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Lon Stratton I biography

Since 1984, I have been actively involved in cinematography. Based in Detroit, Michigan my projects as a Cinematographer include television commercials, feature films and narratives, aerial photography and documentaries. Each project has given me the opportunity to grow as a cinematographer and to gain a deeper understanding and respect for my craft. [My website](#)

Some of my credits as a feature/narrative cinematographer include: Mimesis, feature, The Rain, feature, Ocean of Pearls, feature, Standing in the Shadows of Motown, feature/documentary, Corrupted Minds, feature, TimeQuest, feature, Life Goes On, feature, Ya Done Good, PBS documentary, One of Us, short drama and 21carbs, short satire. [My IMDB Listing](#)

I also specialize in aerial cinematography. Since 1987 my clients have included; *Hummer, Chrysler, Volkswagen, Toyota, Spirit Airlines, Entergy, Lockheed Martin, Discovery Health Channel, Toyo Manufacturing, WBNS-TV Chopper 10, WXYZ-TV Chopper 7, John Deere*, aerial scenes for *Stone, Meet Monica Velour, Standing in the Shadows of Motown* and *Ocean of Pearls*. Title sequences for *Corrupted Minds* and *You May Not Kiss the Bride* and a variety of stock footage sequences. I am a commercial pilot and have an aircraft that has been used for air-to-air missions, as well as some air-to-ground scenes. My aerial demo reel can be viewed at <http://lonstratton.com/aerial.html>

Political campaigns include: Dennis Archer Detroit mayoral campaign (Pollie and Telly Awards), Richard J. Daley Chicago mayoral campaign (Pollie Award), Lee Brown Houston, Texas mayoral campaign (Pollie and Telly Awards), Comptroller Carl McCall New York, Atty. General Lee Fisher Ohio (Pollie Award), U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy Rhode Island, AFL-CIO (Pollie Award), and Detroit Stadium referendums.

Commercial clients include **Quicken Loans, Little Caesars Pizza, GMC, Aerobed, AM General Hummer** (National spots). **Cornerstone Schools, Beaumont Hospital, Ohio Lottery, Health Alliance Plan Michigan, Marathon Oil Corporation, Sports Authority, Hardy's, KFC, Country Crock, OfficeMax, Pizza Hut, FTD** and **Subway**. Second Unit DP on national **Ford** running packages and **Chevrolet** TV spots.

Between 1975 and 1984, I was a service technician for Victor Duncan, Inc. (Later Panavision) in Chicago and Detroit, where I gained considerable knowledge and experience with all camera equipment used in the motion picture industry. In 1984, I opened my own rental and service business, [Stratton Camera Inc.](#) Through the years, my company has achieved a widely respected reputation for providing high quality equipment and impeccable service. Stratton Camera continues to service the Midwest with the same high standards that helped establish our reputation and is the Michigan Authorized Representative for [Panavision](#).

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