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Series Producer ✧ Writer ✧ Producer-Director ✧ Broadcaster

BAFTA nominated, multi award winning Tv Series Producer and Producer/Director/Writer with 18 years experience working across documentary and drama. From ground-breaking science and history factual, to feature length drama docs and serial drama, big budget to low cost shoots. I possess a wide knowledge of filming styles and technologies, have originated and developed new content and formats, and produced innovative CGI. I get great performances from actors and presenters alike, bring an imaginative, dynamic vision to each venture, and a quality aesthetic to screen. I have acute analytical skills, I'm experienced at scripting, managing budgets and stakeholder expectation, and running large creative teams. I'm also a published author, stills photographer, self shooter (including underwater) and radio broadcaster.

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Tv Series Producer / Director / Writer / Camera

**2013 - Present: Freelance
1998 - 2013: BBC Staff**

The Story of Creation & The End of Days

2 x 30min ABC Catalyst Australia 2017. Filmed in 4 days, Prof Brian Cox explores the very start and very end of the universe whilst on tour in Australia. EP Steve Bibb Michael O'Neill

What on Earth

10 x 60 Science Channel 2016. **Series Producer / Writer.** Mysteries on earth explored thru satellite imagery. Leading a team of 20, with scripting, series editing and drama recon. Commissioner Neil Laird, EP Greg Chivers, WagTV

World's Smart Cities: Amsterdam.

1 x 60 NGCI 2016. Tech savvy entrepreneurs show Amsterdam through cutting edge new technologies. Entirely **self shot.** Commissioner Mark Francis, EP Jeremy Philips, ITV Shiver

Autopsy: The Last Hours of...

2 x 60 min Reelz 2015. Drama docs exploring the deaths and lives of Rodney King and Bee Gee Maurice Gibb. Forensic analysis of autopsy reports and detailed drama recon. SP John Fothergill, ITV Studios

Cleopatra's Lost Tomb

1 x 60min C4 / PBS 2015. A maverick archaeologist explores the Egyptian desert searching for Cleopatra's lost tomb. Commissioners Rob Coldstream, Steve Burns, EP Edwina Silver, Dragonfly TV

NASA's Unexplained Files

Discovery Science 2014. **Series Drama Director.** Creating over 130 drama reconstruction scenes of space related weirdness for the 8 part series, from the 12th century to the present day, on Earth and in space. EP Greg Chivers, WagTV

Russia's Mystery Files [aka Monsters Behind the Iron Curtain]

1 x 90min Animal Planet / 2 x 60min NGCI 2014. Drama doc investigating creatures and occurrences from behind the Iron Curtain. Commissioners Patrick Keegan, Hannah Demidowicz, EP Richard Burke Ward, Pioneer Productions

How We Got to Now with Steven Johnson - Light & Glass

2 x 60min PBS / BBC2 2014. Emmy Award winning exploration of the unsung inventors and inventions that made the modern world. Commissioners Martin Davidson, Bill Gardner, EP Peter Lovering, Nutopia

The Mystery of Rome's X Tombs [aka Roman Catacomb Mystery]

1 x 60min BBC2 / PBS NOVA 2013. Dr Michael Scott investigates a previously hidden mass grave combining archaeology with scientific analyses and CGI. Commissioners Martin Davidson, Evan Hadingham, EP Chris Granlund

Doctors

6 x 30mins BBC1 2013/2012. **Director.** Serial drama with assorted medical conditions, sibling rivalry, being old and gay, living with cancer, plus a song and dance routine. SP Mike Hobson, Producers Jonathan Phillips, Carol Harding, BBC

Wonders of Life: Size Matters

1 x 60min BBC2 / Science Channel 2013. Award winning film set in Australia, investigating the physics of life through the big and small with Prof Brian Cox. Including **self shot underwater camera**. EP Andrew Cohen, BBC

City Beneath the Waves: Pavlopetri

1 x 60min BBC2 / Discovery 2011. Obs Doc revealing the secrets of a submerged Bronze Age city, using cutting edge technology and immersive CGI. Including **self shot underwater camera**. EP Gary Hunter, BBC

Origins of Us

1 x 60 min BBC2 2011. The evolution of the human brain and behaviour with Prof Alice Roberts. EP Sacha Baveystock

Britain's Secret Seas - Giants of the West & Bustling South

2 x 60min BBC2 2011. Natural wonders revealed in the waters around the British coastline. From basking sharks and spider crabs to the wreck of the Torrey Canyon. EP Gary Hunter, BBC

Wonders of the Solar System: Dead or Alive [Plus India Shoot for Empire of the Sun]

1 x 60min BBC2 / Science Channel 2010. BAFTA nominated (Best Director), exploration of the planets and moons of our Solar System with Prof Brian Cox. Commissioner Kim Shillinglaw EP Andrew Cohen

Darwin's Dangerous Idea

1 x 60min BBC2. Darwin's insight into the web of life with Andrew Marr. SP Chris Granlund BBC

Horizon: Do You Know What Time It Is?

