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- NATURAL HISTORY
- SCIENCE
- ADVENTURE
- UNDERWATER
- TOPSIDE
- FEATURE DOCUMENTARY
- DRONE
- UK TV & INT. STREAMERS
- MULTI CAMERA
- FACTUAL ENTERTAINMENT
- SPECIALIST FACTUAL
- STUNTS & ACTION

QUALIFICATIONS

Drone

CAA SUA Drone Permission (UK & EU)

Water

HSE Level 4 Media Diving (UK)

ICE Diver SDI

CAVERN Diver TDI

Freediving SSI Level 2

BCU White Water Safety

Power Boat Level 2

First Aid

FREC3 1st Responder with Remote Trauma

AKE Surviving Hostile Regions & Trauma First Aid



RECENT CREDITS PRESENT - 2019

DNA DOE (working title)

Wall to Wall for Nat Geo/Disney+ - 8 X 60 mins - 2024 ongoing

Director of Photography

Forensic Anthropology series following the work of Police, coroners and volunteers at the DNA Doe Project who identify unknown bodies and return them to their families.

Social history, science, murder investigation, 'cinematic' scenes and observational documentary - a bit of everything. P/D Tom Beard

MAN V'S SHARK

Big Wave TV for Nat Geo US - 1 X 60 mins - 2024

Director of Photography and some underwater

Ultra-swimmer and all-round muscleman Ross Edgely goes head to head with various sharks to see if he can compete with any of their extraordinary speed and strength capabilities. Shot in the Bahamas. P/D Dominic Weston

COMIC RELIEF - SNOW GOING BACK

Shine TV for BBC One - 1 X 60 mins - 2024

Director of Photography and some drone

Four celebs go to the Arctic to suffer in aid of Comic Relief. Great fun and high fives all round. Director: David Sutton. Producer: Tom Hutchings

POLE TO POLE WITH WILL SMITH

Nutopia for Disney+/Nat Geo - 3 X 60 mins - 2022/23/24

Specialist Environment Camera Operator and Underwater

Oscar winning actor goes from Pole to Pole to learn from people who thrive in the most remote places. Antarctic, Arctic and tropical specialist crew, underwater in the Arctic and PNG. Humongous budget.

Director: Tom Barber Might. Series Producer: Tom Williams

WILDERNESS WITH SIMON REEVE

The Garden Productions for BBC1 - 1x 60 mins - 2023

Underwater and Topside Director of Photography

Simon Reeve traverses the 'Coral Triangle' (Ep03) meeting local people, scientists and wildlife above and below water. Dir: Eric McFarland. Series Prod: Chris Mitchell

WHALE WITH STEVE BACKSHALL

True to Nature Productions for Sky Nature - 2022/23

Underwater and Topside Director of Photography

Incredible encounters with whales in various locations across the world.

P/D's Tom Whitworth and Ellen Hussain

FINDING MICHAEL

Shine TV for Disney+/Nat Geo - Feature Doc - 110 mins - 2022/23

Director of Photography

In 1999 Michael Matthews died whilst becoming the youngest British person to summit Everest. 23 years later his brother, Spencer Matthews, travels to Everest with Nims (Dai) Purja in an attempt to find and recover Michael's body from above 8000m.

P/D: Tom Beard. Exec: Tom Hutchings

7 TOUGHEST DAYS ON EARTH

Nutopia for Disney+/Nat Geo - 3 X 60 mins - 2021/22

Director of Photography

Adventurer Dwayne Fields sets himself a week-long mission to survive in the most remote areas of the planet. Shot in Kyrgyzstan, Gabon & Oman.

Directors: Charlie Bingham and Beki Henderson. Exec: Steve Rankin.

RANVEER Vs WILD WITH BEAR GRYLLS

BANAJAY INTS for NETFLIX INDIA 1 X 60 mins - 2022

Bollywood star Ranveer Singh goes on an interactive adventure with Bear Grylls.

