

TOM CHAVES

Cinematographer

OBJECTIVE

Tom is looking to collaborate with talented directors and producers and shoot engaging videos that blend narrative and commercial elements. He has over 15 years of experience working on commercials, docs, corporate & branding videos and is always on the lookout for exciting and challenging projects to lens.

EXPERIENCE

Cinematographer, NYC & NJ

JULY 2020 - PRESENT

After working as a gaffer for thousands of DP's in NYC, Tom transitioned into working as a cinematographer on commercial and documentary videos in the tristate area. Tom continues to provide cinematography services to production companies, ad agencies, and private companies.

NYC Video Podcast, NYC — Founder & Host

Feb 2021 - Present

Hosts a monthly podcast interviewing professional filmmakers in NYC to discuss the video production trends and career topics. He conducts interviews from his home studio oversees bookings, scheduling, social media marketing and website development.

Freelance Gaffer (Video Lighting Specialist) — NYC

June 2007 - 2020

Tom worked on video productions ranging from corporate interviews, branded-content commercials, documentaries, & feature films. He has worked with thousands of production companies and understands the importance of working efficiently in order to maximize the amount of shots a cinematographer needs to capture on set.

Mastershot Films LLC, NYC — CEO

JULY 2007 - PRESENT

Tom founded a video equipment rental company that supplies equipment and trained personnel to execute the lighting tasks on set. Tom oversees hiring + training lighting ops & admin employees, social-media & web marketing, as well as other day-to-day tasks in running a business.

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SKILLS

Experience with video cameras, lighting & sound equipment

Fluent in Photography
(portraits & landscapes)

Expert at video & photo lighting

Highly experienced w/ photo retouching

Spoken Languages: English, Portuguese, & Spanish.

Able to manage & communicate with camera/sound/lighting/teleprompter ops, makeup artists, rental houses, etc.

Comfortable operating a TelePrompter & sound equipment if needed.

SOFTWARE

Final Cut Pro X

Adobe Audition

Adobe Lightroom

Google Suite

Quickbooks

Anchor podcast software

Microsoft Suite

Trello

EDUCATION

CUNY BROOKLYN COLLEGE, NYC — B.A. *Film Studies*

*Graduated cum laude

Sept 2005 - May 2007

Cumulative GPA: 3.6

Tenafly High School, NJ

Sept 1999 - June 2002

PORTFOLIO

[Tom Chaves's DP Website](#)

[Tom's DP Portfolio on YouTube](#)

[Tom's Lighting Portfolio](#)

[NYC Video Podcast Episodes List](#)

LANGUAGES

English (Native)

Portuguese (Fluent)

Spanish (Intermediate)

HOBBIES

Woodworking

Photography

Learning to code

(Python, HTML, CSS, Java)