



Disney  
STUNTMAN

KURT MATTILA BIO  
Director

Mattila is the director of the award-winning documentary, "Stuntman" which is executive produced by Dwayne Johnson and Dany Garcia. "Stuntman", which won the Audience Award at the Los Angeles Film Festival, will be released on Disney+ July 23rd. The gripping documentary details the journey of famed stuntman Eddie Braun as he embarks on his quest to recreate the famous Snake River Canyon jump, originally attempted by daredevil Evel Knievel. Through Kurt's singular vision, we meet Eddie Braun, who has worked with scores of famous actors, suffering the physical brunt of Hollywood's action blockbusters, keeping the movie stars safe. We watch aghast as Eddie's car careens countless times over a cliff, Kurt's camera capturing the relentless abuse Eddie's body endures. In another scene, we meet Eddie's loving wife and kids, and Kurt's lens lets us in as Eddie decides he has one more goal to achieve- complete what the famed Evel Knievel could not – be shot across Snake River Canyon in a death-defying rocket.

Mattila is also the editor and co-producer of the documentary "JFK Revisited: Through the Looking Glass," which will premiere at Cannes this year. Directed by Oliver Stone, the film is a true crime investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and looks into all the recently declassified files and evidence on the subject.

Mattila began his professional career by creating the haunting Precog dream sequences for Steven Spielberg's "Minority Report." He went on to direct several commercial campaigns for brands like Ford, Gap and Red Bull.



He helmed "The Hidden World" the first virtual reality film for Universal Pictures and DreamWorks that features the cast and characters from the "How To Train Your Dragon" franchise and served as a companion piece to the trilogy. This film was nominated for a PGA award and won a Lumieres award in 2020 for innovation in storytelling.

Mattila made his directorial debut, "Lies and Alibis," for Sony Pictures Entertainment. The film, written by Noah Hawley, is a witty sting comedy about a man who creates alibis for cheating spouses. When circumstances force him to confront his own criminal past to get a client out from under a murder charge, he finds himself in over his head. The all-star cast includes Steve Coogan, Sam Elliot, James Marsden, Selma Blair, James Brolin, and John Leguizamo.

Mattila is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, where he garnered a Student Academy Award for his comedic short "Johnny Zero." He spent several years at Imaginary Forces, crafting design work for directors including Ridley Scott and Rob Reiner.

Kurt's love for filmmaking is rivalled only by his passion for comic books.

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