1 x 60min BBC2 / Discovery 2008. Award winning exploration of the nature of time, with Prof Brian Cox. Innovative visualizations and mind blowing narrative. EP Andrew Cohen, BBC

Horizon: What on Earth is Wrong with Gravity?

1 x 50min BBC2 / Discovery 2008. The first outing for Prof Brian Cox in a road trip across the USA to investigate the nature of gravity. EP Andrew Cohen, BBC

Earth The Power of the Planet: Volcano

1 x 60min BBC2 / Nat Geo / ZDF 2007. Award winning series featuring geysers, scuba diving between tectonic plates, and abseiling into a lava lake. With Prof Iain Stewart. EP Phil Dolling BBC

Horizon: The Genius Sperm Bank

1 x 50min BBC2 2006. Drama doc about Robert Clarke Graham and his Repository for Germinal Choice. With scripted drama drawn from quoted sources and strong human stories. EP Andrew Cohen, BBC

Horizon Tsunami: Naming the Dead

50 min BBC2 2005. **Director.** Obs Doc following the international forensic effort to identify the final remaining Tsunami victims. Emotional actuality filming on location in Thailand inside field morgues. EP Andrew Cohen, BBC

Journey's From the Centre of the Earth - Architecture & Beliefs

2 x 60min BBC2 2004. How geology has shaped the modern world with Prof Iain Stewart. SP Jeremy Philips BBC

Body Hits

2 x 30 min BBC3 & BBC1 2003. Launching BBC3, with salsa, colonic irrigation, bungee jumping and man walking down Oxford Street in a HazChem suit. SP Judith Bunting, BBC

Tomorrow's World, Holiday, Holiday You Call the Shots, Animal Hospital

BBC1 1998-2003

A Day, A Life - 15min Drama 2014. A husband and wife share their fears as their soldier son is sent to war

Junkie Love - 2min Comedy Animation 2013. A tale of falling in love in rehab from Dudley Sutton

Losing the Plot - 8min Drama 2010. Exploring the tensions of a mother caring for her Dad with dementia

Help Wanted, Lonely Boy & Run for Your Life - 3 x 2mins Super8 Experimental Shorts 2010. A psycho granny, a wishful boy and a running lady

Taxi - 15min Drama 2008. Award winning quadrigy set in the back of a London black cab

Grandma's Funeral - 10min Comedy Drama 2008. A true story of family preparing for Grandma's funeral

Treasure - 10min Drama 2005. An old man tirelessly searches for his treasure. With Dudley Sutton

Radio Broadcaster Writer/Presenter**1996 - Present: Freelance**

Sleep - 1 x 12min Science Show, Australia 2015. How we evolved to have two sleeps

Nuclear Fusion reaches a Milestone - 1 x 15min Science Show, Australia, 2014. Laser driven nuclear fusion

Riddles of Ancient Plagues - 1 x 13min Science Show, Australia 2013. Using DNA to identify what killed the ancients

The Life Scientific of Edward Lear & The Rise of English Wine - 2 x 13min Science Show, Australia 2012. Scientific interests of Edward Lear and the bloom in English wine

Presenter & Operations Manager - East Fm Radio, Kenya 1998. Setting up an Asian radio station in Nairobi, training the staff and on air presentation

The Frog That Croaked - 1 x 30min BBC Radio 4 1998. The demise of frog species in Australia

Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon & Specialist Shows - Oxygen 107.9fm, 1996-1997. 350 hours of live radio broadcasting

Selected Awards

2016 Award for Scientific Merit, SCINEMA Australia – *Wonders of Life*

2011 BAFTA nomination, Best Director – *Wonders of the Solar System*

2011 Peabody Awards, Winner - *Wonders of the Solar System*

2010 RTS Best Documentary Series, Science & Natural History – *Wonders of the Solar System*

2010 Award for Scientific Merit, SCINEMA Australia – *Do you know what time it is?*

2010 Audience Prize, 5th Intl Science Film Festival, Athens – *Do you know what time it is?*

2008 Innovation and Technology Prize, 3rd Intl Science Film Festival, Athens – *Titan: A Place Like Home?*

Additional Skills & Experience

- Raindance Film School, Drama Directing Foundation Certificate, Screen Writing Certificate
- Experienced **self shooter**, HD, tapeless, minicams, DSLR, timelapse and underwater (HSE Media Diver)
- **Writer**, published in *Dive*, *Diver*, *Geographical*, *BBC Wildlife*, the *Guardian* and the *Independent*
- **Expedition Leader**, Norway (overland), Barbados (underwater), Australia (cane toads)
- Expert knowledge in general **biology**, animal behaviour, evolution and ecology, and animal communication
- **Urban Vigneron and Vintner**, Olding Manor. Owner Wildwood Vineyard. Author *The Urban Vineyard*

Education

- DPhil in Australian Frog Calls, Dept of Zoology, Oxford University
- BA Biological Sciences, Jesus College, Oxford University