

Martin Williams-Neale Director

Live | Multi-camera | Studio | Outside Broadcasts



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Key Skills

Creative and experienced live, multi-camera, studio and outside broadcast director.

BAFTA Winner, RTS Award Winner.

Organised, calm and efficient Quickly establishes an excellent working relationship with presenters, production teams and crew.

Extensive live broadcast TV experience working on entertainment, music, factual and magazine programmes. Experienced music director.

Credits



Taking the Next Step

Series Director, Summer 2017 (BBC Scotland for CBBC)

Hundreds of hopeful young dancers attended the national auditions and as-live finals in Glasgow for a chance to appear in the hit TV show 'The Next Step'.

Executive Producer: Yvonne Jennings Series Producer: Chris Hulme



Saturday Mash Up

Series Director, Autumn 2017 (Simulcast CBBC and BBC Two)

I am proud to be part of the team which brought back live kids entertainment to Saturday morning TV. Competitions, music, sketches and fun.

Executive Producer: Ian France Series Producer: Jamie Wilson



The Boss

Studio Director, Summer 2017 (BBC Studios for BBC One)

Daytime BBC One quiz show presented by Susan Calman.

Executive Producer: Gareth JM Edwards Series Producer: Barry Hart



*RTS Award
Best Live Event*

Blue Peter

Series Director, May 2001 to present (BBC One & CBBC)

As Blue Peter's longest serving Director, I have directed over 400 episodes of this flagship magazine programme.

Highlights include the show's live 50th Birthday celebration, a special edition attended by HM The Queen, live World Record attempts, music performances and numerous outside broadcasts.

Editors: Ewan Vinnicombe, Tim Levell, Richard Marson, Steve Hocking



The Snow Queen and The Nutcracker

Director, Christmas 2016 and Christmas 2017 (CBeebies and BBC One)

Festive Christmas shows, with a cast of favourite characters from Cbeebies, filmed in front of a live theatre audience.

Executive Producer: Tony Reed Series Producers: Jon Hancock, Phil Cooper



A Question of Sport

Studio Director, 2015 - 2016 (BBC Entertainment for BBC One)

In spring 2015, I was pleased to join the team to direct this long-running TV institution.

Presented by: Sue Barker with Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell

Series Producer: Gareth JM Edwards Executive Producer: Kieron Collins



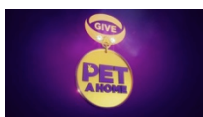
Junior Bake Off

Series Director, November 2015 (Love Productions for BBC)

Top-rating children's version of Bake Off, presented by Sam and Mark.

Presenters: Sam Nixon, Mark Rhodes, Allegra McEvedy and Graham Hornigold

Series Producers: Susanne Rocks Executive Producer: Sharon Powers



Give a Pet a Home

Series Director, April 2015 (Endemol/Initial for ITV1)

Amanda Holden led a team of celebrity animal-lovers to help rehabilitate and rehome the animals at the RSPCA shelter in Birmingham.

As Series Multicamera Director I devised a hybrid multi-camera/PSC technique to achieve a polished as-live look for this primetime ITV show.

Presented by Amanda Holden

Executive Producers: Mirella Breda, Nick Samwell-Smith

Series Producer: Gerard Williams



Pocket Money Pitch

Series Director, February 2016 (CBBC)

Young entrepreneurs compete to receive a year's worth of pocket money to invest in their idea, and to spend time with a renowned business guru.

Presented by: Steph McGovern

Series Producer: Ellen Evans Executive Producer: Putel Verma



Judge Rinder

Studio Director, Summer 2014 (ITV1)

ITV's courtroom show, presided over by Judge Robert Rinder. 7-camera, vision-mixed recording of real cases set in a TV studio courtroom.

Presenter: Robert Rinder

Executive Producer: Tom McLennan Series Producer: Kate Broadhurst



Swashbuckle

Series Director, Summer 2014 (CBeebies)

BAFTA winning, physical gameshow for the under-5s. Gem has had her precious jewels stolen by the naughty pirates and in each episode she needs the help of four young Swashbucklers to win them back.

Presenter: Gemma Hunt

Series Producer: Jon Hancock Executive Producer: Vanessa Amberleigh

BAFTA
Winner



BAFTA Nominated

DNN: Definitely Not Newsround

Studio Director, Summer 2014 (CBBC)

BAFTA nominated, topical comedy show. 'DNN takes a sideways, upside-down and back-to-front look at what's happening in the world of news.'

