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Based in Bristol, I have worked across the UK & abroad and I am happy to consider edits across all locations

I am a film editor with a passion for storytelling. I have worked on a diverse range of projects, including documentaries, natural history and independent feature dramas.

I love the challenges editing offers, and the opportunity it gives to collaborate with talented and dedicated people to deliver engaging, entertaining and informative projects.

I have selected some projects to demonstrate the breadth of the productions I have worked on and placed them in two broad categories for ease of reference. A full chronological list forms the final page.

Selected Natural History

BBC	David Attenborough's 100 Years on Planet Earth Prod. Victoria Bobin	VTs to accompany a live Concert at the Royal Albert Hall to celebrate David Attenborough's 100 years and contribution to conservations & wildlife filmmaking.	BBC 1
BBC	Home - Africa: Island Castaways Prod. Nia Roberts & Annie Backhouse	Landmark wildlife series. Release date TBC.	1 x 44 min Nat Geo / BBC
BBC	Wild Scandinavia: Coasts Prod. Ian Gray/ Tuppence Stone	Showcasing the wildlife and people of coastal Scandinavia. Narrated by Rebecca Ferguson. (Also making of documentary).	1 x 50 min BBC 2
Passion Pictures	My Life as a Turkey Prod. Dave Allen	Naturalist Joe Hutto's transformative year, raising a clutch of wild turkeys. Winner EDITING Missoula, Wildscreen & Jackson Hole nomination EDITING, GOLDEN PANDA AWARD WINNER Wildscreen and EMMY for BEST WILDLIFE.	1 x 50 min BBC 2
Humblebee	Wild Babies Prod. Sue Doody	Intimate wildlife series, following new born animals as they explore the World around them. EMMY nomination EDITING, EMMY award winner BEST NATURAL HISTORY.	2 x 30 min Netflix
Wild Space / Higher Ground	Our Great National Parks: Tsavo Prod. Jo Scofield	Epic EMMY Nominated series revealing the beautiful wilderness of Tsavo national park in Kenya. Presented and narrated by Barack Obama.	1 x 50 min Netflix
Humblebee	David Attenborough's Secret World of Sound: Ep 3 Prod. Bridget Appleby	EMMY and BAFTA award winning series, presented and narrated by Sir David Attenborough.	1 x 45 min Netflix / Sky / BBC
ABC	Quoll Farm Prod. Simon Plowright	Following cameraman Simon Plowright's year in a dilapidated Tasmanian farm, as he forms a life-changing bond with its mysterious inhabitants.	1 x 55 min ABC / Smithsonian
Silverback	Parenthood: Jungles Prod. Hugh Wilson	Intimate wildlife series, following the trials and tribulations of jungle-dwelling youngsters. (Also making of documentary).	1 x 50 min BBC 1
BBC	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth: Episode 2 Prod. Ted Giffords	Exploring the extraordinary life of the South Atlantic island chain. Narrated by Cillian Murphy.	1 x 50 min BBC 2
Humblebee	Moon: Nature's Secret Force: Ep 3 Prod. Robert Wilcox	Revealing the secrets of the moon on the World's wildlife, utilising unique NASA footage and Unreal Engine enhanced sequences. Narrated by Tilda Swinton. (Also making of documentary).	1 x 50 min Sky
BBC	Africa: Ep 3 'Cape' Prod. Hugh Pearson	An epic journey round Africa's mighty Cape region, narrated by Sir David Attenborough.	1 x 50 min BBC 1
Silverback	A Perfect Planet: 'Oceans' Prod. Ed Charles	David Attenborough narrates this epic journey across the planet's oceans.	1 x 50 min BBC 1
BBC	Bearwalker of the Northwoods Prod. Ted Oakes	Bear expert Lynn Rodgers reveals the hidden lives of Minnesota's black bears, via his personal journey over four decades.	1 x 50 min BBC 2
BBC	Life Story: Ep 4 'Home' Prod. Ian Gray	Epic wildlife series. Narrated by Sir David Attenborough.	1 x 50 min BBC 1
Offspring	Born to be Wild: Iberian Lynx Prod. Hannah Ward	A touching portrait of an Iberian Lynx sanctuary in Spain, following the growing up and release of a group of cubs back to the wild, and the amazing team that work tirelessly to protect them.	1 x 40 min Apple TV
BBC/Discovery	Nature's Great Events: The Great Tide Prod. Hugh Pearson	Sir David Attenborough narrates the build up to one of nature's most spectacular wildlife events, the South Africa Sardine Run.	1 x 50 min BBC 2

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Selected Specialist Factual / Obs Doc

