

TORNADO ALLEY

MARCUS GUTIERREZ



TIV-2 driver and crew member Marcus Gutierrez has always been fascinated by the intricacies of nature. His passion has led him to work in surreal corners of the planet: he helped shoot volcanic eruptions with Sean Casey's father, George, and documented monstrous waves in Tahiti as a part of the Graphic Films team. As TIV-2's driver and mechanic, Marcus has played a pivotal role in helping Sean navigate safely in severe weather, capturing the unprecedented IMAX footage of cyclonic thunderstorms and tornados.

Marcus served as a US Navy corpsman and is now a first-class medic trained in trauma, pediatric cardiothoracic surgery, and orthopedics, making him uniquely qualified to provide emergency support to Sean's field team. Marcus has been involved in the *Tornado Alley* production since 2003, and joined *Storm Chasers* in 2006. In 2010 he stepped into a new role as driver of TIV-2, helping Sean to capture much of the groundbreaking footage seen in *Tornado Alley*.

In addition to his love for filmmaking, Gutierrez is driven by a strong connection to the communities he works in, and hopes that providing critical data and capturing rare footage of these ominous storms will lead to better warning systems and more respect for natural forces and processes. "Filmmaking is a complex effort, fueled by imagination and knowledge," he says. "I'm hoping to immerse myself in nature, and use my experiences to educate others."

When he's not chasing storms, Gutierrez dedicates his time to a variety of other pursuits. He is deeply committed to humanitarian efforts, and has received awards for his work to provide assistance to victims of the El Nino rains and for providing emergency medical assistance to survivors of a cyclonic storm in Bangladesh and India. He serves as a surgical assistant for Mercy Outreach, an organization that provides treatment for Mexican children with anatomical anomalies.

Marcus also continues to work behind the camera with a variety of projects. He's shot music videos for Pearl Jam, Chris Cornell, and the New York Dolls. He's creating experimental 3D films with Panasonic and a new production company, Type3, in collaboration with his cousin, Fernando Apodaca, and close friend Jason Mueller.

Raised in California since the age of five, Marcus is an accomplished surfer and enjoys spending time at surf destinations around the world. He is the proud father of Hallie, a daughter who is almost three, who has helped inspire him to follow his dreams and passions.