



James Elias

Steadicam Owner / Operator

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SUMMARY

I started my career over 17 years ago at Tiffen Steadicam and have gone on to become a skilled and versatile Steadicam Operator - one of few who are comfortable working with the demands of both Drama and Commercial shooting as well as Live Television.

FULL BIO

I had a fascination with moving images ever since I was young and blew my savings on a VHS-C camcorder and started making short films with my family and friends. I learnt of the existence of Steadicam when I was 12, this was before the internet was ubiquitous, so started studying photos in books and behind the scenes video clips of the device in action and attempting to make my own from broken tripods and elastic suspensions... but the contraption never quite worked! I eventually splashed out some savings at 15 to buy a second-hand Steadicam JR, the JR was the first handheld camcorder stabilising system to be based on Steadicam technology and it gave me my first true taste of Steadicam.

After studying Broadcast Television Operations, I started my professional career over 17 years ago at Tiffen Steadicam working alongside the legendary Oscar-winning Steadicam Inventor, **Garrett Brown**. Whilst there, I became a Steadicam instructor teaching and assisting all over Europe for organisations such as YLE Television in Finland, DR (Danish Broadcasting Corporation), BBC Training and Development in the UK and Filmbase in Ireland. I developed a two day course format bringing the "Bronze" Steadicam training workshop to the UK and Europe for the first time. I was also heavily involved in the day to day running of Steadicam, preparing equipment, maintaining parts, giving film school demos, and liaising with operators providing technical support. In addition, I spent nearly two months at the Steadicam Facility in Glendale, California learning to build and service certain mechanical components of the rigs such as stages, gimbals, and the latest generation of arms.

After 4 years, I left to begin my freelance career as a Steadicam Operator. Since then, I've gained a large variety of credits; including the BAFTA and Emmy-nominated Channel 4 / Netflix comedy drama "**The End of the F***ing World**"; music videos for artists such as **The Vamps**, **McFly**, **Rag 'n' Bone Man**, and **Busted**; and many live broadcasts for the **BBC** during the EU Referendum and subsequent General Election campaign.

I have credits spanning **Drama**, **Commercials**, **Promos**, and **Live Television** - one of few who can comfortably work in all the disciplines. I enjoy the unique challenges of all genres. My ultimate aim is to help deliver the vision of the DP and Director, whatever the challenge may be.

I own a top of the range Steadicam rig suitable for any professional HD Broadcast, Film or Digital Cinema camera.

EDUCATION

Broadcast Operations and Production - Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication, Kent, UK
Tiffen Steadicam Trained - BBC Training and Development, Wood Norton, UK & SOA Workshop, Atlanta, GA, USA
Additional Technical, Assembly and Maintenance Training - Tiffen Steadicam Factory, Glendale, CA, USA

EQUIPMENT

Top of the range Steadicam rig, including:

// GPI PRO CineLive Sled
// Tiffen Steadicam Volt
// 2x GPI PRO Arms (Titan and Atlas)
// Walter Klassen Universal Harness
// Transvideo 8" CineMonitorHD X-SBL
// Walter Klassen Vehicle Mount
// Axis1 Single Channel LCS

SHOWREEL

To view my online showreel, please visit: JamesElias.com





SELECTED NARRATIVE CREDITS

	Director / DOP	Production Company
The End Of The F***ing World	Jonathan Entwistle, Lucy Tcherniak / Justin Brown, Ben Fordesman	Clerkenwell Films for Channel 4/Netflix
Baby Reindeer (Edinburgh unit)	Weronika Tofiliska / Krzysztof Trojnar	Clerkenwell Films for Netflix
Tuesday (Dailies)	Daina O. Pusić / Alexis Zabé AMC, ASC	A24 / BBC Film
The Rising (Dailies) (B cam/Steadicam)	Carl Tibbetts / James Rhodes	Sky Studios
Father Brown	Jo Hallows / Nick Cox	BBC Studios
Ellie and Natasia	Simon Bird / Ed Tucker	CPL for BBC Three
Doctor Who: Revolution of the Daleks (Dailies)	Lee Haven Jones / Luke Bryant	BBC Studios
Saint Maud (Dailies)	Rose Glass / Ben Fordesman	Film4 / BFI Film / Canal+
Trollied: The Wedding (Christmas Special)	Paul Murphy / Luke Bryant	Roughcut for Sky One
Urban Myths: Johnny Cash and the Ostrich	Al Campbell / Luke Bryant	Avalon Entertainment for Sky Arts
The Receptionist	Jenny Lu / Gareth Munden	British Film Company / Uncanny Films
Mile End	Graham Higgins / Anna Valdez Hanks	Coup de Grace
The End Of The F***ing World (Film4 Pilot)	Jonathan Entwistle / Justin Brown	Film4
Doctors Series 14 (Select Episodes)	Simon Gibney / Scott Milton	BBC Drama Birmingham

