About

I'm a self-shooting Producer-Director. I am also an Adobe Premiere Editor and a script-writer of travel, arts, history, food and environmental science factual formats. I also direct TV commercials, charity films and short dramas, of which I am a multiple-award winner (2023-24). I have produced and directed projects across the globe in English, French and Spanish.

Production Credits

Feature Film – "HIDE"

Role: <u>Director</u> Prod Co. Transatlantic Pictures & WolfShack Films Oct 2024 Directing a psychodrama about an estranged wife, Angie who conjures up a mysterious and terrifying love affair with a woodsman Film Trailer:

TVC - "**RIEKER** – "'**Barn Dance' -Autumn- Winter 2024**" A Country-themed musical TV spot for the Rieker shoe brand. Role: <u>Director</u>

TVC - "**RIEKER** – "'**French Song'Autumn- Winter 2023**" - A 'Roaring 20s'-styled musical TV spot for the Rieker shoe brand. Role: <u>Director</u> Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited

- Sept 2023

May 2024



PBS / VoLo Foundation EXTREME GREEN - 2 x 60 mins

Role: Producer-Director

60 mins Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV Mar 2022 - June 2023

Producing an international film about visionary environmental technology

- Scripting, location-producing-directing around the world
- Production managing the operation single-handedly
- Editing interview on Premieres
- Edit-producing both shows
- Sourcing and handling extensive B roll and archive
- Licensing music and film rights
- Production accounting





TVC - "Rieker – "'Chunky's House' Spring – Summer 2023 " – March 2023 Role: <u>Director</u> Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited

• Directing a '60s-themed musical spot for the Rieker shoe brand. Film: https://vimeo.com/810875091?share=copy



Charity film – Institute of Cancer Research – "We Dance for Life" – February 2023 Role: Co-Producer/ Director Prod Co. Victor Films *WINNER Best Experimental Dance - Best Experimental Music and Dance Film Festival 2023 *WINNER Best Inspirational Film – European Shorts Awards 2023 *WINNER Best Dance Video - Prague Music awards 2023 *WINNER Best Documentary – Horsham Film Festival 2023 *WINNER Best Dance Film- Stockholm Film Festival 2023 *WINNER" Best Music & Dance film Bestlov Film Festival

A community-based dance film featuring Cancer Research scientists and 200 dancers from the borough of Sutton.

Role: Producer-Director & Editor The Institute of Cancer Research & Sutton Borough Council

- Directing a Community-based dance film featuring 500 dancers forming human cells and tissues across the landmarks of Sutton borough
- Roles included a huge collaboration with local dance choreographers, music and dance talent, as well as local community and disability groups.
 Film: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgdvj96gtQU&list=RDMMqgdvj96gtQU&start_radio=1</u>

Articles: <u>https://www.icr.ac.uk/news-archive/art-and-science-collide-in-a-creative-collaboration-</u> between-the-london-cancer-hub-and-the-sutton-community



Promo – National Trust & Surrey Hills AONB – "The Lark Ascending" – September 2022 *AWARD WINNER Nature without Borders Film Festival 2023

An expressionistic take on George Meredith's poem of "The Lark Ascending", in celebration of Ralph Vaughn Williams's 150th birthday and music of the same name.

Role: Producer-Director & Editor

- Producing and directing an expressionistic take on George Meredith's poem in celebration of Ralph Vaughn Williams's .150th birthday.
- Roles include: creative treatment, extensive recces, drone rehearsals, lighting, offline editing and working with actor and musician.
 Film: https://vimeo.com/742997489?share=copy



Drama - "IMBROGLIO "

*WINNER Best Director LA Music Video & Film Awards 2024 *WINNER Best Short Film Barcelona Indie Awards Film Festival 2023 *WINNER Best Art Direction Direction Golden Swan Film Festival Zurich, 2024 *WINNER Best Short Film Venice Under the Stars International Film Festival 2023 *WINNER Best Director Santa Barbara Movie Awards winter 2023 *WINNER Best Director Dublin Movie Awards winter 2023 *AWARD WINNER Honourable Mention for Direction IndieFest 2023

A short film noir set in a fictional Italian city.

Role: Writer-Director

- Replicating a 1940s and '50s classical film noir
- Overseeing production in London and in Rome



TVC - Rieker – "'Autumn Rage' Autumn-Winter 2022" – April 2022 Role: Director Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited

- Directing a dance commercial for the Rieker shoe brand.
- Roles included creative treatment, storyboard and staging



Netflix HIDDEN ALGERIA - 3 x 60 min

Feb 2019 – June 2022 Role: Producer-Director & Edit Producer Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

- Scripting •
- location producing-directing
- self-shooting on C-300, GH4 and DJI Osmo.
- working in French, Spanish and English languages
- handling historical archive in the edit
- Edit-producing

Film: https://vimeo.com/596673574?share=copy



Netflix - "Art Trails of the Riviera"

Role: Director & Edit Producer

Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

Presenter Kate Comer follows an extraordinary art trail laid out by some of the greatest painters of the 19th and 20th century.

