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## BIOGRAPHY

I am an award-winning freelance television producer, having produced many high-profile shows with big-name talent. Recently, I have produced multiple 3-hour archive shows for Channel 5 (*When... Goes Horribly Wrong*) where I've overseen up to 7 edits and managing a team of around 25 people.

I originated *Greatest Celebrity Wind Ups Ever!* with Joe Pasquale which consistently rated 25% above slot average for Channel 5 and *World Cup Epic Fails* hosted by Angus Deayton for ITV in 2014. which rated with 3.7 million viewers and resulted in a subsequent commission, *Christmas Epic Fails*.

Often working with top talent and priding myself on always coming in on budget, my television background has covered both shiny floor Entertainment & Factual Entertainment programming. I also self-shoot and edit.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

 (November '16 to Dec '18)	<b>SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:</b> CRACKIT PRODUCTIONS (Executive Producers: Elaine Hackett & Jason Wells) <b><i>When... Goes Horribly Wrong. (14 x 180 mins)</i></b> <b><i>Live TV, Celebrity, Chatshows, Gameshows, Kids TV, Talent Shows, Reality TV, Television 2, Comedy, Award Shows, News, Eurovision, Christmas, TV Animals</i></b> <b><i>Greatest Celebrity Wind-ups Ever! Series (6 x 60 mins)</i></b> <b><i>Greatest Celebrity Wind-ups Ever! (1 x 60 mins)</i></b> <b><i>5 Goes to Eurovision: Greatest Hits (1 x 60 mins)</i></b> * Overseeing top-rating fast-turnaround talking heads clip-shows for Channel 5. Multiple edits, up to 25 staff * Directing talking heads. Clearing archive within tight budgets. Clearing and re-versioning for International market * Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever went from commission to on-air in just 3 weeks. Rated 1m+.
 (July '18 to Sept '18)	<b>SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:</b> TUESDAY'S CHILD TV (Executive Producer: Karen Smith) <b><i>Epic Celebrity Fails</i></b> * Originated 4 x 1 hour, fast-turnaround celebrity blooper show format voiced by Chris Ramsay.
 (May '18)	<b>LOCATION PRODUCER:</b> OATH (Executive Producer: Geoffrey Goodwin) <b><i>The Royal Box: The Wedding of Harry &amp; Meghan</i></b> Location Producer for live presenter O.B streaming to global audience online. Hosted by Kate Thornton
 (Sept '16 to Nov '16)	<b>EDIT PRODUCER:</b> LIME PICTURES (Series Edit Producer: Lucy Palmer Hobbs) <b><i>The Only Way is Essex Series 19</i></b> * Edit Producing episodes of the long running reality TV series on a fast turnaround. Running multiple edit suites
 (April '16 to August '16)	<b>PRODUCER / DIRECTOR:</b> (Executive Producers: Elaine Hackett & Jason Wells) <b><i>When Magic Goes Horribly Wrong</i></b> * Producing & Directing 3 hour, fast-turnaround talking heads clip-show for Channel 5. ** WINNER of the Focal International Awards 2017: Best Use of Footage in an Entertainment Production 2017
 (July '16 to August '16)	<b>EDIT PRODUCER:</b> SHIVER / ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Miles Jarvis) <b><i>Katie Price's Pony Club</i></b> * Edit Producing factual entertainment format for TLC Channel
 (March '13 to March '16)	<b>SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:</b> ITV STUDIOS (Director of Entertainment: Siobhan Greene) <b><i>All New It'll Be Alright on the Night 33, 32, 31, 30, 28 / Best of the Worst</i></b> * Overseeing the popular long-running outtakes show written & presented by by Griff Rhys Jones
 (Oct '14 to Dec '14) (March '14 to June '14)	<b>EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:</b> ITV STUDIOS <b><i>Christmas Epic Fails</i></b> <b><i>World Cup Epic Fails</i></b> * Pitched and won commission for fast turnaround studio show presented by Angus Deayton * 4 <sup>th</sup> highest rated programme across all channels the day it aired (3.7m) Overseeing team including comedy writers
 (Nov '14 to Dec '14) (Nov '13 to Dec '13)	<b>SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:</b> ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producers: Jane Beacon / Nic McNeillis) <b><i>I'm a Celebrity Epic Trials / Junglicious Moments / Stars of Oz</i></b> <b><i>I'm a Celebrity: Trials &amp; Tribulations / Best of the Bush / Crown Jewels</i></b>
(Oct '12 to Dec '12)	<b>SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER:</b> <b><i>I'm a Celebrity: Top Trials / Golden Moments / Hall of Fame</i></b>

