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director of photography

bafta award-winning film and tv director of photography with extensive experience filming documentaries, factual, entertainment, music and current affairs in 50 countries around the world. owner of broadcast camera equipment and lights. full driving licence with customised crew vehicle. showreel available. working french. bbc camera & lighting safety certified, and dbs cleared. member guild of television camera professionals & bectu

curriculum vitae

working I-visa for usa. emergency first aid (foreign travel)

independent production companies: tv documentaries (selection)

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| BBC | 'LENNY HENRY'S CARIBBEAN BRITAIN' Douglas Road Productions 2x60 mins Prod Dawn Lake Exec Prods Angela Ferreira, Mike Connolly |
| Channel 4 | 'TROY DEENEY: WHERE'S MY HISTORY?' SBX Studios 60 mins dir Geoff Small Exec Prods Vanessa Van-Yeboah, Rowan Wilkinson |
| ITV | 'HANDLED WITH CARE' TriForce Productions 60 mins dir Andy Mundy-Castle Exec Prods Jimmy Akingbola, Fraser Ayres, Minnie Ayres |
| BBC | 'MYSOINOIR' Douglas Road Productions 60 mins Prod Anna Manton Exec Prod Angela Ferreira |
| BBC | 'EIGHTIES WITH DYLAN JONES' Plimsoll Productions 4 x 60 mins Presenter Dylan Jones dir Seb Barfield Exec Prod Siobhan Logue |
| BT SPORTS | 'STANDING FIRM: FOOTBALL'S WINDRUSH STORY' BT Sport 75 mins Presenter Benjamin Zephaniah dir Theo Lee Ray Exec Prod Sally Brown |
| BBC | 'LEIGH-ANNE: RACE, POP & POWER' Dragonfly Film & TV Prods 60 mins dir Tash Gaunt, Exec Prod Sam Bickley (Nominated Grierson/Broadcast) |
| BBC | 'ROYAL WEDDING: A DAY TO REMEMBER' BBC Studios 60 mins dir Tim Dunn, Exec Producer Lisa Ausden |
| SKY ARTS | 'THE SOUTH BANK SHOW 2021' Directors Cut Productions 60 mins dir Archie Powell, Exec Producer Cathy Haslam |
| BBC | 'MAKE-UP: A GLAMOUROUS HISTORY' Plimsoll Productions 3x60 mins dir Rachel Jardine, Series Producer Lucy Swingler, Exec Prod Kate Beetham |
| BBC | 'COUNT BASIE: THROUGH HIS OWN EYES' Eagle Rock Films 75 mins dir Jeremy Mare, Exec Producer Mark Cooper |
| BBC | 'FELA KUTI - FATHER OF AFROBEAT' Plimsoll Productions 80 mins dir Biyi Bandele Exec Prod Siobhan Logue (Nominated for Grierson Award) |
| ITV | 'CRAIG & DANNY: FUNNY, BLACK AND ON TV' Big Deal Films 60 mins dir Marina Warsama Exec Prod Dhanny Joshi |
| BBC | 'BLACK CLASSICAL MUSIC: THE FORGOTTEN HISTORY' Douglas Road Productions 90 mins dir Guy Evans Exec Prod Angela Ferreira |
| Channel 4 | 'THE TALK' Whisper TV/ Cardiff Prods 60 mins dir Geoff Small Exec Pat Younge (Nominated for Best Doc & Best Lockdown - Broadcast Awards 2021) |
| BBC | 'GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MICA: THE STORY OF GOSPEL MUSIC IN SIX SONGS' Douglas Road Prods 90mins dir Guy Evans Exec Angela Ferreira |
| GOLD | 'LENNY HENRY'S RACE THROUGH COMEDY' Douglas Road Productions 3 x 60 mins dir Marina Warsama Series Prod Carlton Dixon |
| Channel 5 | 'RIVERS OF BLOOD' ITN Productions 90 mins dir Geoff Small (Winner best Documentary Association of International Broadcasting Awards) |
| Cinem | 'PHARAOHS UNVEILED' SunRa Pictures 90 mins dir Menelik Shabazz |
