

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## MORITZ IMMANUEL KATZ

### PERSONAL DATA

Date of birth: 19/06/1984  
Place of birth: Heidelberg, Germany  
Nationality: German  
Gender: Male

### ACADEMIC RECORD

- 2013 - 2014     **Master's degree** in Science Communication and Natural History  
Filmmaking from the University of Otago, New Zealand
- The graduation film *The Wild Wet* was screened worldwide on film festivals and scored several awards, including *Best Independent Production* at Europe's biggest wildlife film festival *Green Screen* in Germany.
- 2007 - 2011     **Postgraduate degree** - Deutsches Diplom (equivalent to a Master's degree)  
in biology from the Julius-Maximilians-University Wuerzburg, Germany
- The thesis investigated the effects of land use intensity on coffee pollinators in Tanzania. It won the *Outstanding Thesis Award* in fall 2011 from the University of Wuerzburg.
- Scholarships**  
DAAD scholarship for 2-months studies in Costa Rica  
DAAD scholarship for 6-months field work in Tanzania
- 2005 - 2007     **Undergraduate studies** - Deutsches Vordiplom (comparable to a bachelor's degree) in biology at the Technical University Darmstadt, Germany
- 1995 - 2004     **Humanistic high school** Ludwig-Georgs-Gymnasium Darmstadt, Germany  
Abitur certificate

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Since 2018      **Freelance cameraman**
- 2015 - 2018      **Atara Film GmbH**  
Camera, Director and Researcher for various films
- April - July 2012   **EXIT Film and Television**  
Assistant cameraman and sound recordist on several productions for ZDF and MDR (both German public broadcasters)
- 2008 - 2012      **University of Wuerzburg**  
Research assistant at the Department of Animal Ecology & Tropical Biology and at the Department of Genetics
- 2006 - 2007      **CDM consult GmbH**  
Assistant for geological surveys

## FILMOGRAPHY

- **THE WILD WET (2014)**  
Camera, Director and Postproduction - graduation film - University of Otago
  - 🏆 Best Student Film - 38th International Wildlife Film Festival, Montana, USA
  - 🏆 People's Choice Best Short - Environmental Film Festival, Australia
  - 🏆 Best Independent Film - Green Screen International Wildlife Film Festival, Germany
  - 🏆 Best Low Budget Film - Matsalu Nature Film Festival, Estonia
  - 🏆 Best Non-Professional Documentary - Wildlife Film Festival Rotterdam, Netherlands
  - 🏆 Winner Documentary Short - Kiwi International Film Festival, New Zealand
  - 🏆 Special Award of the Jury, Wildlife Vaasa Festival, Finland
  - 🏆 Best Director, Kolkata International Wildlife & Environment Film Festival, India
- **NEW ZEALAND (2015-2016) - Earth's Mythical Islands**  
Episode 1 - Cast Adrift  
Director of Photography (shared credit) - BBC 2, NDR, ARTE, NatGeo, Terra Mater
- **NEW ZEALAND (2015-2016) - Earth's Mythical Islands**  
Episode 2 - Wild Extremes  
Director of Photography (shared credit) - BBC 2, NDR, ARTE, NatGeo, Terra Mater
  - 🏆 EMMY nomination, Outstanding Cinematography: Documentary
  - 🏆 Green Screen Cinematography Award, Germany
  - 🏆 German Cinematography Award (Deutscher Kamerapreis)

- SYMPHONY ON SKIS (2015)  
Director of Photography (shared credit) - Atara Film GmbH
  - 🎞️ 15th international Filmfestival Tegernsee, Audience Award
  - 🎞️ 15th international Filmfestival Tegernsee, Jury Prize
  - 🎞️ Down Under Berlin Film Festival, Audience Award
- REALM OF THE ROBBER - CHRISTMAS ISLAND (2016 - 2018)  
Director and Camera - NDR, Terra Mater
  - 🎞️ Green Screen Cinematography Award, Germany
  - 🎞️ Green Screen Award of the Juvenile Jury, Germany
  - 🎞️ Matsalu Nature Film Festival, Cinematography Award, Estonia
  - 🎞️ German Wildlife Filmmaking Awards, Best Sound Design, Germany
- NHK WILDLIFE (2017) - A family's bond - Dingoes  
Director of Photography
  - 🎞️ Matsalu Nature Film Festival, Special Mention
- NHK WILDLIFE (2018) - The storks of Alfaro  
Director of Photography
- NHK WILDLIFE (2018) - Canada's coastal wolves  
Director of Photography
- NHK WILDLIFE (2019) - Wild Tokyo  
Director of Photography - Coproduction with Oxford Scientific Film (OSF) from the UK
- NHK WILDLIFE (2020) - Wildlife of the Otago Peninsula, New Zealand  
Director of Photography

## SKILLS AND ABILITIES

### **Dive Certificate**

SSI Open Water

### **Drone Pilot**

trained on various DJI Drone Models

### **Languages**

Proficient: English, German

Intermediate: French

Beginner: Japanese, Spanish

Latin proficiency certificate

### **Computer literacy**

Microsoft Office,  
Adobe Photoshop,  
Final Cut Pro X,  
Adobe Premiere

### **Driving licenses**

class A (motorcycle)

class B (automobile)

experienced in 4WD driving

## EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

Trekking, Travelling, Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball, Board games

## WEBSITE

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