



## Graham Taylor Avid /Premiere Film Editor

### Profile

Graham is an accomplished film editor working predominantly in feature docs for cinema and TV. Graham is also experienced in drama, commercials, short form, arts and experimental film-making. He specialises in projects with a unique tone and voice, with progressive approaches to narrative, aesthetic, perspective and soundtrack. Graham is a true collaborator, he's passionate and creative, with a solid background of technical skill and experience and committed to pushing the boundaries of editing.

### Credits

#### Feature Length Documentaries

**"Be Water My Friend"** 1 x 96min (feature length). A harrowing documentary chronicling the life of Bruce Lee. After being rejected from Hollywood, Lee returned to his native Hong Kong, where he completed 4 iconic films in just 2 years of a short career when he died at the age of 32. This documentary delves into Lee's early life, at the age of 18 Lee established a following in Seattle by teaching Kung Fu, where he would meet his future wife Linda. When Hollywood was not ready for an Asian leading man, Lee would return to Hong Kong and become an international Super Star. A trove of interviews and rare archival film footage illustrates the tapestry of Lee's charisma, passion, dedication and philosophy to his art.

"Elegant, satisfying, thoughtful and surprisingly relevant documentary" *New York Times*

"Engaging and well crafted" *Variety*

Directed by Bao Nguyen and produced by Julia Nottingham

**Dorothy Street Pictures for ESPN and Disney Plus also Theatrical release**

\*Official Selection Sundance and Cannes 2020\*

**"Children of the Snowland"** – Feature length Observational Doc, dir/prod. By Marcus Stephenson and Zara Balfour.

Shot almost entirely on go pros, we travel back to an ancient way of life with children who thought they would never see their homes and families again, as they try to understand who they are, and their place in the developing world. But whilst on the journey of a lifetime their foundations are rocked yet again by the biggest earthquake to hit Kathmandu in living memory.

Mayfly Production and Dartmouth Films

**\*Winner BIFA Raindance Discovery Award**

**\*2019 Grierson Nominee in Best Cinema Documentary Category**

**"The People vs the NHS: Who Gets the Drugs?"** 1 x 90min feature length and 1 x 60min.

PrEP is a drug that experts believe could end the HIV and AIDS epidemic. But in 2016, after 18 months of consultation, the NHS made the controversial decision that they could not fund it. This is the incredible story of the battle for PrEP on the NHS: a legal fight which saw doctors, activists and AIDS charities come together to overturn the NHS decision. It was the start of an emotive battle which would see the cost of the treatment publicly pitted against the cost of prosthetic limbs, blood cancer drugs and drugs for children with cystic fibrosis. Dir. Mark Henderson

Pulse Films for BBC

**"Chemsex"** 1 x 90min Feature documentary for Vice on the use of drugs for sex in the gay community in London in 2014. Extremely frank and honest portrait of a scene in crisis.

Dir. Max Gogarty and William Fairman. LFF & IDFA official selection. Cinema release Dec 2015.

*"Stark and unflinching, 4 stars"* – Timeout.

BFI's top 3 LGBT films of 2015

*"Scary but valuable, 4 stars"* - Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian.

4 stars from Attitude, The Times, Little White Lies, Total Film, Gay Times.

**"We the People"** A 90 minute feature music doc. Looking at the making of their new album and behind the scenes filming of the legendary rap groups creative process as they grapple with the political turmoil in the US. Dir: Carl Hindmarch

Barcroft Media for US Broadcast (Currently unreleased due to rights issues)

**"Solitary Nation"** 1 x 60min Observational film following several characters as they experience Maine State Prison's Solitary Confinement Wing. An intimate and brutal portrait of their lives and experiences, which amounts to a damning portrait of the practice of keeping prisoners alone for months or even years. Dir. Dan Edge.

Mongoose Films for PBS.

*The two different versions of the film which Graham cut for BBC 2 and PBS were combined to make "The Last Days of Solitary", a feature length film broadcast in the UK as part of the Storyville strand, and has been nominated for two 2017 Grierson Awards - Best Single Documentary - International, and Best Current Affairs.*

*"Solitary Nation is about as hopeless an hour of television as you can imagine, which is exactly the reason to watch it." NY Times*

**"Asunder"** 1 x 75min feature documentary. Entirely archive based film, commemorating the centenary of the Battle of The Somme and its effect on the communities of the North East of the UK. Bold and immersive, Asunder tells the story of the home front during one of the bloodiest battles in history. Premiered at Sunderland Empire in July 2016, accompanied by a live score by Sunderland's Field Music and Newcastle's Warm Digits alongside the Royal Northern Sinfonia. Fully mixed version to be released in 2017. Produced by artist and film-maker Esther Johnson and Bob Stanley for 14-18 Nov.

**"Death of a Gentleman"** Independently produced feature length polemic about test match cricket's struggle for relevance in the modern world. A tale of sporting dreams versus money, greed and power. Official Selection, Sheffield Doc Fest 2015. Dir Sam Collins.

Cinematic release Autumn 2015.

*"Rousing and Powerful" "Persuasive and Gripping"* - BFI

Top 3 on iTunes Doc chart after successful cinema release and festival run.

### TV Credits

**"Drive to Survive"** Series 3. Formula 1 documentary series from the producers of Amy and Senna, with full behind the scenes access based on the 2020 season and seeing how the global pandemic has affected the sport.