| BBC | 'CLASSIC ALBUMS - AMY WINEHOUSE: BACK TO BLACK' Eagle Rock Films 60 mins dir Jeremy Mare (Nominated for BAFTA Best Sound Award) |
| BBC | 'LENNY HENRY: THE COMMONWEALTH KID' Burning Bright Productions 60 mins dir Andy Mundy-Castle (Nominated for Screen Nation Award) |
| Smithsonian | 'WHEN TARIQ MET MALCOLM X' TVT Productions 60 mins dir Geoff Small Exec Prod Charles Thompson (shortlisted RTS Doc Awards 2021) |
| SKY ARTS | 'THE SOUTH BANK SHOW: BENJAMIN CLEMENTINE' Directors Cut Productions 60 mins dir Geoff Small |
| Channel 4 | 'HOW TO BE THE QUEEN - 63 YEARS AND COUNTING' Doubleband Films 90 mins dir Chris Durlacher Prod Ben O'Loanl |
| BBC | 'BACK IN TIME FOR BRIXTON' Wall To Wall Media 2x60 mins dir Geoff Small, Prod Carl Callam Exec Prod Emma Hindley |
| BBC | 'FURTHER BACK IN TIME FOR DINNER' Wall To Wall Media 60 mins Prod/dir Rosie O'Connor Exec Prod Emma Hindley |
| SKY ARTS | 'THE SOUTH BANK SHOW: SLY & ROBBIE' Directors Cut Productions 60 mins dir Geoff Small (Nominated for Grierson Award) |
| PBS USA | 'MAKING NORTH AMERICA' Windfall Films 3x60 mins Series Prod Peter Oxley dir Gwyn Williams (Winner TV Silver Award for Science 2016) |
| Oprah Winfrey Network | 'OPRAH PRIME: RUSSELL BRAND AND HEROIN ADDICTION' Harpo Productions 60 mins Exec Prod Tara Montgomery |
| Channel 4/Discovery | 'THE PLANE CRASH' (Nominated for BAFTA Factual TV Award) Dragonfly Film & TV Prods 1x 90 mins dirs Ben Lawrie, Richard Max |
| Channel 4 | 'DISPATCHES: 'BRITAIN'S WITCH CHILDREN' Oxford Scientific Films 60 mins dir David Alter |
| BBC | 'ELECTION' & '2010 ELECTION SPECIAL' Diverse Productions 10x30mins (Winner Children's BAFTA Entertainment Award 2009) prod Carolyn Payne |
| Channel 5/Nat Geog | 'SEARCH FOR THE AMAZON HEADSHRINKERS' Diverse Productions 60 mins prod/dir Osca Humphries |
| National Geographic | 'PLANET MECHANICS: 'WATER WAR-WAVE POWER', 'FULL METAL HOUSE' & 'WOODPOWERED TRUCK' Renegade Pictures 8x60m |
| BBC 2 | 'STORYVILLE: 'BLACK POWER SALUTE' Tigerlily Films 60 mins (Winner Screen Nation Award 2009) dir Geoff Small |
| BBC 1 | 'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? (Moira Stuart)' Wall to Wall Television 60mins (Broadcast Factual & Indie Awards 2006/5)dir Ian Leese |
| Channel 4 | 'UK MUSIC HALL OF FAME (series 1, 2 & 3)' (BAFTA Nomination) 'JOHN PEEL'S RECORD BOX'(Emmy Nomination) Initial/Endemol |
| BBC 1 | 'BAND AID 20: Justice not Charity' Initial/Endemol 60 mins (Nominated for Rose d'Or) dir Martin Callanan |
| Channel 4 | 'FAKING IT - SHOWGIRL TURNS SHOWDANCER' (BAFTA Award-Series 3, Broadcast Factual & RTS Awards) RDF Media 60 mins |
| Channel 4 | 'THE CHEMICAL GENERATION' (Nominated for RTS Award) Optomen Television 60 mins dir Mark Solderger |
| ITV | 'Countdown to Tomorrow' (the making of James Bond film 'TOMORROW NEVER DIES') Creative Partnership 60 mins various dirs |
| National Geographic | 'MAMMOTH BACK FROM THE DEAD' CB Films 60 mins dir Toral Dixit |
| ITV | 'THE TRUTH ABOUT BOYBANDS' Iambic Productions 2x60 mins dirs Steve Cole & Iain Thompson |
| Channel 4 | 'AMERICAN VAMPIRES' (Canadian Film Festival - Channel 4 Hot docs nominee) XYTV 60 mins dir Mark Solderger |
| Channel 4 | 'THE STEPHEN LAWRENCE STORY', and 'VIOLENCE AND THE CENSORS' Vanson Prods 60 mins dir Yvette Vanson |