Scripting, location directing, sourcing archive and overseeing edit.

Film: https://vimeo.com/50007918/07cb739a92?share=copy

Feature film - "HIDE" - ongoing 2019 - 2024

TVC - Rieker - "Spanish fiesta" - Oct 2021 Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited

Role: Director

- Directed a flamenco-style dance commercial for the Rieker shoe brand. •
- Roles included creative treatment, storyboard and staging with a dance choreographer •
- Producer Neil Molyneux and Simon Devine, Commercials Unlimited, Hot Marketing Film: https://vimeo.com/699182618?share=copy



THE STORY OF RAMADAN - 60 min Netflix

Role: Writer-Director, Edit Producer

May 2018 - Sept 2020 Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

BBC Presenter Mehreen Baig takes us on an historical tour of Ramadan as it's followed and practiced around the world

- Scripting and research •
- handling archive
- filming linking sequences with Presenter, Mehreen Baig
- Edit-producing

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Film: https://vimeo.com/632872019?share=copy

Corporate film - NHS HOPE Service – "Art Therapy careers" Nov 2020

Role: Self-shooting Producer-Director & Editor

A 4 minute explainer video about the challenges and rewarding opportunities offered up by a career as an Art Therapist

Film: https://vimeo.com/535516368

TVC - Rieker – "Happy Train" – June 2020

Role: Director Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited

- Directed a dance-led commercial for the Rieker shoe brand. Roles included storyboard, casting, • and staging with a dance choreographer
- Sony FX9 & Movi

Film: https://vimeo.com/618734937

TVC - Rieker - "Oh, what a beautiful morning!"

Role: Director

- Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited Directed a dance-led commercial for the Rieker shoe brand. Roles included storyboard, casting, • and staging with a dance choreographer
- Sony FX9 & Movi

Film: https://vimeo.com/536937391?share=copy

Netflix "TRAVELLING IN THE '70s" - 60 min

Role: Producer-Director & Edit Producer

- Scripting, location directing
- some self- shooting on C-300 and Super 8mm •
- Edit-producing •
- Working with Presenter
- Archive handling.

Film: https://vimeo.com/213824109?share=copy

TVC - Rieker - "Life in comfortable shoes" -

- Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited Role: Director
- Directed a dance-led commercial for the Rieker shoe brand. Roles included storyboard, casting, and staging with a dance choreographer

Film: https://vimeo.com/465224429?share=copy

TVC - Rieker – "These shoes are made for dancing" – Nov 2020 Role: Director Prod Co. Commercials Unlimited



March - Nov 2018 Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

- Dec 2019

May 2019

 Directed a dance-led commercial for the Rieker shoe brand. Roles included storyboard, casting, and staging with a dance choreographer
Film: <u>https://vimeo.com/439721298?share=copy</u>

<u>2017 – 2019</u>



Charity TVC - Macmillan Cancer Support - "World's Biggest Coffee morning" Role: Director Prod C o. Commercials Unlimited Fund-raising commercial for Macmillan's annual coffee morning featuring seamless transitions - as plates of cake are passed between coffee morning tables located in a conservatory, a dining room, a garage, an office, a beauty salon and a garden fete. The commercial involves a big cast and lovely shots of all things sweet. Film:



PBS America - "The Rustbelt Highway USA" - 2 x 60 mins

- Role: Director& Edit-Producer Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV
- Scripting, location directing
- some self-shooting on C-300 & Super 8mm
- archive, handling
- overseeing edit and VO.

Film: https://vimeo.com/213714752 & https://vimeo.com/214156695



PBS America - "Coffee, the drink that made America" Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

Role: Director & Edit Producer

Historical documentary about coffee's entry into American cultural life

- Researching, scripting, location directing
- some self-shooting C-300
- overseeing edit and VO.

Film: https://vimeo.com/223738318

TVC - Fisher-Price : 'Linkimals'

Role: Director

- Directed a 20 second toy commercial with toddlers
- Producer Amy Thornton, Brave Spark Media, Mattel

Film: https://vimeo.com/369110741

Brand Content - DHL - "The Promise", "The Difference", "Strategy" & "The Delivery" Role: Director Prod Co. Maverick

Prod Co. Brave Spark

4 x staff training films with a difference. These are 4 x mini dramas involving actors playing roles that range from citizens of the world to arctic explorers. Elaborate studio and location shoot with visual fx and set builds. These films are radically altering the way DHL communicate their brand to its staff and customers.

