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Ben Luria

Avid and Premiere Offline Editor

DAYTIME EMMY AWARDS

Profile

With nearly 20 years in the cutting room, Ben is a creative, fast and skilled storyteller with an excellent sense of narrative and character, as well as a keen eye for detail. His experience spans a wide variety of programme formats and genres, from high-end wildlife documentaries to multi-cam factual entertainment, for UK, US and VOD broadcasters alike.

No matter the budget or scale, Ben takes pride in drawing the best out of the footage he works with, crafting impactful and compelling stories and using his natural flair for music and sound design to get the tone and rhythm spot on every time. Considered a 'safe pair of hands', Ben is easy to work with and enjoys working collaboratively but can just as well take an idea and run with it independently and remotely, putting him at the top of his clients' editor wish list.

Credits - Long Form

"Vantara" 2 x 44 min. Observational documentary. A mix of fun, touching and poignant stories about the animal residence and team who care for them at Vantara, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre in India.
Exec Producer: Tom Brisley
Arrow Media for Nat Geo

"NDA" 2 x 50 min. High-end documentary series based in Saudi Arabia. Arabic, with English subtitles. Currently under a Non-Disclosure Agreement.
Exec Producer: Adel Abdulkarim
OR Media

"Toronto Airport Uncovered" Series 1. Episode 1 and support across the series. 1 x 60min. Ten-part observational documentary series following the characters and inner workings of Toronto Pearson International Airport, Canada.
Exec Producer: Nick Metcalfe
Arrow Media for National Geographic

"When Sharks Attack 360" Series 1 & 2. 3 x 44min. An international team of experts investigate why sharks bite humans. Dramatic reconstruction, UGC, archive, experiments and cutting edge VFX.
Exec Producer: Nick Metcalfe
Arrow Media for Nat Geo

"America's National Parks" 1 x 44 min. High-end wildlife series. Episode: Biscayne National Park, Florida.
Exec Producer: Anwar Mamon
Wildstar Films for Nat Geo

"American Monster" Series 8. 1 x 44 min. Finishing Editor. True-Crime series featuring witness testimony, UGC, archive and dramatic reconstruction.
Exec Producer: Nick Metcalfe
Arrow Media for Discovery

"Animals Close Up with Bertie Gregory" Series 2. Episode 5 - Devil Ray Islands. 1 x 44 min. High-end presenter-led wildlife adventure series. Cinematographer Bertie Gregory embarks on an epic adventure across the globe, to reveal the challenges animals endure and the threats they face on our changing planet.
Exec Producer: Anwar Mamon
Wildstar Films for Nat Geo
****2024 Daytime Creative Arts Emmy Award winner of 'Outstanding Travel, Adventure and Nature Programme****

"Creepy Crawlies: Breeding" 1 x 50 min. Blue-chip wildlife documentary about the weird and wonderful ways that minibeasts meet and mate.
Exec Producer: Phil Coles
Blue Pigeon Productions / Doclights for Curiosity Stream

"History of Life on Earth" 4 x 50min. Documentary series observing how life began and evolved on planet Earth. Episodes - "Life in the Ocean", "Journey to Land", "Rise of the Giants", ''Mammal Takeover''.
Blue Pigeon Productions / Doclights for Curiosity Stream

"Invasion Earth" 1 x 60min doc. A series investigating witness accounts and scientific explanations of UFO sightings around the World. Using interviews, archive and drama recon.
Discovery & Nat Geo

"Urban Warriors" 1 x 50min. Blue chip documentary about the amazing creatures that have managed to make homes in our ever-expanding concrete jungle.
Blue Pigeon Productions / Doclights for Curiosity Stream

"Sky Sharks: Closer Than You Think" 1 x 48min. Documentary. Part of Sharkfest. The latest drone tech reveals shark action like never before from the perspective of 'eyes in the sky'. These predators are way closer than you think. Especially Great Whites off the Californian coast.
Wildstar Films for Nat Geo

"Wildlife 200" 10 x 50min. Blue chip wildlife documentary films on a variety of subjects. Migrations by land, air and water. Extinction, Mountains, Rivers and Animals first years.
Blue Pigeon Productions / Doclights for Curiosity Stream

"Gathering Storm" 2 x 44min. A ground-breaking documentary series following the lives of mariners across the globe during the 2019 hurricane season. Vast amounts of UGC provide a rarely seen perspective.
Keo Productions for National Geographic

"Earth from Space" 1 x 55min. Re-version for France. Cameras in space tell stories of life on our planet from a brand-new perspective, revealing new discoveries, incredible colours and patterns, and just how fast it's changing.
BBC