Series Producer: Richard Grocock Executive Producer: Sid Cole



The Great Sport Relief Bake Off

Director, TX January 2014 (Love Productions for BBC Two)

The Great Comic Relief Bake Off

Director, TX January 2013 (Love Productions for BBC Two)

I was proud to take over the reins of this great British institution to direct two special series for Sport Relief and Comic Relief. In each show, four celebrity bakers, including Jo Brand, Claudia Winkleman, Bob Mortimer and Jane Horrocks faced the infamous baking challenges.

I shot the programme using a hybrid multi-camera/PSC technique, giving intimate actuality coverage combined with highly polished set pieces.

Presented by: Mel Giedroyc with Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry

Series Producers: Amanda Westwood and Sam Beddoes

Executive Producers: Kieran Smith & Anna Beattie

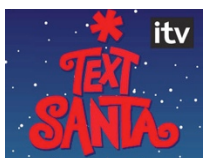


Ludus

Series Director, Autumn 2013 (Boom Pictures for BBC)

CBBC's first ever play-along gameshow. Ludus (20x30 minutes) is an interactive fantasy game where viewers can play along in real-time with the contestants on the show.

Series Producer: Ruth Mills Executive Producers: Rob Hyde, Angharad Garlick



Text Santa

Studio Director CITV Special and itv.com Live Stream, December 2012 (ITV)

Live 45-minute CITV Special, presented by Jeff Brazier and Laura Hamilton.

I also directed the 3-hour live stream on itv.com. Our interactive coverage formed an important 'second screen' experience to support the main show.

Presented by: Jeff Brazier, Laura Hamilton, Matt Littler, Darren Jeffries

Producers: Mark Cohen & Madeline Broadbridge

Exec Producers: Guy Freeman and Nic McNealis

Text Santa

Live OB Director, December 2011 (ITV1)

Live multi-camera OB segment for ITV's Christmas Eve charity fundraiser.

Executive Producer: Guy Freeman



Stand Up for Sport Relief

Director, TX March 2012 (BBC Entertainment for BBC Three)

Hosted by Claudia Winkleman. Sport stars performed a three-minute comedy set based on their sporting lives in front of a live audience at the Bloomsbury Theatre, London.

Presented by: Claudia Winkleman

Producers: Jim Hickey and Cameron Banks Executive Producer: Derek McLean



Big Olympic Tour

Live OB Director, Summer 2012 (BBC Two and CBBC Channel)

Live, multi-camera OB, simulcast on BBC Two and CBBC Channel every Saturday morning leading up to the Olympic Games.

Presented by Helen Skelton and Barney Harwood Executive Producer: Tim Levell



Friday Download Christmas Special

Studio Director, December 2011 (Saltbeef TV for BBC)

Hit studio entertainment show hosted by six of the UK's hottest teenage talents. Featuring music performances, dance, games and chat.

Series Producer: Melony Smith Executive Producers: Jeremy Salsby, Jed Leventhall



Comic Relief, 24 Hour Panel People

Live Streaming Director, March 2011 (BBC Entertainment)

For David Walliams game show marathon I was responsible for setting up and directing the live web stream and editing for compliance using an EVS delay. Our 24-hour live broadcast included message board chat and interviews with the game show panellists during the studio resets.

*Presented by Greg James, Laura Jackson, Matt Edmondson, Jameela Jamil
Producer: Keith Cotton*



Weekend Wogan

Director, August & November 2010 (Wise Buddah for BBC)

Live music performances and chat with Sir Terry Wogan, broadcast from the BBC Radio Theatre. I directed and vision-mixed the television coverage of the show which formed an important part of the BBC's Interactive output. Shown on the 'red button' plus edited highlights on the Radio 2 website.

*Presenter: Sir Terry Wogan
Executive Producer: Russ Williams, Series Producer: Gary August*



Basil and Barney's Swap Shop

Studio Director, Summer 2010 (The Foundation for BBC Two)

Basil Brush's fast and funny, live Saturday morning entertainment show with comedy, games and sketches as well as the famous swaps.

