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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

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

curriculum vitae

independent production companies: tv documentaries (selection)

- BT SPORTS 'STANDING FIRM: FOOTBALL'S WINDRUSH STORY' BT Sport 90 mins Presenter Benjamin Zephaniah dir Theo Lee Ray Exec Prod Sally Brown
- ITV 'ASHLEY BANJO: BRITAIN IN BLACK AND WHITE' Uplands Television 60 mins dirs Stephanie Wessel & Tim Dun Execs Mike Smith Eamon Hardy
- BBC 'EIGHTIES WITH DYLAN JONES' Plimsoll Productions 4 x 60 mins Presenter Dylan Jones dir Seb Barfield Exec Prod Siobhan Logue
- BBC 'LEIGH-ANNE: RACE, POP & POWER' Dragonfly Film & TV Prods 60 mins dir Tash Gaunt, Exec Prods Tom Currie, Sam Bickley (Nominated Grierson)
- 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
- National Geographic 'MAMMOTH BACK FROM THE DEAD' CB Films 60 mins dir Toral Dixit
- 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 'AMERICAN VAMPIRES' (Canadian Film Festival - Channel 4 Hot docs nominee) XYTV 60 mins dir Mark Soldingner
- Channel 4 'THE CHEMICAL GENERATION' (Nominated for RTS Award) Optomen Television 60 mins dir Mark Soldingner
- ITV 'Countdown to Tomorrow' (the making of James Bond film 'TOMORROW NEVER DIES') Creative Partnership 60 mins various dirs
- Channel 4 'THE STEPHEN LAWRENCE STORY', and 'VIOLENCE AND THE CENSORS' Vanson Prods 60 mins dir Yvette Vanson

film dramas & film documentaries (selection)

Clarity Film Productions: doc for BBC/PBS on apartheid
Venome Productions: drama thriller
Niburu Media: Futuristic drama thriller

'HAVE YOU HEARD FROM JOHANNESBURG?' 90 mins dir Connie Field
'THE UNEXPLAINED' dir Flaminia Graziadei
'SOMNAMBULANT' 20 mins dir Souleyman Garcia

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

Crucial Films: 16mm BBC TV comedy-drama

'KANGA' dir Ian Watts

'BY FAR' dir Geoff Small

'DORMANT GENIUS' 60 mins dir F Osoba

'LE BOHEMIAN NOIR' dir Amani Naphthali

'INDEPENDENCE DAY' dir Jason Massot prod Andrea Cornes

'DISTINCTION' dir Avril Russell prod Charles Thompson

'WELCOME TO THE TERRORDOME' 90 mins dir Ngozi Onwurah

'CHEF' 60 mins

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'

tv lifestyle & travel programmes

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 5 '**BUILDINGS OF THE FUTURE (Series)**' Uden Associates 60 mins

BBC 1 '**THE ONE SHOW**' Quickfire Media 60 mins dir Karen Walsh

BBC 2 '**PISSED & PREGNANT**' Spun Gold TV 60 mins dir Frances Dickenson

Channel 4 '**THE INSIDER - 'SELLING KIDNEYS', 'CHILDREN'S HOMES', 'ALCOHOL' & 'MUSLIM HANGOVER CURE**' Mentorn TV 30m

Channel 4 '**THE GREAT HOSPITAL FOOD MAKEOVER!**' Blakeway Productions 60 mins dir Callum Macrae

Channel 4 '**THE SEX STARS THEY TRIED TO BAN**' Visual Voodoo 60 mins

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

Channel 4 '**DIET ANOTHER DAY**' Brighter Pictures 60 mins dir Colin Lennox

Sky One '**FOOTBALL ICON (series 1 & 2)**' North One Television 6x60 mins dir Geoff Small

music films and concerts

Initial/Endemol: 'Live Aid 10th Anniversary'; Amy Winehouse - Vodafone TBA; 'Refugee Voices for Darfur' Palm Pictures: Director/Cameraman

(6 Cameras): 'Baaba Maal Live at RHH' & 'Luciano - Live in London', BBC TV: 'Brit Awards 2000'; MOBO Awards; Phil Collins; 'New Soul

Nation', 'Mercury Music Prize: Pulp', MTV: 'Concert for Diana', Isaac Hayes, Bon Jovi, Barry White, Duran Duran, Boy George, Tricky, Lauryn Hill,

Backstreet Boys, Bjork, Rose Marie, Robert Wyatt, Stereophonics, Talking Heads, Erasure, Tom Jones, Soul II Soul: 'Keep On Movin' 13 Million+ views You Tube