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Highly experienced Producer-Director (also self-shoot) and looking to utilise my experience by moving into Series Producing. With over fifteen year to build from creating a broad range of TV genre for the major broadcasters, and a speciality in edgy, controversial and tricky to execute documentaries and series, but equally at home with talent-led, high-volume factual-entertainment programmes, features, pop-culture shows and constructed reality-drama.

With returning flag-ship TV shows under my belt, I have also conceived and shot, formatted and character driven ob-docs, produced numerous pilots and have overseen PSC location crews and multi-story strands on international shoots in the USA, Europe and Asia.

Extensive writing, producing and post-production experience and with considerable know-how in overseeing edits on both 30" & 60" shows. A very resourceful problem solver, knowledgeable, and a fast-working, flexible creative who can bring in engaging and colourful content on time, to tight budgets and as storylines scarily change!

The ability to create reconstruction sequences cheaply but imaginatively while guiding actors in delivering outstanding performances in narrative scenarios; skilled in drawing out and capturing engaging moments from contributors. A Film School trained director and producer of numerous award winning indie comedy & drama films for MTV/LOGO, Peccadillo, TLA Releasing & Channel 4 Random Acts.

- **PD on BRITAIN'S HORROR HOMES (DOCUMENTARY) CHANNEL 5 / CRACKIT PRODUCTIONS 6 X 60 TX 2016**
Profile on families, lives and properties affected by doom, disaster and destruction around the UK. (Self-shooting)
- **PD on 30 GREATEST DISASTER MOVIES (MOVIES / ENTERTAINMENT) CHANNEL 5 / ITN PRODUCTIONS 1 X 90 TX 2015**
Countdown show fronted by notable movie critics, actors, celebrities & comedians giving review and comment on the best moments from cinemas most notable disaster movies. (Wrote & edit produced on numerous segments of the show)
- **SP on PINK 60 PLUS (LGBT NEWS, ARTS & CULTURE) OUT TV CANADA / PINK 60 PRODUCTIONS 10 X 10 TX 2015**
Devised, produced and fronted a wide range of short form documentaries and news reports on a range of LGBT history, disability, personalities, profiles, film festivals and events with a focus on triumph over adversity stories. (Edit produced also)
- **PD on DON'T TELL THE BRIDE (FORMATTED OB-DOC) TLC / RIVAL MEDIA & BBC1 / RENEGADE PICTURES 5 X 60 TX 2011/14**
Worked on both the UK and Polish version of the hit UK format where a reluctant bride hands over all the wedding plans to the groom. (Crew & self-shot, edit produced also)
- **PD on DOUBLE YOUR HOUSE FOR HALF THE MONEY (PROPERTY / CONSTRUCTION) CHANNEL 4 / RED HOUSE TV 6 X 60 TX 2013/14.** Sarah Beeny gives advice and guidance on families making large extensions to their humble homes. (Crew & self-shot produced also).
- **PD on PHIL SPENCER: SECRET AGENT (PROPERTY / MAKE OVER) CHANNEL 4 / RAISE THE ROOF 3 X 60 TX 2012**
The well-known house guru helps problematic homes find a buyer after in depth advice and some brutal truths. (Crew & self-shot)
- **PD on SECRET REMOVERS (PROPERTY / HIDDEN CAMERA) CHANNEL 4 / OBJECTIVE PRODUCTIONS 10 x 60 TX 2012**
Emotionally charged daytime show where struggling couples about to move have the stressful process done for them while their backs are turned. (Self shot)
- **PD on GEORDIE SHORE, SERIES 2 (REALITY DRAMA) MTV, LIME PICTURES 4 X 60 / TX 2012**
Controversial series following the lives, stories and misadventures of a group of Newcastle clubbers, whose sex and social lives are interwoven over a number of weeks in Newcastle's club-land. (Multiple crews, edit produced also).
- **DV-DIR on CHOCCYWOCCYDOODAR (FOOD / OB-DOC) / UKTV FOOD / TWO FOUR PRODUCTIONS 2 X 30 / 2011**
The colourful people behind a Brighton firm of quirky chocolatiers, producing fantastic cakes for celebrity clients. (Self-shot)
- **PD on SUMMER AT SEA (PILOT FANTASY OB-DOC) SKY 1, TALKBACK THAMES, 1 X 15 / 2010**
The lives & dreams of the entertainment team on a cruise ship – 'Glee' at sea style. Mixture of actuality and stylised pop promo / location music and dance sequences. (Self-shot & edit produced also)

