

CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Star often roams far from home in Texas

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Born and raised in Texas, filmmaker-actor Tanner Beard lives in Fort Worth, where he films many of his projects.

"It's proven to be such a film-friendly spot," said Beard, 41. "My family has a ranch just outside of Fort Worth close to the Mineral Wells area and it's become like a back lot to explore ideas and stories for my company, Silver Sail Entertainment."

Beard appears in "Landman," which just wrapped Season 2 on Paramount+.

This interview with Beard has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Where do you film "Landman"?

A: "Landman" films mostly in and around Fort Worth, with many establishing shots in Midland and other parts of west Texas where the story takes place. It was really incredible filming because we were on an actual oil rig just outside of Granbury. I grew up in Snyder and worked in oil for my dad while I was in high school, so this was really awesome to go and portray this character that hit so close to home. But the Fort Worth area has been great.

Q: What else have you filmed in Fort Worth?

A: The last four movies I've done have been filmed in and around this area — "Daisy," a rodeo movie, is due out (this year). "Once Upon a Time in Texas," which is a western I wrote and directed. And a movie we've made over the course of eight years and, sadly, but with the honor of being Michael Madsen's last film,



"Landman" actor Tanner Beard said he would love to explore filming in Alaska. SILVER SAIL ENTERTAINMENT

"Blood Behind Us." And "One in a Million," which we (recently) wrapped. So thank you, Fort Worth.

Q: You travel so much for work. What makes you still want to travel during your free time?

A: Ah, I love to travel and have been on the go since I turned 21. I think we're so lucky to be able to jump on an airplane and go anywhere so quickly. Also, my sweetheart, Rachel, and our daughter, Harley, all love to take spontaneous trips. Being a storyteller, you need to live a lot of life to do that, so I love it.

Q: If you could pick a location to film a project that's not Fort Worth, where would it be?

A: Oh man, I've always wanted to shoot something in Alaska ... for its beauty and vast expansion. Maybe go shoot a new (version of) "White Fang" or something that I grew up watching.

Q: What locations did you shoot in for "Egypte IV: Double Agenda"?

A: That was such a fun experimental shoot. We went to Egypt and shot around the pyramids, which was epic. Also, places like Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Canada, France and so many others. But Egypt really just knocked our socks off. The amount of history and mystique was just a cut above anywhere else we went filming. And also, this

being a small, silly comedy series, it just made every second of what we were doing that much more fun and adventurous.

Q: Do you have any upcoming trips planned?

A: I have a trip to Japan coming up soon in the spring to go see my brother-in-law. Rachel and I plan on taking our daughter with us and that's something I'm really looking forward to. I wish I had something to shoot there, but it'll also be nice to kick back, be a tourist and enjoy time with my family.

Q: Have you visited places for work that were so nice that you went back there?

A: Spain. We shot a movie called "6 Bullets to Hell" in the Almeria area and have gone back many times.

Q: What untapped destination should people know about?

A: Ketchikan, Alaska, is a really special spot. That's my secret favorite place.

Q: If you've ever gone away for the holidays, which was the best trip?

A: Ah, New Year's 2024 was so epic. A few of us traveled to Banff, Canada, and that may have taken the cake for best trip ever. My good friend, Alix Van Aernam, and I even shot some scenes on snowmobiles and dog sleds for "Egypte" when we were up there.

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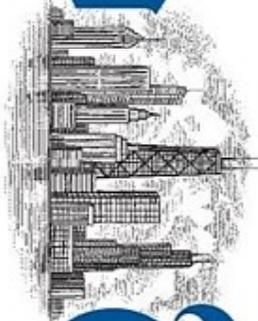


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