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BIOGRAPHY:

Carl Bessai is based in Vancouver and Los Angeles. His work as both a Director of Photography and Director represents a broad cross-section of genres and styles and has played to audiences around the world.

FEATURE FILM - DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY CREDITS:

IN HER CITY

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2020, feature, drama DCP, 90 min.

Whistler Film Festival, Cinequest

Stephanie Gong, Natalia Bushnik, Dakota Ray Hebert

Shoreline Releasing

Ravenwest Productions Inc.

Whistler Borsos Award Nomination

THE LEARS

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2018, feature, comedy-drama DCP, 99min

Nashville, Orlando, Virginia

Bruce Dern, Anthony Michael Hall, Sean Astin, Aly Michalka

Neoclassics Films, Vertical Entertainment

The Lears LLC

Irish Academy Award, Orlando Film Festival Award, Nashville Film Festival Award

BAD CITY

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2014, feature, comedy DCP, 95 min.

Whistler Film Festival, Cinequest, Oldenburg

Dustin Milligan, Aaron Brooks, David Cubitt, Amanda Crew

Raven West Films Ltd.

Raven West Productions Inc.

Oldenburg Independent Spirit Award Nomination

SISTERS&BROTHERS

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2011, feature, comedy-drama 35mm, 95 min.

Toronto International Film Festival

Cory Monteith, Dustin Milligan, Gabrielle Miller, Amanda Crew

Myriad Pictures (US)/PNP (CAN)

Raven West Films

BC Leo Awards Best Cinematography Nomination

REPEATERS

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2010, feature, thriller 35mm, 100 min.

TIFF 2010, VIFF 2010

Dustin Milligan, Amanda Crew, Richard de Klerk

The Film Sales Company (World)/ Alliance Releasing (CAN)

Rampart Films, Resonance Films, Raven West Films

BC Leo Awards Best Cinematography Nomination

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FATHERS&SONS

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2010, feature, comedy-drama 35mm, 88 min.

EIFF 2010, VIFF 2010, Festival de Nouveau Cinema 2010

Ben Ratner, Jay Brazeau, Tyler Labine, Stephen Lobo

Kinosmith (CAN) Shoreline Entertainment (World)

Raven West Films, Resonance Films

EIFF Best Canadian Feature, Vancouver Critics Circle Award

COLE

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2009, feature, drama 35mm, 100 min.

TIFF 2009, Busan 2009, Santa Cruz 2010, Moscow 2010

Richard de Klerk, Kandyse McClure, Sonja Bennett

IFC Films (US) Filmsales Company (Sales)

Rampart Films, Resonance Films, Raven West Films

Best Canadian Feature – Atlantic Festival, Moscow Film Festival Critics award

BC Leo Awards Best Cinematography Nomination, Canadian Academy Nomination

MOTHERS&DAUGHTERS 2008, feature, comedy-drama 35mm, 85 min.

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

TIFF 2008, Busan 2008, Seattle 2009, Berlin 2009

Gabrielle Rose, Tantoo Cardinal, Babz Chula

Kinosmith (CAN), IFC Films (US)

Raven West Films

VIFF – Audience Award, CIFF Jury prize, Canadian Academy Nomination

NORMAL

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

2007, feature, drama 35mm, 100 min.

TIFF 2007, Busan 2007

Carrie-Anne Moss, Kevin Zegers, Callum Keith Rennie

Mongrel Media(CDN), Bankside (World)

Raven West Films, Submission Films, Brightlight Pictures

VIFF Best Canadian Feature Film, BC Leo Awards – Best Cinematography Nomination, Canadian Academy Award

UNNATURAL&ACCIDENTAL - 2006, feature, drama 35mm, 90 min.

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Company:

Awards/Nominations:

TIFF 2006, Museum of Modern Art - NY (06)

Tantoo Cardinal, Carmen Moore, Callum Keith Rennie

Odeon (CDN), Shoreline (World)

Raven West Films

VIFF Jury Award, BC Leo Awards Best Cinematography, Canadian Academy Award, American Indian Fest Nominations

EMILE

Selected Screenings:

Cast:

Distribution/Sales:

Production Companies:

Awards/Nominations:

2003, feature, drama, 35mm, 95 min.

TIFF (03), Busan (03), Vancouver (03), Methodfest (04)

Ian McKellen, Deborah Kara Unger

Seville Pictures (CDN), Redbus (UK), Madman (AUS/NZ), Castle Hill/Monarch (US), Voltage (World)

Raven West Films, Meltemi Productions (UK)

BC Leo Awards Best Cinematography, Canadian Academy Nominations, Methodfest Award

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TELEVISION CINEMATOGRAPHY CREDITS

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| ASHBRIDGE | Cinematography | 2019 – TV short drama series (3 episodes) CBC GEM Digital <u>Producer:</u> Munire Armstrong <u>Awards:</u> Leo Nomination for best Web series |
| INDIE TRUTH – AN INQUIRY INTO THE DOCUMENTARY | Cinematography | 2001, documentary, 43 min., various formats Broadcast: Independent Film Channel (Canada/USA) <u>Production Company:</u> Paperny Films <u>Awards:</u> Bronze Plaque - Columbus |
| OUT OF ORBIT | Cinematography | 2000, documentary, 43 min., various formats Broadcast: CBC (Canada) Film Festivals: San Francisco (00) ,It's All True (00) <u>Production Company:</u> Pictures of Light Inc. <u>Awards:</u> Silver Spire – San Francisco Film Festival (2000) |

SELECTED SHORT FILM CINEMATOGRAPHY CREDITS

THE CLOSER YOU GET TO CANADA (2010) - Dir. John Bolton

VALENTINES (2008) – Dir. John Bolton

RUGGED RICH AND THE ONA ONA (2004) – Dir. Eric Finkel

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