*Presenters: Basil Brush, Barney Harwood
Executive Producers: Ged Allen and Vanessa Hill Series Producer: Amanda Westwood*



Keep Your Enemies Close

Studio Director, Summer 2009 (CBBC)

Top-rating, fast-moving, physical game show. Pairs of best friends had to work cleverly with their opponents to solve various physical and mental challenges. Produced at Teddington Studios to a very tight schedule.

*Presented by Joel Defries
Executive Producer: Annette Williams Series Producer: Anne Dixon Producer: Keith Cotton*



BAFTA
Nominated

Smart

Studio Director, Series 11, 12 & 14 (CBBC)

As well as directing the studio recordings of this top-rating children's art programme, I was responsible for overseeing the extensive post production requirements, including finishing in Smoke.

*Presented by Kirsten O'Brien, Mark Speight, Mike Fischetti
Producers: Caroline Norris, Anne Dixon, Hugh Lawton
Executive Producer: Joe Godwin*



Springwatch Trackers

OB Director, Spring 2007 (CBBC/BBC Natural History Unit)

A major BBC event, broadcast live from a farm in Devon, daily for three weeks. The programme was produced in collaboration with the BBC Natural History Unit, enabling me to make full use of the latest technology and cutting-edge techniques.

I had over 60 live cameras available at my control to capture the nesting and fledging of the wildlife.

*Presented by Kirsten O'Brien and Steve Backshaw with Bill Oddie
Producer: Ewan Vinnicombe Series Producer: Lynne Jones
Executive Producer: Claire Zolkwer*



Keep Your Hair On!

Studio Director, November 2006 (Endemol for CBBC)

Daily, LIVE, fast-moving, gameshow produced by Endemol as part of the 2006 Children in Need appeal.

*Presented by Reggie Yates and Gina Yashere
Producer: Ilia Ralphs Executive Producer: Christopher Pilkington*



Junior Great North Run

OB Director, September 2006 (BBC Sport / CBBC)

Live, multi-camera outside broadcast from Tyneside, as part of the annual marathon. As well as links for the CBBC Channel, I directed the actual race coverage using radio-cameras, remote reporters and GPS mapping graphics.

*Presented by Anne Foy and Simon Grant
Producer: Jeremy Davies Editor: Gary August*



Grandstand / Sunday Grandstand

Studio Director, Autumn 2005 (BBC Sport)

A highly complex studio operation; coordinating feeds from various live sporting events, studio interviews, VT replays and computer graphics.

Presented by John Inverdale Producer: Richard Carr



Xchange

Senior Studio Director, Spring 2005 (CBBC)

As the Senior Director on the team I was responsible for setting the directing style of the programme.

Series Producer: Tanya Motie Executive Producer: Annette Williams



Top of the Pops Saturday

Studio Director, Autumn 2004 (CBBC)

I am an experienced music director - live and pre-recorded, scripted and 'busked'. On Top of the Pops Saturday I was able to produce extremely polished music performances for high profile acts using multiple passes and extensive post production.

Presented by Fearne Cotton, Sam and Mark

Producer: Christina Brown Executive Producer: Joe Godwin



The Saturday Show

Studio Director, September 2002 to January 2003 (CBBC)

I joined to re-launch the programme in September 2002, introducing new music, graphics and studio set. I worked closely with the Producer of 'Top of the Pops' to launch the live 'Top of the Pops Saturday' segment.

Presented by Fearne Cotton and Simon Grant

Executive Producer: Annette Williams



Live & Kicking

Assistant Producer / Studio Director, September 1999 to May 2001 (CBBC)

As Assistant Producer I generated programme ideas, wrote sketches and devised games. I also directed many live music performances deputising for the Series Director.

Presented by Katy Hill, Sarah Cawood, Ortis Deely, Trey Farley

Producer: Angela Sharp Executive Producer: Chris Bellinger



CBBC Presentation

Assistant Producer, CBBC On-Air October 1996 to September 1999

I wrote and directed the daily live afternoon transmission on BBC ONE, The Breakfast Show on BBC TWO and live Holiday Morning shows.



Promotions Director, BBC

September 1992 to September 1996

Network Director, BBC

September 1991 to September 1992



Network Director, Sky

April 1991 to September 1991



Network Director, BSB

December 1989 to April 1991



Network Director, Mtv

July 1988 to December 1989

Training

Multi-Camera Directing Music BBC Training

Score Reading and Classical Music Directing BBC Training

Safe Management of Productions BBC Training

Production Safety BBC Training

Safety Training for Broadcast Television First Option