

Matteo Ferrarini trained in documentary filmmaking at the D.A.M.S. in Bologna. He made his debut as a director and director of photography in 2011 with *Jali Road*, shot in Malawi and presented in competition at the RIFF in Rome. Since then, he has been the director of photography on several internationally distributed documentaries, including *Buracos*, *L'ultima cattedrale*, *Ethbet!*, *Spring in Mariupol* and *Oto*. In 2018, he was the director of photography on the documentary *Strange Fish*, directed by Giulia Bertoluzzi, a film that has received major awards on the international festival circuit — including the BNP Paribas Young Jury Award and a Special Mention from the Official Jury at the Visioni dal Mondo Festival, as well as the Best Documentary Award at the Genoa Film Festival, accolades that highlight the central role of his imagery in recounting, with human warmth and intensity, the story of the fishermen of Zarzis, protagonists of an act of humanity in the Mediterranean. In 2024, Ferrarini served as director of photography on *The Tirana Conspiracy*, directed by Manfredi Lucibello, presented at the Rome Film Festival – Freestyle Arts section and winner of several awards, including the Jury Prize at the 43rd International Festival of Films on Art (FIFA), where his visual vision lent strength and rhythm to a narrative that weaves together history, provocation and irony. A director of photography with great narrative sensitivity, his cinematography is never neutral, but always fully at the service of the stories and visions of the directors with whom he collaborates.

Filmography

2026	OTO Co-director & D.O.P. Documentary Feature
2024	THE TIRANA CONSPIRACY di Manfredi Lucibello D.O.P. Documentary Feature
2023	THE LAND YOU BELONG di Elena Rebeca Carini Camera operator Documentary Feature
2021	ETHBET! Director & D.O.P. Documentary Feature
2019	STRANGE FISH di Giulia Bertoluzzi D.O.P. Documentary feature
2018	THE LAST CATHEDRAL Director & D.O.P.

Documentary feature

2015

NAR PER FER

Director & D.O.P.

Documentary feature

2013

BURACOS

Director & D.O.P.

Documentary feature

2011

JALI ROAD

Director & D.O.P.

Documentary short