"Shark Week: The Sharks of Headstone Hell" 1 x 48min. In this documentary, shark researcher Riley Elliot and cameraman Andy Casagrande investigate a bizarre Tier Shark phenomenon surrounding a small island in the Pacific Ocean.
Icon Films for Discovery

"Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters" 2 x 48 min. Obs Doc / Fact Ent. Adventurer and biologist Jeremy Wade travels the globe in search of aquatic mysteries.
Icon Films for Animal Planet

"Canada: A Year in The Wild – Summer" 1 x 48 min. Finishing Editor. Wildlife documentary series following the animals of Canada's epic wilderness through the four seasons.
Tigress Productions for Channel 5

"Animals Decoded" 1 x 60min. Animals communicate with each other in a wide variety of ways. Some signals are obvious, but many humans are unaware of them. By carefully observing animals in their natural habitat, as well as using staged experiments, this series reveals the sounds, colours and chemicals that are otherwise hidden from our view.
Blink Films for Wildlife 24

"Ben Nevis the Venomous Mountain" 1 x 45min. Factual Entertainment series revealing the secrets of four of the world's most iconic mountains. Using archive footage, eyewitness testimony and expert insight, each film will embrace major historical events, the natural world, human survival, extreme engineering and explore mankind's relationship with each mountain, including an obsession to conquer each peak!
Arrow Media for Channel 5

"Back to the Wild" 1 x 30min. An epic tale of how the Scimitar Horned Oryx, which had been extinct in the wild since the late 1990's, was released back into its native habitat in Chad, Northern Africa. It's the largest and most ambitious re-introduction of a species from captivity to the wild in world history.
Zealot UK for Quest TV

"Raised Human" Series 2. 1 x 45min. Finishing Editor. In 1978 primatologist Gary Shapiro was on a mission to teach wild orangutans to sign. Working at Camp Leakey, a place where orphaned orangutans could be reintroduced to the wild, he conducted the first ever wild study into orangutan language ability. Upon visiting the holding pen, a young orangutan called Princess bounded into his arms and convinced Gary he had found his perfect subject.
Blink Films for Animal Planet

"Fishing Impossible" Series 1 & 2. 6 x 60min. Fact ent series in which three fishing fanatics head to some of the world's most extreme destinations in order to catch the uncatchable.
BBC Worldwide & ITV

"Various Wildlife Films" 6 x 50min. Wildlife documentaries on a variety of subjects. The world's fighters & survivors, creature co-operation, killer instinct, camera tech, 24hrs in the Pantanal.
Blue Pigeon Productions / Doclights for Curiosity Stream

"Meet the Penguins" 2 x 30 min. Wildlife observational documentary series about the work and characters at SANCCOB sanctuary in Cape Town.
Blink TV for Animal Planet

"Singing in the Rainforest" Episodes 1, 3 & 4. 3 x 60min. Fact ent series takes famous musicians to the most remote tribes on earth. 'Charlie Simpson', 'Scouting for Girls' & 'Glasvegas' are exposed to the tribe's rituals, customs and the musical culture before presenting their style of music to the tribe.
Gogglebox Entertainment for Watch

"Million Dollar Intern" 2x50min. Ob Doc. Business whiz kids go undercover as interns within struggling companies. After identifying key issues, they reveal their identities and share their ideas to put things right.
BBC Worldwide

"Paddy & Sally's Excellent Adventure" 2 x 60min. 'Big Brother' friends Paddy Doherty and Sally Bercow travel around Europe on their excellent adventure.
Endemol for Channel 5

"Mission to Lars" Feature length documentary. Tom has fragile X, the most common form of inherent learning disability. For 15 years his obsessive passion has been Metallica and in particular the drummer Lars Ulrich. This is a road trip from UK to USA to help him overcome his fears created by his condition and to full fill the dream of meeting his hero.
For film festivals and Netflix

"Britain's Empty Homes" 6 x 30min. Presenter Jules Hudson reveals the great potential that vacant places can offer in terms of budget and lifestyle and follows the work of the nation's Empty Property Officers.
Ricochet for BBC One

"Extreme Homes" Series 2, 3, 4 & 5 - 10 x 60min. Exploring "extreme" home designs from around the world.
Pioneer for HGTV
"The Secret Life of Super Posh Pets" 6 x 30min. Observational Documentary taking a peek into the secret life of posh pets, from the breeders to the buyers, to the pets themselves, high end pampering and behind the scenes at Crufts.
Optomen for ITV

"Monty Python Almost the Truth" 2 x 60min. Encompassing unseen and unknown facts and footage, these documentaries highlight the comedy troupe's childhood, schooling, university life, pre-Python work and includes interviews from modern day comedians and performers that cite the troupe as an influence (including Steve Coogan and Eddie Izzard). It is the first time in over twenty years that all five surviving Pythons have come together for such a project.
Bill & Ben Productions for US and DVD release and for the BBC