(Nov '11 to Dec '11) (Nov '10 to Dec '10) <b>Royals</b>	<b>I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever / Jungle Gold / Jungle Royalty</b> <b>I'm a Celebrity: Bushtucker Best Bits / Juicy Jungle Bits / Jungle</b>
* Compiled 9 x 60 mins top-rating "best of" shows for ITV2. Directing 'talking head' celebrities. Script writing	
EDIT PRODUCER:	
	BIG BARK TV (Executive Producer: Anya Sitaram)
(Sept '12 to Oct '12)	<b>The Home of Fabulous Cakes</b>
* Edit Producing factual cookery show starring Royal Wedding cake maker Fiona Cairns for ITV. Script-writing.	
EDIT PRODUCER:	
	THAMES / SYCO (Series Producer: Tim Dean)
(August '12 to Sept '12)	<b>The Xtra Factor</b>
TRAVELLING CONSULTING PRODUCER:	
	FREMANTLEMEDIA (Executive Producer: Sean Kneale)
(May '12 to June '12)	<b>X-Factor China</b>
* 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)	<b>Britain's Got More Talent Funniest Moments / All Singing &amp; Dancing / Kids &amp; Pets Unleashed / All Stars</b>
* Compiling 4 x 60 mins "best of" shows for ITV2. Directing Stephen Mulhern in-vision links. Script Writing	
SELF-SHOOTING PRODUCER / DIRECTOR & EDIT PRODUCER:	
OBJECTIVE PRODUCTIONS (Series Producer: Shannon Delwiche)	
(July '11 to Nov '11)	<b>Tool Academy Series 2</b>
* Producer overseeing large scale edit of the reality show, shot with multiple cameras including some hidden camera.	
** Lead Self-Shooting P/D on 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)	<b>Come Dine With Me: Extra Spicy</b>
* 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)	<b>OK! Magazine / Express Online / Northern &amp; Shell / Mevio</b>
* 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)	<b>Daybreak</b>
* 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)	<b>William &amp; Kate: The Royal Wedding</b>
* 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	
LOCATION PRODUCER / DIRECTOR:	
	ITV STUDIOS (Series Producer: Tom Gould)
(March '11 to April '11)	<b>Britain's Best Dish Series 5</b>
CONSULTANT PRODUCER:	
	ITV STUDIOS (Head of Development: Joe Mace)
(Jan '11)	<b>Surprise Surprise!</b>
* 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)	<b>Celebrity Brides Unveiled, Brides on a Bus, The Great Cake Bake, WAGs World, Celebrity Hens &amp; Stags, The Shaadi Show etc.</b>
* 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. Managing team.	
*** 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)	<b>Big Game Television / The Hallmark Channel Quiz</b>
* Creative Director of live interactive quiz channel. Managing On-Air Talent & Production. Gallery Producing live	
SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER	

**LWT**

(July '02 to May '06)

LWT (Executive Producers: Bob Massie, Stewart Morris, Janet McBride)

***All the best from Denis Norden, It'll Be Alright on the Night 16, 18, 19, 20,  
50 Years of ITV & All Star Special***

***Denis Norden's Norden's 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & Christmas Laughter File***

\* I produced the late great Denis Norden for the last 4 years of his TV career pulling in up to 10 million viewers.