

NAYS BAGHAI

INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER.
UNDERWATER CREATIVE.

1. PROFILE

Nays Baghai is an independent filmmaker and underwater cameraman based in Sydney, Australia. Inspired by David Attenborough, Martin Scorsese and Stanley Kubrick as a youngster, Nays commenced his filmmaking career in 2013, and his passion has not wavered since.

As a storyteller, Nays is drawn to character-driven stories in the documentary and science fiction genres, and his disciplines include directing, producing, writing, cinematography and editing. As a videographer, he has a strong background in the corporate, diving and music sectors, and can work both autonomously and in filmmaking teams. He is known for his professionalism, attention to detail, versatility and enthusiasm, and currently works as the Creative Director of Running Cloud Productions.

Nays is also one of Australia's few underwater cinematographers who is experienced in both freediving, scuba diving and rebreather diving. He can dive to 40m both with and without tanks, can hold his breath for five minutes, and is experienced in shark and cold water diving.

2. LONG FORM WORK

2020 - *DESCENT* - (documentary feature, 65 mins)

Dutch ice freediver Kiki Bosch dives in the world's coldest waters without a wetsuit as therapy for the trauma of sexual assault, and to inspire others.

Film festival highlights:

- Sydney Film Festival (winner of the Best Documentary Award)
- Raindance Film Festival
- Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Film Festival
- International Ocean Film Festival
- EBS Documentary Festival
- Reykjavik International Film Festival
- Maui International Film Festival
- Dutch Mountain Film Festival

Distribution:

- CAT&Docs (international) - broadcast rights sold in South Korea, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Israel
- Madman Entertainment (ANZ) - available to rent on Amazon Prime, DocPlay and Garage Entertainment, with a limited theatrical run in 2020
- Screen Australia - development grant for documentary series expansion

2023 - *JILL HEINERTH: ROOM TO BREATHE* - (documentary feature, 100 mins, upcoming)

Jill Heinerth is one of the greatest living cave diving explorers, and faces nail baiting challenges and risks to go where no man or woman has gone before. (Currently in production)

3. SELECTED CLIENTS

UNDERWATER IMAGING

- Australian Film Television & Radio School
- Channel 9 News
- Cressi
- DeeperBlue
- Destination NSW
- Master Liveboards
- Molchanovs Freediving
- Northern Beaches Council
- Rodney Fox Shark Expeditions
- Rolex
- SBS
- Sony Alpha Australia
- Sydney Institute Of Marine Science
- Taylors Wine
- Tourism Australia

4. EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (Screen Production)

Australian Film Television & Radio School - 2018

Cinematography Training - One-On-One

Pieter De Vries, ACS - 2017

Higher School Certificate (ATAR of 98.1)

International Grammar School - 2015

6. DIVING CERTIFICATIONS

PADI Freediving Instructor

PADI Master Scuba Diver

PADI Deep Diver

PADI Night Diver

EFR Instructor

SDI Rescue Diver

RAID JJ-CCR Rebreather Level 1 Diver

8. CONTACT DETAILS

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VIDEOGRAPHY

- Alchemy Growth Partners
- Australian Cinematographers Society
- Clipped Music Video Festival
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Forsyth Real Estate
- High Resolves
- Innovaid
- Maldives Whale Shark Research Program
- Kyokushin World Federation
- The Pressure Project
- Professional Beauty
- Raine & Horne
- Rodney Fox Shark Expeditions
- Telstra
- TUSA

5. INTERSHIPS

Deloitte - 2013

Channel 7 - 2014

Showcase - 2014

Walt Disney Company - 2015

Chief Entertainment - 2016

GoodOil Films - 2016

Beyond Productions - 2018

7. SHORT FILM AWARDS

- **Grand Jury Prize** (Robin Anderson Film Awards, 2015, 2013)
- **Best Student Film** (Calgary International Film Festival 2015)
- **Official Selection** (FlickerFest, Philadelphia Independent Awards, Portuguese Independent Music Film Festival 2016)

9. REFERENCES

Jim Whitaker (Walt Disney Company)

Eero Heinonen (ArtSlow)

Jill Heinerth (Into The Planet)

Cody Jarrett (AFTRS)