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

### independent production companies: broadcast tv documentaries (selection)

ITV	'JIMMY AKINGBOLA:HANDLE WITH CARE' TriForce Productions 60 mins dir Andy Mundy-Castle Exec Prods, Fraser Ayres, Minnie Ayres
Channel 4	'JUDI LOVE:BLACK, FEMALE AND INVISIBLE' Douglas Road Productions 60 mins dir Anna Manton Exec Prods Angela Ferreira, Mike Connolly
SKY ARTS	'THE SOUTH BANK SHOW:HELEN MIRREN' Directors Cut Productions 60 mins dir Suzannah Wander Exec Producers Melvyn Bragg Cathy Haslam
BBC	'BLACK ART MATTERS W/T' Milk and Honey Productions dir Geoff Small 2x60mins Exec Prods Lucy Pilkington Lawrence Lartey
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
BBC	'THE EIGHTIES MUSIC 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 Soldingner
ITV	'THE TRUTH ABOUT BOYBANDS' Iambic Productions 2x60 mins dirs Steve Cole & Iain Thompson
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
Channel 4	'AMERICAN VAMPIRES' (Canadian Film Festival - Channel 4 Hot docs nominee) XYTV 60 mins dir Mark Soldingner
Channel 4	'THE STEPHEN LAWRENCE STORY', and 'VIOLENCE AND THE CENSORS' Vanson Prods 60 mins dir Yvette Vanson

## bbc tv in-house documentaries (selection)

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

## tv lifestyle & travel programmes (selection)

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Channel 4 **'RAMSAY'S BEST RESTAURANT'** One Potato Two Potato/Optom 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 (selection)

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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