

KHALIL ZGHAYOU

1st Assistant Director

Khalil's career as a 1st AD spans diverse projects, from large-scale international series to major studio productions in Morocco, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia. With knowledge working in studios and on location, Khalil consistently proves to be a reliable, resourceful, and skilled First Assistant Director. His experience extends across genres such as sci-fi, horror, comedy, action, and thriller. Based in Marrakesh, Khalil is fluent in Arabic, French, and English and is ready to go wherever the work takes him.

Selected credits

date production

director / production company

television:

2023	THE SIGNAL (Morocco)	Sebastian Hilger / Bon Voyage Films, Kasbah Films
2022	THE FREELANCER (Morocco)	Neeraj Pandey / Friday Storytellers, Zak Productions
2019	CASTLE ROCK Series 2 (Morocco)	Phil Abraham / Olive Avenue Productions, Scope Productions, Zak Productions
2018	ZEROZEROZERO (Morocco)	Janus Metz / Cattleya, Amarcord, MPS
2016	SHERLOCK Series 4 (Morocco)	Rachel Talalay / Hartswood Films, Zak Productions
2015	TERRA X – THE HUNT FOR WHITE GOLD (Morocco)	Robert Schotter / Taglight Media, Saad Films
2015	EMMA AFTER MIDNIGHT (Morocco)	Torston C. Fishcer / SWR, Kasbah Films

feature films:

2025	MATCHBOX (Morocco)	Sam Hargrave / Mattel Films for Apple TV+
2024	ESCAPE FROM THE OUTLAND	Ao Shen / Dirty Monkey Films Group, BO Film Services
2023	DESERT WARRIOR (Prep, Saudi Arabia - 2nd Unit)	Rupert Wyatt / AGC International
2023	THE LAST EXORCIST: INTO DARKNESS (Prep)	Asim Altokhais / 3 rd Action Films, Urban Vision Films
2023	EAGLES OF THE REPUBLIC (Prep, Morocco)	Tarik Saleh / Atmo, Memento Films
2020	ESCAPE FROM MOGADISHU (Morocco)	Seung-wan Ryoo / Filmmakers R&K, BO Film Services
2018	SCORPION (Morocco)	Muhlisa Azizova / Magic Pictures
2018	OKUOTOKO (Morocco)	Keishi Ohtomo / Toho Pictures, Dreamaker Productions
2016	ÉPOUSE-MOI MON POTE (Morocco)	Tarek Boudali / Axel Films, Agora Films

commercials:

2021	TONIK 'AJIBESDA3ED'	Karim Ansel / Les Audionautes
2019	BANQUE POPULAIRE LIVE	Hamed Aksas Actarus / Ziet Production
2018	TOTAL ENERGIES	Reynald Gresset / Lions Production and Services
2018	GCAM 'DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE	Bruce Parramore / Preview Production
2017	UMNIA BANK 'RUBAN ROUGE'	Reynald Gresset / Image Factory
2016	COMVIQ 'FRÂN BAGDAD TILL KIOSKEN'	Josef Fares / Dreamaker Production
2015	TINE BRUNOST 'THE WEAPON IN MARRAKESH'	Martin Werner / Hatimi Production

As 2nd Assistant Director

television:

2014	WHITE CITY (Morocco)	Stephen Gaghan, Diplomat TPC, Stalwart Films
2013	HOMELAND Series 3 (Morocco)	Lesli Linka Glatter, Daniel Minahan / Arctic Fox Prods.

feature films:

2021	BOY FROM HEAVEN (Key 2 nd , Turkey)	Tarik Saleh / Atmo, Memento Films, ARA Film
2015	SPECTRE (Morocco)	Sam Mendes / MGM
2014	MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 5 (Morocco)	Christopher McQuarrie / Skydance, Bad Robot
2014	ROCK THE KASBAH (Morocco)	Barry Levinson / Dunes Films
2014	AMERICAN SNIPER (Morocco)	Clint Eastwood / Scope Productions, Zak Productions