

SIMON WITHINGTON

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BIOGRAPHY

I am an award-winning freelance television producer, having produced many high profile shows with big-name talent for ITV. In March 2014 I pitched and won a commission for ITV, World Cup Epic Fails. The one-off special rated with 3.7 million viewers when it aired in May 2014 and was soon re-commissioned for a festive Christmas Special. Often working with top presenters, managing budgets and a small to medium team, my television background has covered both shiny floor Entertainment & Factual Entertainment programming. I self-shoot & edit on FCP / Adobe.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY


 (November '16 to present)	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: CRACKIT PRODUCTIONS (Executive Producers: Elaine Hackett & Jason Wells) <i>When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong / When Celebrity Goes Horribly Wrong When Chatshows Go Horribly Wrong / When Gameshows Go Horribly Wrong When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong</i> * Overseeing 3 hour, fast-turnaround talking heads clip-shows for Channel 5. * Overseeing multiple edits, multiple programmes, up to 25 staff. * Clearing archive within tight budgets. Re-versioning for International
 (Sept '16 to Nov '16)	EDIT PRODUCER: LIME PICTURES (Series Edit Producer: Lucy McDermott) <i>The Only Way is Essex Series 19</i> * Edit Producing episodes of the long running reality TV series on a fast turnaround. Running multiple edit suites.
 (April '16 to August '16)	PRODUCER / DIRECTOR: (Executive Producers: Elaine Hackett & Jason Wells) <i>When Magic Goes Horribly Wrong</i> * Producing & Directing 3 hour, fast-turnaround talking heads clip-show for Channel 5. ** WINNER Focal International Awards 2017: Best Use of Footage in an Entertainment Production 2017
 (July '16 to August '16)	EDIT PRODUCER: SHIVER / ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Miles Jarvis) <i>Katie Price's Pony Club</i> * Edit Producing brand new factual entertainment format for TLC Channel broadcast
 (March '13 to March '16)	SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Director of Entertainment: Siobhan Greene) <i>All New It'll Be Alright on the Night 33, 32, 31, 30, 28 / Best of the Worst</i> * Overseeing the popular long-running outtakes show written & presented by by Griff Rhys Jones.
 (Oct '14 to Dec '14) (March '14 to June '14)	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS <i>Christmas Epic Fails World Cup Epic Fails</i> * Pitched and won commission for fast turnaround studio show celebrating the funny side of The World Cup presented by Angus Deayton. 4 th highest rated programme across all channels the day it aired. ** Overseeing team including producer, archive producer, researchers and a team of top comedy writers.
 (Nov '14 to Dec '14) (Nov '13 to Dec '13)	SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS <i>I'm a Celebrity Epic Trials / Junglicious Moments / Stars of Oz I'm a Celebrity: Trials & Tribulations / Best of the Bush / Crown Jewels</i> * Fast turnaround highlights shows, talking heads format. Overseeing team including P/Ds & celebrity producers.
 (Oct '12 to Dec '12) (Nov '11 to Dec '11) (Nov '10 to Dec '10)	SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producers: Jane Beacon / Nic McNeillis) <i>I'm a Celebrity: Top Trials / Golden Moments / Hall of Fame I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever / Jungle Gold / Jungle Royalty I'm a Celebrity: Bushtucker Best Bits / Juicy Jungle Bits / Jungle Royals</i> * Compiled 9 x 60 mins top-rating "best of" shows for ITV2. Directing 'talking head' celebrities. Edit Producing. Script writing.
 (Sept '12 to Oct '12)	EDIT PRODUCER: BIG BARK TV (Executive Producer: Anya Sitaram) <i>The Home of Fabulous Cakes</i> * Edit Producing cookery show starring Royal Wedding cake maker Fiona Cairns for ITV1. Script-writing voiceover.
 (August '12 to Sept '12)	EDIT PRODUCER: THAMES / SYCO (Series Producer: Tim Dean) <i>The Xtra Factor</i> * Edit Producing fast turnaround shows for ITV2 including comedy scriptwriting.
 (May '12 to June '12)	TRAVELLING CONSULTING PRODUCER: FREMANTLEMEDIA (Executive Producer: Sean Kneale) <i>X-Factor China</i>


* Travelling Producer overseeing production at audition, boot camp and judges home visits for Enlight Media, China.


SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER:
 THAMES / SYCO (Executive Producer: Sam Donnelly)
(March '12 to May '12) **Britain's Got More Talent Funniest Moments / All Singing & Dancing / Kids & Pets Unleashed / All Stars**
* Compiling 4 x 60 mins "best of" shows for ITV2. Directing Stephen Mulhern links. Script Writing.