Director: James Turner

OUR CHANGING PLANET

BBC NHU for BBC1 - 1 X 60 mins - 2021

Underwater Camera

An ambitious seven-year series documenting six of the planets most threatened ecosystems. EP01 in the Maldives, with Steve Backshall & Manta Rays. P/D: Laura Flegg

SHARK WITH STEVE BACKSHALL

True to Nature Productions for Sky Nature - 1 X 60 mins - 2021

Underwater and Topside DoP

Authored documentary series on sharks, EP04 based in the UK. P/D: Max Jourdain

DEADLY PREDATORS WITH STEVE BACKSHALL

BBC NHU for Children's BBC - 3 X 10 mins - 2021

Topside camera, with rope access

The ever popular 'Deadly' series returns with look at home-grown UK predators.

SUPERNATURAL PLANET

Plimsoll Productions for National Geographic Channel - 1 X 15 mins insert - 2021

Underwater camera

Altitude diving with large UW grip in Lake Tanganyika, Tanzania. P/D: Eloisa Noble

SHARK ACADEMY

Double Act Productions for Discovery Networks (US) Shark Week - 6 X 60 mins

2020/21 Topside Director of Photography & Underwater

In a clash of specialist factual and reality TV, eight overly-confident interns get to grips with bull, reef, lemon, great hammerhead and tiger sharks whilst vying for a research job with biologist Dr Riley Elliott. Running a camera dept of nine people. P/D: Jo Locke

WONDERS OF THE CELTIC DEEP

One Tribe Productions for BBC1 Wales and BBC - 4 X 60 mins 2020/21

DoP and Underwater

Natural history series on the coastal and underwater wildlife of Wales. Topside and Underwater. Series DoP. P/D's: Anne Gallagher & Sally Weale. Exec: Dale Templar

SPORT RELIEF - THE HEAT IS ON

Shine Productions for BBC1 - 1 X 60 mins 2020

DoP and Drone

7 Celebrities hobble their way across 100 miles of sand dunes in Namibia. Some fell over, some did quite well, either way it raised millions. P/D: Tom Williams

OLDER CREDITS 2019 - 2000

GOLD RUSH PARKER'S TRAIL S04

Raw Television for Discovery Channel US - 10 X 60 mins 2019/20.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Playground TV for Channel 5 (UK) & US sales - 2019. Nat Hist Cam Op.

SINK OR SWIM

Two Four Productions for Channel 4 (UK) - 6 X 60 mins 2019. *Dir: Josh Jacobs*

THE HEIST (SERIES OPEN AND FINALE)

Endemol Shine for Sky One (UK) - 2 X 60 mins 2019. *Dir: Robin Trump. Prod: Jo Locke*

RUNNING WILD WITH BEAR GRYLLS

Electus Prods for Nat Geo Channel (US) - 3 X 60 mins 2019. *Prod: Rob Buchta*

CELEBRITY HUNTED (SERIES OPEN)

Endemol Shine for Channel 4 (UK) - 1 X 60 mins 2019, *Dir: Rob Fisher*

DRAIN THE OCEANS

Mallinson Saddler Prods for National Geographic Channel (US) - 1 X 60 mins 2019

KILIMANJARO - THE BIGGER RED NOSE CLIMB

Endemol Shine Prods for BBC1 - 1X60mins - 2019. DoP and Drone. *P/D: Tom Williams*

WHEN SHARKS ATTACK

Optomen for Nat Geo Wild - 3X60mins - 2018. DoP, drone, UW. *P/D: Mark Challender*

THE SEARCH FOR WATER

Bow River Films - Feature doc - 1X70mins - 2018/19. DoP and drone. *P/D: Simon Tucker*

BEAR V'S SHARK

Electus Media for Discovery Channel US - Shark Week - 1X60mins - 2018. DoP and underwater. *Dir: Grady Chandler*

MONSTER FISH: SERIES 7

InFocus Asia for Nat Geo Wild (US) - 2X60 mins - 2017/18. DoP. *PD: Robbie Bridgeman*

EXTREME WALES WITH RICHARD PARKES S02

One Tribe TV for BBC2/BBC Wales - 3 X 30 mins 2017. DoP. *Nominated for BAFTA CYMRU Best Factual Series. PD: Luke Lovell*

EXPEDITION MUNGO

Blast! Prods for Animal Planet (US) - 6 X 60 mins, 2016/17. DoP. *PD's: Dom Weston & Charlie Bingham*