Five Mile Films	The Dog House Prod. Myles Jenks	Popular, returning BAFTA winning, fixed Rig series, following the emotional ups and downs of dog adoption.	2 x 60 min Ch 4
BBC	Bill Bailey's Jungle Hero Prod. Sam Hodgson	Bill Bailey's personal journey following in the footsteps of his hero, evolution pioneer, Alfred Russel Wallace. WINNER RTS WEST, BEST SPECIALIST FACTUAL.	1 x 60 min BBC 2
Yeti Television	Prue & Sandi's South African Adventure: Simon's Town Prod. Catrin Jones-Shawe / Rachel Jardine	Following Prue Leith and Sandi Toksvig as they explore Prue's childhood memories of Simon's Town, South Africa.	1 x 60 min Ch 4
Icon Films	River Monsters Prod. Barney Revill / Alex Parkinson	Globally popular adventure series, following fisherman Jeremy Wade on many aquatic quests to find the last true monsters of the World's rivers.	6 x 60 min Animal Planet/ ITV
First Look TV	Meet, Marry, Murder: Series 3 Prod. Robert Murray	True Crime investigations, utilising personal testimony and police/ court footage.	3 x 50 min
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BBC	Drugland: Dying to Get Clean Prod. Sacha Mirzoeff	WINNER BEST EDITING RTS West, & BAFTA BEST DOCUMENTARY SERIES, (Nominated).	1 x 60 min BBC 1 & 3
Blakeway Prods	Nigeria's Stolen Daughters Prod. Gemma Atwal	Award winning feature doc, with unique access to the Chibok girls, who recount their harrowing memories of the 2014 kidnapping by Boko Haram.	1 x 75 min HBO
BBC	Protecting Our Children Prod. Emma Burman	Obsv Doc of Bristol social workers dealing with the harsh day to day realities of child social care. WINNER RTS NATIONAL & WEST, BEST DOCUMENTARY EDITING.	1 x 60 min BBC 2
BBC	Tribes, Predators & Me: Shark People of the Solomons Prod. Rachel Kinley	Following presenter Gordon Buchanan, as he learns the ancient ways of the infamous shark people of the Solomons.	1 x 50 min BBC 2
Wild Star	Queens: Episode 7 - Behind the Queens Prod. Faith Musembi	Angela Fox-Bassett presents this inspirational documentary, following the female filmmakers and conservationists behind the EMMY award winning series. WINNER ONLINE AWARD BEST DOCUMENTARY.	1 x 40 min Nat Geo
First Look TV	Great British Castle Rescue: Eps 1&3 Prod. Sam Taplin	Presenter Rick Edwards explores the history of British castles in need of repair, utilising AI generated sequences to bring the historic drama to life.	2 x 45 min Sky History
BBC	Elizabeth & Phillip: Love & Duty Prod. Rebecca White	Via previously unseen archive, Kirsty Young traces the long relationship between the late Queen and her husband.	1 x 60 min BBC 2
BBC	Mary, Mel & Sue's Big Christmas Thank You Prod. Becky Clarke	The original 'Bake Off' trio bring their unique brand of Xmas joy to the Welsh valleys.	1 x 60 min BBC 1
Icon Films	Malawi Wildlife Rescue Prod. Jo Robinson	Fixed Rig documentary following a team of wildlife vets and the daily challenges they face dealing with Malawi's people and wildlife.	1 x 60 min Nat Geo Wild
Nat Geo	Shooting Under Fire Prod. Sacha Mirzoeff	Feature doc following the head of the Reuters Israeli photo bureau, Reinhard Krause, as he works between Gaza and Israel, revealing the conflict via hard hitting photography and testimony from people living on both sides of an impossible situation.	1 x 75 min Nat Geo