SELF-SHOOTING PRODUCER / DIRECTOR & EDIT PRODUCER:
OBJECTIVE PRODUCTIONS (Series Producer: Shannon Delwiche)
(July '11 to Nov '11) **Tool Academy Series 2**
* Producer overseeing large scale edit of the reality show, shot with multiple cameras including some hidden camera.
** Lead Self-Shooting P/D on the hit reality series. Overseeing single & Multi Cam (up to 6 cam) shoots on Canon XF305


PRODUCER
 ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Matt Calais)
(August '11 to Sept '11) **Come Dine With Me: Extra Spicy**
* Produced DVD of the hit Ch4 show. Clearing & compiling best clips of the series. Script writing for Dave Lamb.


SELF-SHOOTING PRODUCER / DIRECTOR / EDITOR:
 OK! TV ONLINE / EXPRESS ONLINE (Head of Digital Media: Geoff Marsh)
('08 to Nov '13) **OK! Magazine / Express Online / Northern & Shell / Mevio**
* Shooting & FCP editing red-carpet content on a fast turnaround for the OK! / Daily Express / Mevio websites.


PRODUCER / DIRECTOR:
 ITV STUDIOS (Head of Features: Anne-Marie Leahy)
(June '11 to July '11) **Daybreak**
* Location P/D for the features department shooting and self-shooting fast turnaround VTs.


PRODUCER:
 ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Misbah Alvi)
(April '11 to May '11) **William & Kate: The Royal Wedding**
* Studio producer for the worldwide, 4 hour live event airing in 30 countries to an audience of 22 million viewers.
** Writing script, managing running order, co-ordinating talent, guests, O.B links and satellite feeds.


PRODUCER / DIRECTOR:
 ITV STUDIOS (Series Producer: Tom Gould)
(March '11 to April '11) **Britain's Best Dish**
* Location Producer/Director for the semi-final and final on Series 5 of the hit cookery format.

PRODUCER:
 ITV STUDIOS (Series Producer: Amanda Kean)
(Feb '11 to March '11) **Surprise Surprise / Anything for You with Holly Willoughby**
* Launch Producer on brand new primetime Sunday night wish fulfilment studio pilot.

CONSULTANT PRODUCER:
 ITV STUDIOS (Head of Development: Joe Mace)
(Jan '11) **Surprise Surprise!**
* Travelling Producer overseeing production of the wish fulfilment format to Shandong TV, China

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & DIRECTOR:
 WEDDING TV / WEDDING TV ASIA (Co-Executive Producer: Tony Prince)
(Feb '07 to Oct '10) **Celebrity Brides Unveiled, Brides on a Bus, The Great Cake Bake, WAGs World, Celebrity Hens & Stags, The Shaadi Show etc.**
* Dept. Head overseeing 200 hours of high volume/low budget content per year, for multiple territories.
** Multi skilled Self Shooting / Editing 30 and 60 mins programmes on Final Cut Pro
*** Negotiating Talent within budget / Managing Production Team of up to 15 people
**** Best Specialist Channel: Broadcast Digital Awards (2008) / Best Daytime Channel: FreeSat Awards (2009)

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:
 BIG GAME TV (Managing Directors: Music & Brands)
(May '06 to Feb '07) **Big Game Television / The Hallmark Channel Quiz**
* Creative Director of live interactive quiz channel responsible for the "look" of the channel
** Managing On-Air Talent & Production Team. Gallery Producing live shows

SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER
 LWT (Executive Producers: Bob Massie, Stewart Morris, Janet McBride)
(July '02 to May '06) **All the best from Denis Norden** Denis Norden's last ever show for ITV1
It'll Be Alright on the Night 16, 18, 19, 20, 50 Years of ITV & All Star Special
Denis Norden's Norden's 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th & Christmas Laughter File

PRODUCER:
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTERS
('98 to '10) **The A-List** Self shooting red carpet for primetime SABC Show, S.Africa, **NBC's Top 100 Most Outrageous Home Videos & NBC's Most Outrageous TV Moments** Satin Telles Productions, **The New A List: Europe** DMETV for E! Entertainment, **Shocking**

Police Videos Nash Entertainment for Court TV, **The World's Most Amazing Videos** Nash for Spike TV, **Popstars the Rivals Extra** Dane Bowers & Hayley Evetts, CITV, **It Takes 2** with Vinnie Jones and Gabby Yorath,

REFERENCES Lee Connolly, Creative Director (ITV)
Siobhan Greene, Director of Entertainment (ITV)