Film: https://vimeo.com/379812786?share=copy



FoxTel -"The Lost World of Joseph Banks" Role: Producer-Director Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV Documentary about the botanist and entrepreneur Joseph Banks, with historical re-enactments Casting and directing actors for re-enactment scenes. Film: https://vimeo.com/214150307?share=copy

Discovery Channel, PBS - Globetrekker "HAWAII 2" Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV Role: Director A backpacker's travel guide to Hawaii's Big island, Maui and Kaui. Role: Producer-Director & Edit Producer Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

- Scripting, location producing-directing, overseeing edit.
- Self-shooting on Super 8mm •
- Edit-producina.

Film: https://vimeo.com/214027015?share=copy

TVC – Unison - 'Family Support'

Role: Director

Prod Co: Space City

CGI vfx and location shoot with a large cast. • Film: http://www.sciacaluga.com/unison family support.html

TVC - Baker Ross - "Jingle Bells" -

Prod Co: Space City Role: Director Granny invites her grandchildren into her home for a day of festive craft fun. Film: http://www.sciacaluga.com/baker_ross_17.html

TVC -Beagle Street - "Househunters" & "Proud Dad"

Role: Director

Prod Co: Space City Life insurance commercials for the over '30as staged in a New home and in a village hall where a daughter's ballet class prompts chat about the financial challenges of an expanding family. Film:

TVC – My Little Pony - "Colouring Adventure"

Role: Director

Prod Co: Banana Split Productions Girls have fun colouring-in a brand, new My Little Pony activity book series from Eaglemoss. This is a lively, fun-filled TV spot rendered with green screen gfx. Film: http://www.sciacaluga.com/my_little_pony.html



PBS Globetrekker : "Delhi & Rajasthan"

Role: Director

Prod Co: Pilot Film & TV

Presenter Holly Morris travels throughout Delhi and Rajasthan on a backpacker's budget.

- Researcher, writer and Director
 - Self shooter

Film: https://vimeo.com/86698097

Discovery Channel, PBS - "Building England" - 2 x 60 mins

Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

- Role: Series Producer- Director & Series Edit Producer Developing series about the history of British architecture
- scripting, location producing-directing, handling archive, overseeing edits.

Film: https://vimeo.com/306045248?share=copy

Food Network, Discovery Asia - Planet Food "Zanzibar"

Role: Director & Edit Producer Prod Co. Pilot Film & TV

Chef Bobby Chinn samples the Islamic cuisine and concoct some dishes of his own.

Scripting, location directing inc. cooking scenes and overseeing edit.

Film:

<u>2002 – 2017</u>

Directed TV commercials for Blink, Another Film Company, Eclipse, Wow Films, Commercials Unlimited. Clients included BT, Cadbury, Kellogg's, McDonalds, Unison, Bath Spa University and Western Union. Directed travel, food and arts documentaries

Sizzle reel showing some highlights can be seen here - https://vimeo.com/331248613?share=copy

Directed travelogues for the'Lonely Plane't, 'Globetrekke'r, 'World Café' and 'Treks in a Wild World' series for the Travel Channel, Food Network and Nat Geo. Examples:

Lonely Planet Micronesia – <u>https://vimeo.com/215806965?share=copy</u> Planet Food Provence - <u>https://vimeo.com/53117165?share=copy</u>

Skillset

- Experienced and creative self-shooter: C-300, Sony FX6, 3, Panasonic Lumix range, Blackmagic Cinema Pocket 6K Pro, Go Pro Hero, DJI Osmo, Moza-air 2 gimbal
- Location sound recording (Sennheiser EW 100 G4 radio mics, H5 zoom recorder, Rode GO 2 radio mics, Rode NTG4 and Sennheiser 416 shotgun mics, blimp and boom
- Editor on Adobe Premiere
- Adobe Photoshop & Lightroom
- Bilingual in Spanish and conversational in French with experience filming in both territories and in languages
- Location writing, producing-directing around the world (including Algeria, France, Spain, Italy, India, South America, the Middle East, USA and the Pacific Islands)
- Responsible for researching, scripting, producing, filming, directing and overseeing edits and VOs on foreign shoot documentary programmes
- Edit-Producing fact-ent programmes to length, dramatic value and for channel viewings
- Designing, storyboarding, casting and directing mainstream TV commercials for the UK market.
- Complex understanding of production duties on international productions. Track record in managing budgets 4 to 6 digits & working in teams from 2 to 30

Industry Qualifications and Education

The London International Film School

Two year course on the Art and Technique of Filmmaking. Graduated with "Distinction in Production Design"

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne 1984-1987 History BA Hons. Second Class, Division one

Palmers Sixth form college 1982-1984 3 x 'A' levels in History (A), Art (B) and Spanish (C)

William Edwards Secondary 1982-1984

7x GCEs, including English and Maths

Professional memberships

BECTU Directors UK

Referees

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