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• Murder USA	In production	• Africa: Prog 4 - Cape	BBC1
• Attenborough at 100, Royal Albert Hall Concert	BBC1	• Teddy Gray's Sweet Factory (Dir Martin Parr)	Indie
• Prue & Sandi's South African Adventure	CH4	• Protecting Our Children	BBC2
• Great British Castle Rescue 2 x Ep	Sky	• My Life as A Turkey (EMMY- Best Wildlife)	BBC2
• Meet, Marry, Murder: Series 3	YouTube	• Madagascar	BBC2
• Moon: Natures Secret Force	Sky	• Buffering (Feature Film)	Indie
• Born to be Wild	Apple	• A Million Snake Bites (Natural World)	BBC2
• Home – Africa 'Island Castaways'	BBC / Nat Geo	• Springwatch Special	BBC1
• Parenthood	BBC1	• The History of Now: Story of the Noughties	BBC2
• The Secret Lives of Animals	Apple	• Release (Feature Drama)	Indie
• Secrets of the Octopus	Nat Geo	• Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness	BBC2
• David Attenborough's Secret World of Sound	Netflix/Sky/CBC	• Bearwalker of the Northwoods (Natural World)	BBC2
• Living With Devils	ABC	• Black Mamba, White Witch (Natural World)	BBC2
• Queens. Episode 7: Queens of Queens	Nat Geo	• Shank (Feature Drama)	Indie
• Wild Scandinavia	BBC2	• Life - Prog 2: Reptiles	BBC1
• Dogs in the Wild	BBC1	• Natures Great Events: The Great Tide	BBC1
• Wild Babies	Netflix	• The One Show: Sport Relief special	BBC1
• Malawi Wildlife Rescue	Love Nature	• Mountains of the Monsoon (Natural World)	BBC2
• Our Great National Parks - Tsavo	Netflix	• The Unseen Alistair Cooke	BBC4
• The Dog House	CH4	• Timeshift: Watching the Russians	BBC4
• Quoll Farm	ABC	• Wild China	BBC2
• The Gathering Storm - Katrina	Nat Geo	• Alan Titchmarsh's Nature of Britain	BBC1
• A Perfect Planet - Oceans	BBC1	• Lenny's Britain	BBC1
• Wild Islands- Hawaii	BBC2	• Ganges	BBC2
• First Year on Earth	BBC2	• Grime Scene Investigation	BBC3
• Nigeria's Stolen Daughters (Feature Doc)	HBO	• Tiger Kill (Natural World) (Wildscreen Best Editing - Nominated).	BBC2
• Mary, Mel & Sue's Big Xmas Thank You	BBC1	• Timeshift: The New Middle Classes	BBC4
• Elizabeth & Philip: Love & Duty	BBC1	• Supersize Crocs	CH5
• Mighty Rivers	Animal PI	• Ocean Odyssey	BBC1
• WW2's Great Escapes: The Freedom Trails	CH4	• The Iceberg That Sank the Titanic (Natural World)	BBC2
• Drugsland	BBC 1&3	• Predators Prey	Animal PI
• Tribes, Predators and Me	BBC2	• Shooting Under Fire (Feature Doc)	Nat Geo
• Dogs: The Untold Story	Discovery	• The King Cobra & I (Natural World)	BBC2
• Clash of Africa's Giants (Feature doc)	Animal PI	• Deep Jungle	ITV
• Wild West: Ep 2: The High Country	BBC1	• Massive Nature	BBC1
• Yeti: Man, Myth or Beast?	CH4	• Austin Stevens Adventures	CH5
• Theatrical Knights at the BBC	BBC4	• My Foetus (BAFTA Best Doc - Nominated).	CH4
• River Monsters	Animal PI	• Ireland: Sculpted Isle (Natural World)	BBC2
• Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise	BBC2	• Wildlife On One: King Croc	BBC1
• Wanted In Paradise: Thailand	BBC2	• Moon Power (Natural World)	BBC2
• Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth	BBC2	• Elephant Cave (Natural World)	BBC2
• Wastemen	BBC2	• Diagnosing Darwin	CH4
• Alaska: Earths Frozen Kingdom	BBC2	• Killer Bees - Taming the Swarm (Natural World)	BBC2
• Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals	BBC1	• Young Minds (Short docs)	CH4
• Martin Parr's Turkey & Tinsel	Indie	• Killer Whales: Wildlife Special	BBC1
• Life Story	BBC1	• Animals: The Inside Story	BBC2
• Wild Brazil	BBC2	• Baltic Secrets	SVT
• Expedition: Burma	BBC2	• Yeti: Hunt for the Wildman	CH4
• Operation Snow Tiger	BBC2	• Birth Night with Davina McCall	ITV
• The Sound of Cinema	BBC2	• Buffalo: The African Boss (Natural World)	BBC2
• Tudor Crystal & Mark Goes to Mongolia	Indie	• Triumph of Life	PBS
• Bill Bailey's Jungle Hero	BBC2	• Jack in a Box & Just Testing (Short film dramas)	Indie
• Dark Vision (Feature drama)	Indie	• Nibha of the Elephants (Animal People)	BBC1
• The Polar Bear Family & Me	BBC2	• The Ultimate Guide	Discovery
• Miniature Britain	BBC1	• Orang-Utans: The High Society (Natural World)	BBC2
• Planet Earth Live	BBC1	• Mystery of the Senses	PBS/CH4
• The Making of Planet Earth	BBC WW	• Lune (Feature Drama)	Indie