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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

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY for "Music SA", Adelaide Advertising and Design Club - Craft
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BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY for "In the Wake", Soul Punch Film Festival
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 "RSL - ARVL", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Advertising - Local*
SILVER AWARD for "University of SA", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Advertising - National
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 "Health Partners", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - Advertising National

BRONZE AWARD for "Gymnastics Academy", Australian Cinematographers Society Awards - TV SERIES

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 Australian based Director of Photography, working full-time since he graduated from 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, in 2017 Michael had the honour of receiving the prestigious Milton Ingerson Award. This was awarded by the Australian Cinematographers Society for the best entry of the year, across all categories for SA and WA. Michael followed that success as the Director of Photography on the \$2.7M feature film *Awoken*. *Awoken* was released theatrically in Australia and internationally in 2020 and earned Michael a Gold Award at the Australian Cinematographers Society awards. *Awoken* was one of three Gold Awards he received that year and contributed to him landing the role as DOP on South Australia's first ever Netflix production in 2021.

The 10 part Netflix original series *Gymnastics Academy* was released in 2022 and trended at number 1 across 14 countries. This ended up being a busy year with Michael's next feature film, the thriller, *Monolith* headlining the Adelaide Film Festival in October and the horror film *Diabolic* green-lit in November and slated to begin production in March 2023.

MAJOR NARRATIVE AND DRAMA CREDITS

TITLE	GENRE	DIRECTOR	PRODUCER/COMPANY	FORMAT	YEAR	
Monolith	Feature Film	Matt Vesely	Bettina Hamilton	MINI LF	2022	*AFF SELECTION
Gymnastics Academy	Netflix Series	Clay Glen	Maximum Effort	RED Gemini	2021	*NETFLIX ORIGINAL*
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*
Stuck in Time	Micro Doc	Stephen DeVilliers	Beyond Content	SONY FS7	2018	*ACS BRONZE WINNER*

MAJOR ADVERTISING AND BRANDING CREDITS

TITLE	GENRE	DIRECTOR	PRODUCER/COMPANY	FORMAT	YEAR	
Freezing Point - UNI SA	branding	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly	MINI LF	2022	
UNI SA	National TVC	Alex Feggans	Clockwork	MINI LF	2022	
SA HEALTH	TVC	Richie Coburn	Firebox	MINI LF	2022	
CFS	TVC	Roh Smith	Firebox	MINI LF	2022	
OTR	TVC	Tom Schaefer	Stepney Studios	ALEXA MINI	2022	
RSL Care SA	TVC	Michael Tessari	Michael Tessari	ALEXA MINI	2022	
Health Partners	TVC	Riley Blakeway	Yah Yah	MINI LF	2021	
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	*AADC AWARD WINNER*
Bickfords- CleanSA	Branding	Phill Moule	KOJO	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	

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MOD - Seven Siblings	Museum Installation	Daniel Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2019	
MINELAB	International Campaign	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	2019	
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	
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra	TVC	David T & Emma M	Red Fox Films	ALEXA MINI	2018	
St Hallet Winery	Branding	Dan P & Marcus M	Cinémachè	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	
BlackChrome	International Campaign	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	*ACS GOLD WINNER*
Chemist Warehouse	TVC	Stephen Devilliers	Beyond Content	SONY	2017	
TAFE SA	Branding	Daniel J Phillips	Anomaly Media	ALEXA MINI	2017	