LIVING FREE WITH KIMI WERNER

InFocus Asia for National Geographic. 6 X 60 mins, 2016. DoP. *PD: Robbie Bridgeman*

EXTREME WALES WITH RICHARD PARKES S01

One Tribe TV for BBC2/BBC Wales. 3 X 30 mins, 2016. DoP. *PD: Luke Lovell*

BEAR GRYLLS' MISSION SURVIVE S01&02 Betty Productions for ITV1 (UK) - 6 X 60 mins, 2015. Camera Operator. Series *Dir: Robin Trump*

MONSTER FISH S06 InFocus Asia for Nat Geo Wild (US) - 4 X 60 mins, 2015.

DoP. *PD: Erin Buxton and Robbie Bridgeman*

CATS V's DOGS Boundless Productions for BBC2 - 2 X 60 mins, 2015. DoP. With Chris Packham. *PD: Davina Bristow*

SPECIAL SERVICES: ULTIMATE HELL WEEK BBC2 (UK) - 6 X 60 mins, 2015

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST ADVENTURES w/ BEAR GRYLLS ITV1 (UK) 1 X 60 mins, 2014/15.

EXTREME ENDURANCE: RACE TO THE POLE with RICHARD PARKES Channel 5 (UK) - 3 X 60 mins, 2013/14

MONSTER FISH S04 & 5 Nat Geo Wild (US) - 4 X 60 mins, 2013/14

CESAR (MILAN) TO THE RESCUE Nat Geo Wild - 4 X 60 mins, 2014

A TOWN CALLED SUCCESS Feature doc produced by PTS Taiwan - 1 X 75 mins, 2012/13. Winner of a Cine Golden Eagle award (USA) & People and Wildlife Japan Film Fest 2013

360 ALL ACCESS - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE S01 & 02 National Geographic Channel - 4 X 60 mins, 2012/13

GEM HUNTERS Travel Channel - 1 X 60 mins, 2011/12

MONSTER CROC HUNT Nat Geo Wild (US) - 1 X 60 mins, 2011/12

FIGHT CLUB ASIA 3D National Geographic Channel (US) - 1 X 60 mins, 2011

MONSTER FISH S02 & 03 National Geographic Channel (US) - 7 X 60 mins, 2010/11

IF FOOD RUNS OUT History Channel - 1 X 60 mins, 2010

MONSTER JELLYFISH ATTACK NGCI & NGC. -1 X 60 mins, 2009/10. Nominated for 'Best Cinematography' at Asian TV Awards

WIFE SWAP Channel 4 (UK) - 2 X 60 mins, 2007/08

FRED DIBNAH'S WORLD OF STEAM, STEEL AND STONE BBC2 - 12 X 30 mins, 2006

CHANNEL 4 CRICKET - THE ASHES 2005 Operating the hi-speed Tornado camera. BAFTA winning coverage

FRED DIBNAH'S MADE IN BRITAIN BBC2 -12 X 30 mins, 2004

DIG WITH DIBNAH BBC2 - 1 X 60 mins, 2004

MARION AND GEOFF – A SMALL SUMMER PARTY BBC2 - 1 X 60 mins, 2001. Second camera on this comedy starring Rob Brydon, Steve Coogan and Mark Benton

EDUCATION

TIME BASED MEDIA BA Hons.

FIRST CLASS

The University of the West of England, Bristol. 1997 – 2000

General media degree but I specialised in camera and lighting

SPEAKING

Nottingham Trent University, School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences.
Inspirational(!) careers talk 2021.

Screen Skills ‘So you want to be an Adventure DoP?’ career-based online session.
2020.

Talks in state primary schools about adventures in jungles, wildlife and Antarctica that combine with the national curriculum.

International Science Filmmaking Conference at National Taiwan University 2012.

Documentary Production seminars at The Northern Film School, Leeds Met University.
2010.

INTERESTS

MUSICIAN In the Noughties I played Fender Rhodes piano in the bands Nathaniel Green and Pylon. We released a number of records and toured the UK and Europe.

SPORTS Fell Running, white water kayaking, diving and freediving.

I speak conversational **FRENCH**

REFEREES

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