"Bull Run" Series 2 & 3 - 6 x 60min episodes. A reality competition-style show where 12 teams race across America navigating into checkpoints and enduring challenges in every episode, competing for a prize of two thousand dollars.
Fox Speed for US

"Open House" 4 x 30min. Ob doc series of half-hour house-selling programmes presented by expert Kristian Digby.
Ricochet Productions for BBC

"Freshly Squeezed" 80 x 30min. Daily music show. Comprising of music videos and interviews.
Remedy Productions for Channel 4

"Global Gathering" 1 x 60min documentary on the 'Global Gathering' music festival, presented by Nick Grimshaw.
Channel 4

"Poker Queen" 1 x 60min. This documentary gives an insight into Jennifer Harmen, one of the world's top female poker players in Las Vegas. Focussing on the pains and strains she faces being a woman in a tough male dominated game.
PokerZone Television for Satellite

"Cartoon Network Super Stars" 2 x 12min inserts – 2 groups of children are made to feel like film stars for the day. Fast paced and funky.
The Cartoon Network

"The Clothes Show" 6 x 60min. Revamped fashion / magazine series presented by Louise Redknapp and Karen Franklin.
Shine for UK Style

Short Films

"Jack Malchance" Ep 4, 7min web drama/thriller. Jack has bad luck but as it transpires, it's due to a reason far larger than he could possibly have imagined. Now he finds himself a pawn in a dangerous lottery where his number could be up at any time.
Starring: Steven Lim, Elizabeth Boag & Vanlene Kane
****Grand Prize at 'NexTV Online Competition 2011****

"The Child" 7-minute drama. Elizabeth loves her son dearly, but is he real? Now having sold their home, can her husband get her to leave the house and their child behind for a fresh start?
Starring: Juliet Prew (Casualty) & Alastair Snell

"Modern Life is Rubbish" 13-minute drama. Liam and Natalie are dividing their CD collection before parting ways. But will their common passion for music spark one more try at their relationship?
Starring: Rafe Spall (Hot Fuzz) & Rebecca Night (Wuthering Heights – TV vsn)
**** Winner – East London Film Festival 2010****

"Film" 6-minute short film for television. A stylised dance film set in an unworldly factory which explores the rhythmic beauty of cling film.
Dir. Shelly Love, commissioned by Channel 4 for Dance4Film

"Out on a Limb" 15-minute black comedy. A man asks his close friends around for dinner to dine on his own flesh.

"Mr Thornton's Change of Heart" 10-minute. Romantic drama. Mary owns a flower shop and Mr Thornton is her best customer. Neither of them are getting any younger, so when their obvious romance is failing to spark, cupid decides to intervene.
Starring: Annette Badland (Charlie & The Chocolate Factory), Nicolas Grace (Miss Marple)
**** Winner – 'Official Best of Fest 2008' & Redemption Film Festival 2007****

"Mockingbird" 13-minute drama. An emotional journey of a young girl recalling the final days spent with her eccentric father in this touching drama. Drama. Dir. Joe Tumner.
Starring: Olivia Williams (Sixth Sense) & Eliza Darby (The Life & Death of Peter Sellers)
Richard Landy Productions

"Cuts" 10-minute. Satirical comedy that explores how different egos on a film set are prefigured by the psychological dynamics of the school playground.

"The Braai" 4-minute comedy. A stylish, fast-paced, comic tale of the South African male's ritual and hierarchy surrounding 'The Braai' (BBQ). Dir. Shaun Cairns.
Starring: Ben Hull (Hollyoaks)
Dolly Films
****2nd Place – 'UpOverDownUnder' film festival 2005****

"Kensington Gore" 10-minute black comedy/horror short film. Tense action-packed comedy/horror which follows the fate of two transvestites after a high-class perfume launch goes hideously wrong.
Dir. Shaun Cairns.
Starring: Ben Hull (Hollyoaks)

"Blue Room" 12-minute dark drama. A man develops a delusional obsession with his female neighbour. How far will his fantasies go after he installs video cameras in her apartment?

Shortform – Film Trailers, Promos, Commercials and Corporate

Film Trailers for *The West Wittering Affair, Tomb Raider Anniversary, Point* Annihlation and more.

Various promos and commercials for clients including *E4, Film4, MTV, BBC, Discovery, Nickelodeon, Network, Nestle*

Various gaming trailers for *Eidos, Xbox, PS3, Nintendo*

Various Corporate edits for clients including *Panasonic, Staples, UNICEF, L'Oreal, Network Rail, HSBC, Nintendo*