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Profile

I am an enthusiastic and accomplished BBC trained DOP/Lighting Camera man with nearly 20 years experience filming across many genres and subjects: Factual entertainment, documentaries, actuality, wildlife, science, children's, drama reconstructions, studio, location, commercials and corporates. This variety has given me the opportunity to improve my artistic and technical skills allowing me to work with speed, calmness, and confidence whatever the situation. I have thorough knowledge and experience in the use of professional cameras ranging from A7sII, C300, F5, F55, Arri Alexas and Amiras. Owner of Sony F5 kit and Celeres HS Prime lenses.

Awards:

Kidscreen 2020 Best mixed animated series - 'Yakka Dee'
BAFTA Best Live Event - 'Blue Planet Live 2'
BAFTA Children's Best Comedy - 'Gigglebiz Series 4'
BAFTA nomination - 'Minibeast Adventures with Jess'
Asian Television Award-Highly Commended - Cinematography- 'Malaysia From Below'
Asian Television Award-Best Natural History Programme- 'Malaysia From Below'
Missoula Wildlife Film Festival - Best Children's Series Award - 'Inside LIFE'
Emmy Nomination - Series 7 'Mythbusters'
BAFTA nomination - Series 18 'The Really Wild Show'
BAFTA nomination - 'Really Wild Show Tiger Special'
BAFTA for Photography - Wildlife on ONE 'Polar Bear Special'

Selected Credits

Wildlife

'Secret of skin'

BBC 4. Evolutionary biologist Ben Garrod investigates the importance of skin and how it differs in appearance and function across the animals of the world, including us humans.

'Blue Planet Live'

BBC. Following on from Blue Planet 2 Chris Packham, Liz Bonin and Steve Backshaw report live from Baja-Mexico, Heron Island-Australia and Bimini in the Bahamas, about the state of our oceans and the wildlife within.

'Springwatch, Springwatch Live, Winterwatch & Autumnwatch' 2005-2019

Chris Packham & Michaela Strachan track the progress of the best of Britain's wildlife live through Spring and Autumn.

'The Chelsea Flower Show' 2013-2017

BBC2. An annual look at some of the best garden designs at this prestigious event.

'Gardeners World'

BBC2. Every Gardeners favourite show.

'Natures Weirdest Events'

BBC2. Chris Packham tries to explain some of natures weirdest events.

'Secret of Bones'

BBC2/4. Evolutionary biologist and master skeleton builder Ben Garrod investigates how bones have enabled vertebrates to colonise and dominate practically every habitat on Earth.

'The Burrowers: Animals Underground'

BBC2. Dragonfly Productions. Chris Packham sheds light on the underground world of three iconic British animals- badgers, water voles and rabbits.

'British Big Wildlife Revival'

BBC1. Outline Productions. Wildlife experts champion British wildlife to help keep it thriving.

'Malaysia From Below'

National Geographic. Scubazoo. Wildlife expert Nick Baker and Jacques Cousteau's grand daughter, Alexandra Cousteau, explore the underwater world of Malaysia.

'The Private Life of Pigs'

BBC 2. Jimmy Doherty investigates the influence Pigs have on the world of science.

'Wildest Dreams'

BBC1. Do 9 contestants have what it takes to win a year long contract with the prestigious BBC Natural History Unit? Set in Botswana, South Africa, Zanzibar and Kenya they come face to face with lions, rhinos and killer bees.

Natural World 'Jimmy and the Honey Hunters of Nepal'

BBC2. Pig farmer Jimmy Doherty meets the brave people of Nepal that collect honey from the towering cliff tops.

'Bill Oddie Back in the USA'

BBC 2. Bill Oddie on a road trip retracing his 1960's Goodies American Tour while stopping to admire the wildlife.

'Orangutan Diary'

BBC 1. The Orangutan and its habitat are on the verge of extinction. The work of Lone Droscher at the Nyaru Menteng rehab centre in Borneo is documented in this programme revealing these amazing creatures and their plight.