SELECTED LIVE & BROADCAST TV CREDITS

BBC Election 2024	Chris Cook	BBC News
Piers Morgan Uncensored	Erron Gordon, Oliver Gardner / Steven Hulbert (Camera Supervisor)	TalkTV
Showdown: The Fight for Number 10	Erron Gordon / Steven Hulbert (Camera Supervisor)	TalkTV
OneRepublic (Live for Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon)	Dean Sherwood	Spearing Films for NBC
McFly Live One Night Only... Again (Live at O2 Arena) (2021)	David Spearing / Dax Debice	Spearing Films
McFly: All About Us (Live at Union Chapel)	David Spearing / Dax Debice	ITV Studios
BBC Election 2019 (New Broadcasting House OB)	Marcus Viner / Sam Keogh (Camera Supervisor)	BBC Studios Events
McFly Live One Night Only at the O2 Arena (2019)	David Spearing / Dax Debice	Happy Entertainment
Brexit Debate: A Very British Coup?	Rob Hopkin	Mentorn for Channel 4
BBC Question Time (2015-2018)	Rob Hopkin & Claire Bellis	Mentorn for BBC one
Select Locations + Live EU Specials & 2017 Leaders Special		
Election 2017: Where You Are	Julie Hay	BBC East
Election 2017: Scottish Leaders' Debate	Rob Hopkin	Mentorn for BBC Scotland
CNN Inspirations: Body Smart & Wild Discoveries	Stephen Howie	CNN International
CNN Inspirations: Out Of This World & Incredible Survivors	Stephen Howie	CNN International
BBC London - Better In Or Out?	Rob Hopkin / Dominic Roberts (Camera Supervisor)	BBC News London
How Should I Vote? The EU Debate	Rob Hopkin	Mentorn for BBC Scotland
Busted: Pigs Can Fly Tour (Live from Wembley Arena)	David Spearing / Dax Debice	Happy Entertainment
Hiwar Mushtarak	Ali Sharif	BBC Media Action
London's Mayor: The Big Debate	Rob Hopkin / Dominic Roberts (Camera Supervisor)	BBC News London
Brain Games: Meet The Brain	Rachel Maguire / Wes Dorman	National Geographic





SELECTED COMMERCIALS & BRANDED CREDITS

Louis Vuitton Neverfull (<i>B cam/Steadicam</i>)	Benn Northover / Gareth Munden	JN Production
Sabrina & Idris Elba- Calvin Klein Eternity (<i>B cam/Steadicam</i>)	Benn Northover / Gareth Munden	January Productions
Beats x Alessia Russo	Nicolee Tsin / Isaac Eastgate	Kode Media
Salesforce x Santander	Henry Young / Shaun Dixon	Mirage
eBay Refurbished	Mike Harvey / Owain Morgan	Dosed Films
Vernon Kay, Bolton: People's Post Code Lottery (<i>Handheld</i>)	Marcus Liversedge / Olly Wiggins	Lifted Entertainment / ITV Studios
Hollyoaks - Know The Feeling	Neil Gorringe / Jim Jolliffe	4creative for Channel 4
Revitive	Trevor Melvin / James Blackburn	The Living Room
Karen Millen	Harry Reavley / Ruaraid Achilleos-Sarll	Boo Hoo Group
Primark Garden Party	Jack Bowden / Ruaraid Achilleos-Sarll	The Production Factory
Braun Masterclass	Coral Brown / Felix Schmilinsky	Hogarth WW
Marionnaud 1984	Dennis Leupold / James Henry	ADB Agency / WHAM
Current Account Switch Service	Matt McDermott / Tim Green	Trailer Park London
David Walliams - Beast of Buckingham Palace	Nick Bacash / Ruaraid Achilleos-Sarll	20Ten
Judge Romesh Promo (Dave TV Series)	Martin Graham / Gareth Munden	UKTV
Chivas Regal / Man United	Christopher Ranson / David Wright	Milkmoney
Jo Malone - Lavender	Emma Dalzell-Khan / James Henry	CLM Agency
Man Utd Chevrolet Fan Cup - Denis Irwin & Dwight Yorke	Vlad Jakovlev / Matthew Emvin Taylor	Whitecoat
Google Expeditions	Stefan Hunt / Matthew Emvin Taylor	Across The Pond
Sarah Beeny's Tepilo	Pardeep Sahota / Gareth Munden	Channel 5 Creative
Dunhill SS 2017	John Balson / James Henry	LGA
Zara Man SS 2016	Alvaro Colom / Wen Colom	Pink Production
Red Bull - Inspiration Day	Shan Phearon / Charlie Goodger	Red Bull
Jackpot 247 "Cake"	Omar Hilal / Joshua Fry	River Film
Daily Mail £1m Lotto Giveaway	Nick Parish / Matt Broad	Milkwood
Panasonic India "Katrina Kaif"	Anthony Leonardi / Vikas Sivaraman	Vienna Films

SELECTED MUSIC PROMO CREDITS

Cher Lloyd - M.I.A	Raja Viridi / Daniel Stafford-Clark	Phase Films for Universal Music
The Vamps - Hair Too Long	Dean Sherwood / David Spearing	Universal Music
Tom Misch & Loyle Carner - Water Baby	Georgia Hudson / Ben Fordesman	Agile Films
Foxes - Cruel	Olof Lindh / Jacob Møller	B-Reel Films
New Hope Club - Medicine	Dean Sherwood / David Spearing	Happy Entertainment
Rhodes - Close Your Eyes	Jon White / Matthew Emvin Taylor	Chief
Rag n Bone Man - Hard Came The Rain	Nick Rutter / Ben Fordesman	Sonny
McFly - Love Is Easy	David Spearing / Marcus Domleo	Happy Entertainment