bbc tv in-house documentaries

BBC CURRENT AFFAIRS: 'DEEPCUT: THE ARMY'S SHAME' 60mins, Prod/dir Jane MacSorley & Leo Telling Exec Prod Mike Radford
BBC BRISTOL: 'BRITAIN'S OUTLAWS: HIGHWAYMEN, PIRATES & ROGUES'3x 60mins;'CASTLES: BRITAIN'S FORTIFIED HISTORY'3x 60mins, 'SOUND OF SONG';SHIPWRECKS: BRITAIN'S SUNKEN HISTORY'3x 60mins, 'KILLER STORMS AND CRUEL WINTERS - THE HISTORY OF EXTREME WEATHER', 'THE REAL HISTORY OF SCIENCE FICTION', 'THE OLYMPICS: FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER'(Winner Focal Award 2013) 'A HISTORY OF HORROR WITH MARK GATISS', 'EMPIRE OF CRICKET';'HISTORY OF NOW - THE STORY OF THE NOUGHTIES';TIMESHIFTS: ('ITALIAN NOIR', '1960: YEAR OF THE NORTH', 'CAPITAL PUNISHMENT', 'ROUGH JUSTICE' & 'WHEN BRITAIN WENT WILD', 'RETURN TO: 'CASTAWAY' & 'LAKESIDERS', 'HISTORY OF MAGIC';THE JOY OF GARDENING I & II';THE JOY OF HOME';THE ANTIQUES SHOW';ABRAHAM LINCOLN: SAINT OR SINNER?'; 'HOW TO WRITE A MILLS & BOON', 'FLOG IT', 'COMIC RELIEF IN SIERRA LEONE' exec Mike Poole dirs/prods John Das, Francis Welch, Rachel Jardine, Alastair Laurence, Sally Thompson, Kerry Richardson, David Olusoga, Kate Thomas-Couth, Rebecca Whyte, Jake Hayes
BBC ARTS & MUSIC: 'IMAGINE...JO BRAND', 'ROY ORBISON: ONE OF THE LONELY ONES', 'THE HEART OF COUNTRY- HOW NASHVILLE BECAME MUSIC CITY USA' 90 mins, 'BIG BILL BROONZY', 'TOTP: THE STORY OF 1979', 'LOU REED REMEMBERED','YOUSSOU N'DOUR: VOICE OF AFRICA', 'REGGAE BRITANNIA'(Winner UNESCO Award 2011) 'THE SANTANA STORY: ANGELS AND DEMONS' prod/dir Jeremy Marre, Matt O'Casey, Chris Rodley, exec Mark Cooper
BBC WALES: 'JANET JACKSON TAKING CONTROL' 60 mins prod/dir Marina Warsama, 'RICHARD BURTON DIARIES' 30 mins prod Marc Edwards
BBC SPORT: 'USAIN BOLT -THE FASTEST MAN WHO HAS EVER LIVED', 'FIGHTING FOR FIDEL';'MOSCOW OLYMPICS 25th' (Nominated for RTS Award), '1966 WE WERE THERE', 'SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 2004-2009' dirs Stephen Lyle, Leon Mann, Gabby Cook
BBC HISTORY: 'BLACK FLASH: A CENTURY OF BLACK FOOTBALLERS' (Nominated for BAFTA Flaherty Documentary Award, RTS Award, BANFF International Sports Programme Award, and EMMA [Ethnic Minority Media Award]), 'THE DOME' dirs Geoff Small, Adam Wishart
BBC MANCHESTER: 'MOIRA STUART IN SEARCH OF WILBERFORCE'(IVCA Clarion Award Television Winner 2007);'THE ESSENTIAL... NAOMI CAMPBELL', 'SONGS OF PRAISE', 'THE FASTER RACE' (Nominated for RTS Award) dirs Gillian Bancroft, Geoff Small, Joanna Malton
BBC VISION LEARNING: 'MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES' dirs Caroline Bacle, Rocio Can
BBC VISION/DOCS/FACTUAL: 'HORIZON: SEEING STARS' prod Ben Lawrie, 'EMPIRE OF THE SEAS: HOW THE NAVY FORGED THE MODERN WORLD', 'THE BEST JOB IN THE WORLD', 'WAR: DO OR DIE', 'PANORAMA', 'THE ONE SHOW', 'CORRESPONDENT';WATCHDOG', 'TRADING RACES', 'DEATH BY DIY', 'ONE FOOT IN THE PAST', 'TV AFRICA';BETRAYAL', 'THE MURDER GAME', 'TOMORROW'S WORLD', 'LANDMARKS - THE CARIBBEAN', 'EVERYMAN - NATION OF ISLAM', 'ISLAND APART', 'NO GROUNDS FOR GARDENING!';'CRIMEWATCH', 'HOLLYWOOD GREATS'

film dramas & film documentaries (selection)

