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MICHAEL TESSARI

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

WINNER OF THE MILTON INGERSON AWARD FOR BEST OVERALL ENTRY IN 2017, AUSTRALIAN CINEMATOGRAPHERS SOCIETY AWARDS

WINNER OF THE CLIFF ELLIS AWARD FOR CINEMATOGRAPHER WITH THE MOST POTENTIAL, AUSTRALIAN CINEMATOGRAPHERS SOCIETY AWARDS

GOLD AWARD FOR "AWOKEN", AUSTRALIAN CINEMATOGRAPHERS SOCIETY AWARDS - FEATURE FILMS OVER \$2M

GOLD AWARD for "In the Wake", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Short Films
*GOLD AWARD for "City of Adelaide - Creative City", Australian Cinematographers Society
Awards - Advertising - Local*

GOLD AWARD for "Release", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Short Films

*GOLD AWARD for "BlackChrome", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Advertising
(National / International)*

GOLD AWARD for "Isis", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Student Cinematography

SILVER AWARD for "Losing Breath- W.M.N", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Music Video

SILVER AWARD for "City Living", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Corporate Video

BRONZE AWARD for "AMSA", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Advertising (Local / Regional)

BRONZE AWARD for "Stuck In Time", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Documentary

BIO

Michael Tessari is an Adelaide based cinematographer or Director of Photography/DOP working Australia wide since he graduated university with honours in cinematography in 2012. In 2013 Michael was awarded the Cliff Ellis Award for the young cinematographer in the industry showing the most potential. Building upon that acknowledgement, over the following years he worked as DP on some of the biggest commercials, music videos and narrative short films to hit the state. In 2017 Michael had the honour of being awarded the prestigious Milton Ingerson Award by the Australian Cinematographers Society for the best overall entry of the year for SA and WA. Michael followed that success up with his debut feature film, Director of Photography role on the \$2.7M film Awoken. Awoken was released internationally in 2020, across Australia in 2021 and earned Michael a Gold Award at the Australian Cinematographers Society awards. Awoken was one of three Gold Awards Michael received that year, alongside his campaign for Adelaide City and work on the short film In the Wake. Michael has a drive for dramatic story telling and a love for cinema. Using his renowned skills and abilities he brings a high level of production value and style to any project he is attached to.

NARRATIVE AND DRAMA CREDITS

TITLE	GENRE	DIRECTOR	PRODUCER/COMPANY	FORMAT	YEAR
Awoken	Feature Film	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Pictures	ALEXA MINI	2019 *ACS GOLD WINNER*
The Last Elephant	Short Film	Joho Lyons-Reid	Piri Eddy	ALEXA MINI	2021
Furbulous	ABC Pilot	Leela Varghese	Kate Butler	ALEXA MINI	2021
Butterfly	Short Film	Stephen DeVilliers	Chloe Gardner	ALEXA MINI	2020
In the Wake	Short Film	Steph Jaclyn	Jodie Kirkbride	ALEXA MINI	2019 *ACS GOLD WINNER*
Treasure	Short Film	Robbie Greenwell	Robbie Greenwell	ALEXA MINI	2019
Candle Crush	Short Film	Leela Varghese	Leela Varghese	ALEXA MINI	2019 *TROPFEST FINALIST*
Carries doing Great	Short Film	Bryce C & Alex S	Morgan Wright	ALEXA MINI	2019
WILD	Short Film	Kiara Milera	Bonnie McBride	ALEXA MINI	2018
Release	Short Film	Daniel J Phillips	Sinead Osborne	ALEXA MINI	2017 *Best in SA/WA 2017*
Polaris	Music Video	Michael Williamson	Mike Williamson	ALEXA MINI	2018
Losing Breath	Music Video	Michael Williamson	Mike Williamson	ALEXA MINI	2018 *ACS SILVER WINNER*
To Find Her	Music Video	Michael Williamson	Mike Williamson	ALEXA MINI	2017
III Accept	Music Video	Michael Williamson	Mike Williamson	ALEXA MINI	2017
Stuck in Time	Micro Doc	Stephen DeVilliers	Beyond Content	SONY FS7	2018 *ACS BRONZE WINNER*

ADVERTISING AND BRANDING CREDITS

TITLE	GENRE	DIRECTOR	PRODUCER/COMPANY	FORMAT	YEAR
Fruit Fly awareness	TVC	Amy Gordon	Rowdy Group	ALEXA MINI	2021
ICC Women's World Cup	Branding	Phill Moule	KOJO SPORT	ALEXA MINI	2020
Music SA	Branding	Michael Tessari	Michael Tessari	ALEXA MINI	2020
Bickfords- CleanSA	Branding	Phill Moule	КОЈО	ALEXA MINI	2020
Suzuki in the City	TVC	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2020
Mazda	TVC	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2020
Free Dockers- Hype	Branding	Phill Moule	KOJO SPORT	ALEXA MINI	2019
Adelaide Strikers	Branding	Phill Moule	KOJO SPORT	ALEXA MINI	2019
MOD - Seven Siblings	Museum Installation	Daniel Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2019
MINELAB	International Campaigr	n Stephen DeVilliers	Beyond Content	ALEXA MINI	2019
City of Adelaide - Creative City	Branding	Michael Tessari	Michael Tessari	ALEXA MINI	2019 *ACS GOLD WINNER*
SA Health - Connecting Care	Web Campaign	Mike Williamson	Mixed Mediums	ALEXA MINI	201
City of Adelaide - City Living	Branding	Johanis Lyons-Reid	Michael Tessari	ALEXA MINI	2020
Dept Transport/ Infrastructure	Branding	Stephen DeVilliers	Beyond Content	SONY	2019
CNPC - Myanmar	TVC	Stephen DeVilliers	Skyward Films	RED	2019

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Adelaide Symphony Orchestra	TVC	David T & Emma M	Red Fox Films	ALEXA MINI	2018	
St Hallet Winery	Branding	Dan P & Marcus M	Cinêmachè	ALEXA MINI	2018	
Uni SA - B part of It	Branding	Michael Tessari	Michael Tessari	ALEXA MINI	2018	
SA Health - Modernising Health	Web Campaign	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2018	
AnD - Protex	International Campaign	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2018	
MIFSA	Branding	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	
Chemist Warehouse	TVC	Stephen Devilliers	Beyond Content	SONY	2017	
Foster Care SA	Branding	Ron Furner	VisionNation	CANON		2017
Brand SA - Adelaide Oval	Branding	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	
BlackChrome	International Campaign	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	*ACS GOLD WINNER*
DECD-Schools as Communities	Web Campaign	Mike Williamson	Mixed Mediums	SONY	2017	
TAFE SA	Branding	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	
Caravan Camping Assoc	TVC	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	
Coopers Brewery	Branding	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	