- **PD on THE NAKED OFFICE (FACT-ENT) VIRGIN 1, SHINE NORTH, 1 X 60 / 2010**
Dysfunctional firms make the ultimate Friday dress down to lay themselves 'bare' to the issues at work. Presented by Seven Suphi. (Self-shot & edit produced also)
- **PD on A GIRLS GUIDE TO 21ST CENTURY SEX (FACTUAL) CHANNEL 5, ENDEMOL, 8 X 60 / 2007/8**
The science, biology and psychology behind human sexuality in all its forms. Fronted by Dr Catherine Hood. (Crew & edit produced also)
- **PD on THE SEX WOMEN WANT (FACT-ENT) UKTV HORIZONS, BRIGHTER PICTURES 5 X 30 / 2006**
Practical bedroom tips for women from two female sex-perts who know how, constructed around actuality, workshops and hidden cameras. (Self-shot & edit produced also)
- **PD on TOM BAKER'S ULTIMATE SCI-FI QUIZ (DVD INTERACTIVE GAME / TV QUIZ) SCI-FI CHANNEL, THE RIGHTS COMPANY 2006**
Archive, clips and graphics based quiz hosted by Tom Baker looking at all aspects of the sci-fi genre. (Crew & edit produced also)
- **PD on A-Z OF STAR TREK (SCI-FI / FACT-ENT) SKY1, AT IT PRODUCTIONS, 1 X 90, (NOT BROADCAST)**
The most comprehensive guide to the world's most popular Science Fiction series. (Crew)
- **PD on A PLACE BY THE SEA (PROPERTY / FACT-ENT) CHANNEL 4, FREEFORM PRODUCTIONS, 3 X 60 / 2005**
Home buyers looking to re-locate at desirable locations around the British coast. Presented by Seetha Hallett. (Crew)
- **DV-DIR on MAKE ME A SUPER MODEL (REALITY-DOCUMENTARY) CHANNEL 5, TIGER ASPECT, 9 X 60 / 2005**
A team of ambitious young girls are put through 'model boot camp' to win a contract. Presented by Rachel Hunter. (Self-shot)
- **PD on FRIENDS: THE ONE AFTER THEY WERE FAMOUS (DOCUMENTARY) E4, SHINE LIMITED, 1 X 30 / 2004**
Archive & celebrity interview programme looking at Friends, the World's most popular comedy sit-com, and it's wider impact. (Crew & edit produced also).
- **PD on PETER TATCHELL: JUST WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS? (DOCUMENTARY) THE COMMUNITY CHANNEL, 1 X 60 / 2004**
The life and work of Britain's most controversial human rights campaigner. (Self-shot & edit produced also).
- **PD on THE UNOFFICIAL WORLD RECORDS OF SEX (ENTERTAINMENT) SKY 1, SHINE LIMITED, 10 X 30 / 2003**
Humorous series witnessing amazing new world records in sexual stunts and skills, presented by Andy Goldstein. (Crew & edit produced also)
- **PD on SEX ON THE HIGH STREET (DOCUMENTARY) UKTV HORIZONS, FLAME TV, 10 X 30 / 2002**
Character led stories looking at the lives of people, from housewives to strippers, who frequent Britain's sex shops, presented by Ainslie Foster. (Self-shot & edit produced also)
- **PD on OFF THE RAILS (ENGINEERING / DOCUMENTARY) DISCOVERY CHANNEL, WALL 2 WALL TELEVISION, 10 X 30 / 2001**
The day to day workings and engineering restoration of Britain's historic railways. (Self-shot & edit produced also)
- **PD on REAL BOXING (PILOT DOCUMENTARY) DISCOVERY CHANNEL, WALL 2 WALL TELEVISION, 1 X 15 / 2001**
Warts n'all look at Repton Boxing Club in London's East End. (Self-shot & edit produced also)
- **PD on BOB DOWNE ALL OVER BRITAIN (ENTERTAINMENT) UKPLAY, BRIGHTER PICTURES, 10 X 25 / 1999**
Australian comedian, Bob Down, travels the UK with music and comedy sketches. (Crew & edit produced also)
- **PD on TEST DRIVE (CARS / FACT-ENT) DISCOVERY CHANNEL, BRIGHTER PICTURES, 1 X 20 / 1999**
Are you what you drive? Car / Motorist make over show where new vehicles are put through their paces based on the lifestyle and character of their owners. (Crew & edit produced also)
- **DV-DIR on ADULT LIVES: DID YOU GET HIS NUMBER? (DOCUMENTARY) BBC2, MOSAIC FILMS, 1 X 90 / 1999**
Part of a series looking at attitudes towards sex in Britain. (Self-shot)
- **DV-DIR on DRUGS UNCOVERED (DOCUMENTARY) CHANNEL 4, MOSAIC FILMS 1 X 90 / 1998**
A multitude of stories looking at the use, consumption and legal battle around Britain's drug use. (Self-shot)

WRITER – DIRECTOR: SCRIPTED FICTION

DIRECTOR / CO-WRITER 'LITTLE DEVIL' (COMEDY-DRAMA) CLEVERMAX PRODUCTIONS, CFMDC, 90" 2013
Multi-award winning film about a mischievous disabled girl who forms an unorthodox relationship with a washed-up male escort. Currently in development as a TV series with Channel 4 drama. www.littledevil.com

DIRECTOR / WRITER 'HOMOWORLD!' (DRAMA) UNIVERSITY OF EAST LONDON, MOVIEOLA, 17" TX 2009
A 'straight' couple struggle to live in the closet in a flip-side gay world. www.clevermax.co.uk/homoworld

DIRECTOR / WRITER 'VGL-HUNG!' (COMEDY) PECCADILLO PICTURES 20" TX 2008
An unattractive guy finds a magic web-site that can change him into the ultimate hunk www.clevermax.co.uk/vglhung

DIRECTOR / WRITER 'A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FUNERAL' (COMEDY-DRAMA) MTV-LOGO & TLA, 15", TX 2006
An unpleasant undertaker gets a chance at redemption. www.clevermax.co.uk/funeral

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