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| SunRa Productions: doc film on 70's/80's UK reggae musi | 'THE STORY OF LOVERS ROCK' 96 mins Prod/dir Menelik Shabazz(Best doc T&T Film Festival) |
| Clarity Film Productions: doc for BBC/PBS on apartheid | 'HAVE YOU HEARD FROM JOHANNESBURG?' 90 mins dir Connie Field |
| Venome Productions: drama thriller | 'THE UNEXPLAINED' dir Flaminia Graziadei |
| Keo Films: Greenland doc National Geographic/C4 | 'SURVIVING EXTREMES - ICE' 60mins (Nominated for Grierson Award) dir Mark Soldinger |
| Niburu Media: Futuristic drama thriller | 'SOMNAMBULANT' 20 mins dir Souleyman Garcia |
| Kanga Prods: (Director-Cameraman) 16mm drama | 'KANGA' dir Ian Watts |
| Aim Image Productions: 60 min comedy drama video | 'BY FAR' dir Geoff Small |
| Hadada Productions: 16mm doc (Nigeria) | 'DORMANT GENIUS' 60 mins dir F Osoba |
| Double Edge Prods: 16mm drama-doc | 'LE BOHEMIAN NOIR' dir Amani Naphthali |
| Charlotte Street Productions: 16/ 35mm drama | 'INDEPENDENCE DAY' dir Jason Massot prod Andrea Cornes |
| Time & Vision Films: 16mm drama | 'DISTINCTION' dir Avril Russell prod Charles Thompson |
| Non Aligned Communications: 16/35mm drama | 'WELCOME TO THE TERRORDOME' 90 mins dir Ngozi Onwura |

tv lifestyle & travel programmes

Channel 4 'RAMSAY'S BEST RESTAURANT' One Potato Two Potato/Optomem Television Ltd various dirs series prod Jenny Crowther
Channel 4 'THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL SHOW' Sunset & Vine prod Rob Williams
Living TV 'EXTREME SKINNY LIVING' Two Four Broadcast series prod Sue Whiteley
Channel 5 'BUILD A NEW LIFE (Series 5)' Shine TV dir Catey Sexton
Channel 4 'PLACE IN THE SUN - HOME OR AWAY?' Freeform Productions dir Chris Coleman
Channel 4 /Discovery 'LONELY PLANET GUIDE TO CUBA & HAITI', (Winner "Best Travel Documentary" - New York Festival) dir Jenny Dames
'CENTRAL AMERICA (Nicaragua & Costa Rica)' & 'BALI & SULAWESI' dir Catey Sexton, Pilot TV 60 mins exec prod Ian Ross
BBC 1 'HOMES UNDER THE HAMMER (Series 4)' Lion Television 60 mins various dirs
Channel 4 'THE INSIDER - 'SELLING KIDNEYS', 'CHILDREN'S HOMES';ALCOHOL' & 'MUSLIM HANGOVER CURE' Mentorn TV 30m
Channel 5 'REAL WIFE SWAPS II- SWINGING USA' Landmark Films 60 mins dir Jeremy Llewellyn-Jones
Channel 5 'SEX AND SHOPPING' (Rio de Janeiro/New York & London) Douglas Chirside Productions 60 mins various dirs
Sky One 'FOOTBALL ICON (series 1 & 2)' North One Television 6x60 mins dir Geoff Small

music films and concerts

KSI- Undeafated', Initial/Endemol: 'Live Aid 10th Anniversary';Amy Winehouse - Vodafone TBA, 'Refugee Voices for Darfur' Palm Pictures: Director/Cameraman (6 Cameras): 'Baaba Maal Live at RFH' & 'Luciano - Live in London', BBC TV: 'Brit Awards', 'MOBO Awards';Phil Collins, 'New Soul Nation', 'Mercury Music Prize: Pulp', MTV: 'Concert for Diana', Isaac Hayes, Bon Jovi, Barry White, DuranDuran, Boy George, Tricky, Lauryn Hill, Backstreet Boys, Bjork, Rose Marie, Robert Wyatt, Stereophonics, Talking Heads, Erasure, Tom Jones, Soul II Soul:'Keep On Movin' 14 Million+ views You Tube