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## Kenny Gronningsater

### *Director of Photography*

- June 1990-present      ABC: PrimeTime, 20/20, NBC: Dateline, CBS, PBS, MTV, Fox, HBO, Lifetime, BBC.
- October 2006            E/Z: A feature-length film written by Alex Tana; an Index Film production; co-directed and co-produced by Alex Tana and Kenny Gronningsater
- September 2006        High Falls (2<sup>nd</sup> Unit DP): nominated in the short dramatic film category at **Sundance 2007**; starring Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Saarsgard; directed by Andrew Zuckerman
- March 2001              Wingspan (Camera Operator): An hour-long documentary featuring Paul McCartney and daughter Mary remembering Linda McCartney and the band Wings. Aired on ABC May 11, 2001
- Nov. 2000                Murder Rhapsody: A feature-length film written/directed by Alex Tana;  
2003 Official Selection:  
Tambay Film Festival-**Feature Film Winner**  
Arizona International Film Festival  
Tennessee Valleyfest Film Festival  
Long Island International Film Festival  
North Carolina Real To Reel Film Festival  
Cape Cod Woods Hole Film Festival  
Temecula Valley International Film Festival
- May 2000                Sound and Fury (2nd Unit): **Nominated for an Academy Award**  
(feature-length documentary category)  
Examines the debate within the proud, deaf community over whether implants to create hearing is good or bad.
- Jan. 1998                Payday: 35mm (originated on Super 16mm) short dramatic film (19:30) starring Jimmy Breslin, Theodore Bikel and Patrick Tull.  
Official Selection:  
2002 – Northampton International Film Festival  
2002 - Malibu Film Festival  
2002 - Woods Hole Film Festival  
2002 - Long Island Festival  
2001 - New York International Independent Film & Video Festival  
2001 - TV Premier on the Metrochannels,  
2001 - Angelica Film Festival/New York Stories  
2000 - International Film and Video, Competition of The New York Festivals
- Feb.1988-May 1990      The Reporters, Fox TV, New York City.

Dec.1982-Feb. 1985      **Documentaries:**  
The Power Struggle: a one-hour national PBS Special Documentary on energy alternatives to fossil fuels, such as oil; Meryl Streep, narrator; aired December 1985.  
 (Aug. - Oct.1985)

Health Care On The Critical List: a one-hour national PBS Special Documentary about the effects of spiraling medical costs; Jack Klugman, narrator/host; aired on PBS in December, 1985. (Jan. - March 1985)

Old Enough To Do Time: a one-hour national PBS Special Documentary on the juvenile criminal justice system in this country; Daniel Travanti, narrator/host; aired March 1984. (Dec. 1982 - May 1983)

July 1982-Dec.1987      WPIX-TV and WNYW-TV; New York; vacation relief Cameraman/Videotape Editor

Aug.1981-July 1982      WTVH-TV; Syracuse, New York; staff Cameraman/Videotape Editor.

May 1979-July 1981      WUTR-TV; Utica, New York; Chief Cinematographer/Film Editor.

***Steadicam Owner/Operator***

2007      E/Z-Feature film co-directed and co-produced by Alex Tana and Kenny Gronningsater

2006      High Falls- Sundance 2007 selection in Short Film category, starring Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard

2004      April's Shower- Feature Film written and directed by Trish Doolin

2005      President Bush talks with Barbara Walters, ABC News Special Report

2000      Murder Rhapsody: A feature film written/directed by Alex Tana;

1998      Payday, starring Jimmy Breslin, Theodore Bikel, and Patrick Tull

1994      The Brothers McMullen winner of the **Sundance 1994 Grand Jury Prize**.

1998      Phinehas directed by Fisher Stevens.

1990-present      ABC: PrimeTime, 20/20, ABC News Special Report; Showtime; Fox TV; NBC: Dateline

***Partner in LLC***

2006      Index Films LLC. , a feature-film production company; Alex Tana: Co-Partner.  
 Films to date: 2006- E/Z: co-directed and co-produced by Kenny Gronningsater and Alex Tana. Shot on HD; 115 minutes long; Starring Caroline Strong and PJ Sosko

***Sole Owner/Shareholder***

1990      Key Visions Inc., a film and video production company.

***Producer/Writer/Director***

Jan. 1982 - Nov. 1982      A Helping Hand: Migrant Education: A twenty-eight minute film Kenny produced, directed, wrote, and edited for the NYS Department of Migration Education that documents the struggle of the migrant child to secure an education and the efforts of the Bureau of Migrant Education to assist in that struggle.

***Instructor***

1987 - 1990      International Film and Television Workshops, Rockport, Maine.  
 Assisted master cinematographers with instruction to student professionals in the operation and proper use of 35mm motion-picture camera and lights. Designed for feature-film and commercial production.

***Awards***

***Finalist Award***: Best Cinematography; The New York Festivals, International Film and Video Competition 2000, Camera Category; Payday

***Emmy Camera Certificate of Recognition***: National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

- 1998      Children of the Harvest, Dateline, NBC News.
- 1994      A Mother's Love, Primetime Live, ABC News.
- 1993      Nightmare Ride, Dayone, ABC News.
- Almost Home, Primetime Live, ABC News.
- 1992      Whose Children, Primetime Live, ABC News.

*The Color of Triumph*, Primetime Live, ABC News.

**Golden Gate Award, Special Jury Award** -1986 San Francisco International Film and Television Festival-  
Health Care On The Critical List, PBS.

**Blue Ribbon** -1986 American Film Festival- The Power Struggle, PBS.

**A Silver Gavel and nominated for a National Emmy** -1985 International Film and Television Festival of  
New York and National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences respectively. Old Enough To Do Time, PBS.

**Best TV Deadline Pressure Reporting** -1982 Syracuse Press Club- WTVH-TV.; awarded to Kenny  
Gronningsater

### **Education**

1979

Hamilton College, B.A. Liberal Arts. Major in History.