

HIGHSPOT

JAKUB KIJOWSKI

Director of Photography

A graduate of the Film School in Łódź, where he studied under cinematographer Witold Sobocinski, PSC, the recipient of the ASC's International Award in 2002. His feature debut "The Secret" by P. Wojcieszek gained him A. Munk Award for artistic maturity and his next film "Floating Skyscrapers" by dir. T. Wasilewski brought him Camerimage nomination in 2013 for best cinematography. "The Lure" by A. Smoczyńska among many international awards won the Special Jury Prize for "a unique vision and design" at The Sundance Film Festival and gave Kuba the title of „Rising Star of Cinematography 2017” by American Cinematographer Magazine. His latest film "Fugue" by A. Smoczyńska was part of Cannes Semaine de la Critique competition in 2018.

FEATURES AND TV

SILENT TWINS (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Smoczyńska	(In production)
WARNING (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Alexander	(In production)
FUGA/ FUGUE (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Smoczyńska	
CÓRKI DANCINGU/ THE LURE (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Smoczyńska	
WASZA WYSOKOŚĆ (DoP)	TV Play	Dir. A. Smoczyńska	
FUTURE DAYS (DoP)	TV Series	Dir. A. Polska	
PŁYNĄCE WIERZĄWCE/ FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. T. Wasilewski	
I BYŁA MIŁOŚĆ W GETTCE (DoP)	Documentary	Dir. J. Dylewska	
SEKTRET / THE SECRET (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. P. Wojcieszek	
W CIEMNOŚCI / IN DARKNESS (Camera Operator)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Holland	
NAJWESELSZY CZŁOWIEK (Camera Operator)	TV Play	Dir. Ł. Wylężałek	
YOU AND UNIVERSE (DoP)	Short	Dir. M. Waligóra	
SREBRNY LIST FELICJI T. (Camera Operator)	Feature Film	Dir. E. Etler	
MAŁA MATURA (Camera Operator)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Bojerski	
MADE IN POLAND (Camera Operator)	Feature Film	Dir. P. Wojcieszek	
W DRODZE (DoP)	Documentary	Dir. L. Dawid	
WYZWOLENIE (Camera Operator)	TV Play	Dir. M. Prus	
EKSPOZYCJA 19 (DoP)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Arenzana, M. Iberretxe	
PODRÓŻ (DoP)	Short	Dir. G. Glazr	
CHŁOPIEC NA GALOPUJĄCYM KONIU (Camera Operator)	Feature Film	Dir. A. Guziński	

KRÓL EDYT (Camera Operator)
DOSKONAŁE POPOŁUDNIE
(DoP)

TV Play
Feature Film

Dir. G. Holoubek
Dir. P. Wojcieszek

COMMERCIALS (PARTIAL LIST):

Ministerstwo Gospodarki, Top Model Delikat, PELAVO, Nescafe Intenso, Książęce, Skoda, Dobenox Forte, Dilmah, Nakręć się z Mlekołakami, Lipton, Mam 6 Lat (MEN), Tymbark, Master Card, eskey, Noc w Galerii, Pixel, Hospicjum, Whaletone, Big Milk, Samsung, Max Factor, PKP

MUSIC VIDEOS:

SONIA BOHOSIEWICZ „My heart belongs to Daddy”, ANIA DĄBROWSKA "Bawie się świetnie", PUSTKI "Lugola", INDIGO TREE "Hardlakes"

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

FUGA / FUGUE, GDYNIA Polish Film Festival, Best Cinematography
CÓRKI DANCINGU / THE LURE, SUNDANCE Film Festival, Special Jury Award for Unique Vision and Design
PŁYNAĆE WIEŻOWCE / FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS, Gdynia (38th GDYNIA FILM FESTIVAL), MAIN COMPETITION / Directing Award, Young Generation Award
PŁYNAĆE WIEŻOWCE / FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS, Wrocław (13th T- mobile NEW HORIZONS F.F.), AUDIENCE AWARD PŁYNAĆE WIEŻOWCE / FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS, official selection: 48th KARLOVY VARY Film Festival / East of the West - Competition – Winner
PŁYNAĆE WIEŻOWCE/FLOATING SKYSCRAPERS, XXI Camerimage 2013: Cinematographers Debuts International Competition
SEKRET / THE SECRET, (Festival Plus Camerimage) Best Polish Film - Nomination
PODRÓŻ, Miskolc ("CineFest" International Young Cinema Festival) Special Jury Award
PODRÓŻ (Cracow Film Festival) - Dyplom Honorowy/Honorary Diploma
MOJE MIEJSCE, Cracow ("Etiuda&Anima" - International Film Festival Cracow) Grand Prix MOJE MIEJSCE, Cracow (International Cracow Film Festival) Special Prize - Silver Dragon for the best fiction film
MOJE MIEJSCE, Warsaw (Warsaw Student Film Competition) First Prize
MOJE MIEJSCE, Koszalin (Debut Film Festival) First Prize for the best Polish student film

American Cinematographers (02/ 2017) :

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the massive production. “It was a great experience working with a big crew on an original, creative film.” After *In Darkness*, Kijowski quickly rose to prominence as a cinematographer in Poland, receiving a Camerimage nomination in 2013 for the minimalistic psychological drama ‘*Floating Skyscrapers*’. “We were searching for visual expression that would underline the loneliness of the two main characters,” he says. His next feature, ‘*The Lure*’, was a “fairytale for adults” that won the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award for Unique Vision and Design at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. “The story takes place in Warsaw in the Eighties and involves two young mermaids who appear innocent but are in fact bloodthirsty beasts,” Kijowski explains. “I aimed at presenting this duality of innocence and brutality, beauty and repugnance, obviousness and mystery by merging opposing aesthetics. I wanted to link the colorful, fairytale world of a dance club with the vicious naturalism of sordid interiors.” Kijowski plans to reunite with ‘*The Lure*’ director Agnieszka Smoczyńska on her new film, about a woman with memory loss who is reunited with her family — “a psychological drama that we want to film like a horror story,” according to Kijowski. Kijowski finds inspiration in the content of his films, looking for the precise visual corollary to the emotions and story. “I believe that finding an aesthetically appropriate visual form for a story contributes to its success,” he explains. “Then once you start telling the story, you move to a higher level. You become an author.”