

South African-born Daron Keet is an award-winning Los Angeles-based cinematographer, who moves seamlessly between commercials and features. He began his career in South Africa on *The Gods Must Be Crazy II*, and then went on to assist Velocity Film's director Keith Rose on award-winning spots in the early 90s. He continued honing his craft on international features, assisting Academy Award-winning cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond on *The Ghost and The Darkness*. Daron enjoys collaborations that seek to capture those un-recreatable "lighting in a bottle" moments; those happy accidents that result in cinematic magic. His in-the-moment approach ensures a blend of stylistically crafted coverage, swiftly found handheld compositions, and abstract macro textures. He is a bokeh fanatic who utilizes circular aperture-bladed lenses to produce creamy out-of-focus shapes, and aesthetically circular highlights. When not working he spends time with his wife and kids, and plays squash with friends. He is able to work as a local in Los Angeles, Denver, New York, Minnesota and South Africa.

### **Features & shorts (partial list)**

RIPPLE EFFECT (short)	Velvet Andrews-Smith	AFI Directing Workshop
MERRIME (Tom Arnold, Ryan Eggold, Tia & Tamera Mowry)	Sherwin Shilati	Red Ladders Ent.
ARIZONA SEASIDE	Pil Pilegaard	Rebel Zone Films
RIPPLE EFFECT (Forest Whitaker, Virginia Madsen, Minnie Driver)	Philippe Caland	YBG Productions
FREEDOM'S GATE	Alex Sosin	Alco Pictures
LAREDO (Short)	David Price	KJR Entertainment
THE TUB (short)	Matia Karrell	KJR Entertainment
ALONE IN A CROWD & REAPER (shorts)	Brian Diederich	GLM Films
TWO-ELEVEN (short)	Velvet Andrews-Smith	Velvet Revolution

### **Television & documentaries**

BIG VOICE (Siedah Garrett, Lamont Dozier) (feature documentary)	Varda Hardy	Live Tribe Productions
COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL FREE THROW COMPETITION (feature documentary)	Court Crandall	Wongdoody
PUSS IN BOOTS (promo)	Gary Lister	DreamWorks
DISNEY / ELI LILLY - FAMILY.COM	Varda Hardy	Disney
TYPE 1 DIABETES - FAMILY.COM	Lisa Taylor	Disney
SPEED OF LIFE: CENTRAL AMERICAN KILLERS (TV documentary)	Donald Schultz	Discovery Channel
A THOUSAND SPOKES: RAGBRAI BICYCLE RACE (feature documentary)	Varda Hardy	Rrell Entertainment
AL WASLER SHOW (TV pilot)	Conrad Riggs	Live Tribe Productions
WHAT PLANET ARE YOU ON? (branded content)	Varda Hardy	YouTube DoGooder
OPEN DOORS: SAVE OUR SCHOOLS (Ed Harris) / (branded content)	Varda Hardy	Santa Monica School District
KATHY GRIFFIN: MY LIFE ON THE D-LIST (3 episodes)	Torrey Bell	Bravo TV

### **Commercials (partial list)**

\* Royal Caribbean (Superbowl) \* Flo TV (Superbowl) \* MSNBC (Lean Forward) \* Microsoft (Mango) \* Xbox Disney \* Comcast \* Gatorade \* HP (Everybody on, JJ Lin - Asia) \* McDonald's - Asia \* Walmart \* Callaway (Phil Mickelson) \* PNC Bank \* Pringles \* Pepsi \* Puma \* Miller High Life \* Bud Light \* Toyota \* Benihana \* Plavix \* Clean Skies \* Ecko Unlimited \* All Sport \* Big Brothers Big Sisters \* Humana One \* VCU Medical \* Score \*

### **Directors (partial list)**

David Cornell, Raymond Bark, Jonathan Nowak, Luis Ruiz, Andrews Jenkins, Jack Wung, Chris Allen Williams, Varda Hardy, Ron Hamad, Joel Umbaugh, Sherwin Shilati, Michael Victor, Court Crandall, Tasha Oldham, Arlene Bogna, Matt Lenski, Royston Tan (Singapore), Jerry Spivak, Paul Emami, Velvet Andrews-Smith, Matia Karrell, Bill Nicoletti, Scott Hamilton Kennedy, Karen Lavender, Greg Wells, Alex Ardent, Dina Mande, Patrick Kiely, Zach Schiff-Abrams, Lance Larson, Behnam Karbassi, David Price, Brian Diederich, Donlee Brussel, Evan Weirnerman, Kevin Shulman, Cameron McHarg, Jane Selle Morgan, Yumiko Awaya, Natasha Uppal, Roger Feldman, Eric M. Cwiertny, Joel Kuntz, Fiona McPherson, Oscar Strauss

### **Awards**

ODE TO LOS ANGELES - New Filmmakers / *LA Weekly* 2011 Grand Prize & Audience Award Winner - Best Short Illuminating Los Angeles  
 THE TOLL ROADS COMMERCIAL [Marshall Advertising] - Silver Addy 2011  
 ST. MARY'S HEALTH COMMERCIAL CAMPAIGN - Judge's Choice Award 2010  
 WHAT PLANET ARE YOU ON? - Best Innovation In Video Winner, You Tube 2010  
 LAREDO - Boston International Film Festival Winner - Best Cinematography  
 ARIZONA SEASIDE - FAIF International & Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival Winner - Best Cinematography  
 ARIZONA SEASIDE - Treasure Coast International Film Festival Nominee - Best Cinematography  
 PARKVIEW HEALTH COMMERCIAL CAMPAIGN - Indianapolis Gold Ring Winner - Best Cinematography  
 RIPPLE EFFECT - Boston International & Sedona Film Festival Winner - Best Feature