCHWOOD, CASUALTY, CAPE WRATH, BARKING
- CAMERA TRAINEE: TEACHERS, ASSISTANT TO SAM MCCURDY AND ANDY HOLLIS
- HIRE ASSISTANT FILMS@59: ASSISTANT TO GORDON LEICESTER AND DAVID WRIDE
- BA/HONS DEGREE: THEATRE, FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL



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