'Big Bear Diary'

BBC 1. The Polar Bear is a formidable creature roaming the Arctic regions. Many small towns in Alaska routinely live along side them but sometimes things get too close for comfort!

'Big Cat Week'

BBC 1. The African Savannah is home to the Lion, Cheetah and the elusive Leopard. Three teams follow the progress of these three groups as they hunt and play on a daily basis.

Natural World: 'Canine Conspiracy'

BBC 2. Are dogs just loyal pets content with playing fetch all day? Or very clever wolves that have realised that man is a push over and making friends with them means no more hard work to get fed as it's given to them on a plate?

Factual

'The Curious Life and Death of...'

Smithsonian Channel. Medical Historian Dr Lindsey Fitzharris explores the lives and deaths of celebrities which don't always add up?

'Jane Goodall: The Hope'

National Geographic. Following the work of Jane Goodall and the amazing work she is doing.

'Planet Child'

ITV. How do children develop around the world? In Japan toddlers are sent to nursery on their own because people trust strangers to watch out for them. In Europe it's a very different story.

'24 Hours in A&E'

CH4. Stylised interviews with the patients after their treatment in A&E.

'The Great Interior Design Challenge'

BBC2. Amateur designers go head to head to showcase their talents.

'GP's: Behind Closed Doors'

Ch5. The day to day events of a doctors surgery are covered in every detail.

'Trust Me, I'm a Doctor'

BBC2. Michael Mosley and his team have a look at the current health issues today.

'Inside Out Homes'

Ch4. Boundless. Architect Zac Monro and Editor in Chief of ELLE Decoration UK, Michelle Ogundehin help design beautiful homes for ordinary people.

'Grand Designs'

C4. Boundless/Talkback. Ongoing Series. Following the progress of ambitious self builder.

'Britain's Best Homes'

Ch4. Boundless. Looking at the finalist for the coveted RIBA Manser Medal architectural award.

'Building of the Year'

C4. Talkback. Kevin McCloud looks at the finalist for the architectural award, The Stirling Prize.

'Travel Guides'

ITV. Studio Lambert. Following 5 families as they experience a variety of holidays.

'The Kitchen'

BBC2. Studio Lambert. Following the lives of 8 families at the heart of the house-The Kitchen.

'Britain Beneath Your Feet'

BBC1. Dallas Campbell takes us on a journey of hidden underground Britain.

'Mythbusters'

Discovery. Beyond. Quirky investigative science programme exploring the misconceptions and myths created on the big screen...often ending in a big explosion!

Children's

'My World Kitchen' series 1-4

BBC CBeebies. Allowing children to experience cuisine from around the world.

'Yakka Dee' Series 1-5

BBC CBeebies. Animation & live. Animated character Yakka Dee encourages children to learn new words in a fun way.

'Gigglebiz'

BBC CBeebies. Justin Fletcher clowns around!

'Minibeast Adventure with Jess'

BBC CBeebies. Kindle. Zoologist Jess French takes children on an adventure to discover minibeasts in their gardens.

Teletubbie 2017

Teletubbies has been revamped for 2017!

'Inside Life'

BBC. Various children follow the 'Life' team from the BBC Natural History Unit. Watching them in action and learning new skills, they explore the extreme environments that will be part of the next BBC NHU blockbuster.

'Really Wild Show'

BBC 1. World famous children's wildlife magazine show reporting from all around the globe.
Commercial/corporate Clients

Corporate

'Sony World Photography Awards Master Classes' 2013-2015

You Tube. Each month the winners of each of the categories of the Sony World Photography Awards gives a masterclass on how they took their winning photo.

'B&Q Online 'How to do it'

B&Q. Alan Tichmarsh, Kirsty Alsop and George Clarke share their wealth of gardening, design and DIY knowledge

Waitrose Online

HYT Watches

KFC

HSBC

Natwest

Landrover