BoxtoBox for Netflix

**"COVID: Our Lockdown in Shanghai"** 1 x 60min. As the Coronavirus bursts into the world's consciousness, two Shanghai filmmakers document tales of their neighbours, capturing an unprecedented pandemic and the anxiety, uncertainty, but also unexpected, life-affirming moments that follow.

Wonderhood Studios for Smithsonian Channel

**"Hate Crime: Uncensored"** 1 x 60min. Directed by Mark Henderson, the film examines the abusive and racist language and behaviour on the streets of Britain, featuring victims of hate crimes speaking out about the abuse they have endured.

Zeppelin TV for Channel 5

***“Revolution in Ruins: The Hugo Chavez Story”*** 1 x 60min. This film tells the extraordinary story of Chavez’s 14-year presidency. A precursor to many of today’s populist leaders, Chavez bypassed traditional media and spoke directly to the people through his weekly live TV show. Told by many of those who knew him, it’s the story of incredible short-term achievements in health and education, but also of the tragic legacy of his idealism, populism and ruthless pursuit of absolute power. With populist movements increasingly taking power in countries around the world, it is a story that is now more relevant than ever. Using Archive and interviews  
BBC 2

**5 Stars- The Telegraph, 4 Stars – The Guardian, 4 Stars – The Times**

***“Murdered for Love- Samia Shahid”*** 1 x 60min. The devastating story of 28 year old Samia Shahid from Bradford, who flew to Pakistan in July 2016 to visit her family and six days later was found brutally murdered. The film uses cutting edge verbatim interview techniques with those closest to her, along with her social media and phone communication, to tell the story of the years leading up to her death. Key moments are dramatised to put us in Samia’s head as she struggles to find a compromise between her traditional Pakistani heritage, and her life as a modern British young woman.

Dir - Sasha Aschilli

BBC 2

***“I Shot My Parents”*** 1 x 60min. In the United States, five parents a week on average are killed by their children. This film follows the dramatic case of 14 year old Nathon Brooks from Washington State, who in 2013 shot his parents while they slept. Miraculously they both survived.

BBC for BBC 3

***“Black is the New Black”*** Exceptional figures from politics, business, sport and science share their insights in being back in Britain today, how they got where they are, and thoughts on what their future holds.

Pulse Films for BBC 2

***“The Alternativity”*** A reimagining of the story of the Nativity, staged in the car park of Banksy’s Walled Off Hotel in Bethlehem. Danny Boyle helps Banksy with this production, in the shadow of the wall that separates Israelis and people of the occupied territories.

ACME films for BBC 2

Dir - Martin Webb

***“Is it Safe to be Gay in the UK?”*** 1 x 60min. This documentary demonstrates how homophobic violence still exists in the UK. It takes a look at the issue, hearing from the victims, their families and the police.

Century Films for BBC2

*“This was a beautiful film about ugly, ugly things...The programme wisely, and movingly, dwelt not just on the violence itself but on its lasting effects on survivors and their families” The Guardian*

***“Saved”*** 1 x 60min ITV 1. Gripping Drama doc based around the idea ‘would you risk your life to save someone else?’ Bold and cinematic reimagining of real life drama.

Dir. Jonathan Rudd

The Garden for ITV

*“Cleverly creating a momentum of rolling cliff hangers” - The Guardian*

*“If you start watching you won’t stop..” - The Guardian*

***“Children of the Gaza Conflict”*** 1 x 60min documentary. A savage but tender portrait of the lives of five children directly affected by the conflict in Gaza in 2014, and the lasting implications on their families. Dir James Jones.

BBC2

***"Kangaroo Dundee - Natural World Special"*** – 2 x 60min. Feature length portrait of a man who has dedicated his life to rescuing baby kangaroos from the pouches of their mothers killed on the outback's roads. First ever two part special for Natural World.

AGB Films for BBC2 (Natural History Dept)

**\*Nominated for 'Best Wildlife Documentary 2013' by The Grierson Trust\***

*"A lovely bit of programme making... allows you to intimately marvel at a life utterly different from your own"* - Caitlin Moran, The Times

***"Our War: The Invisible Enemy"*** Ep 2 of 3, 60 min documentary. Using material shot by British soldiers in Afghanistan to tell first hand the stories of a brutal conflict that will define a generation. A touching, intimate, and painfully honest portrait of a modern war.

BBC

**\*BAFTA winner for Best Factual Series 2012\***

*"...a sobering snapshot... captures the gallows humour and banter driven spirit that binds the men together"* - Time Out

***"Portrait Artist of the Year"*** Presented by Frank Skinner and Joan Bakewell. A competition to find the UK's most talented portrait artist.

Story Vault for Sky Arts

***"Disabled and Disowned – Nowhere Else to Go"*** Ep 1 of 2. 1 x 60min. Sixty years ago, the care of children who were orphaned or abandoned by their parents was based on the Victorian poor laws. This archive and interview based film looks at how the UK has struggled to keep up with changes in society since the war, often to devastating effect.

Blakeway for BBC4

***"L'Arbitre"*** 1 x 5min short doc. **\*United Nations department of Public Information GOLD award winner\*** A portrait of female soccer referees working in the men's professional game in a country infamous for its brutality against women. To be shown at 2011 FIFA women's World Cup.

BDA Agency for ESPN International

***"How We Invented the World"*** 1 x 60min. Featuring drama and cutting edge documentary techniques. First in series of 5. Dir. Jonathan Rudd.

Nutopia for Discovery US

***"A Tale of Two Chinas"*** 1 x 30min. Part of First Cut strand, intimate portrait of a woman exiled during the cultural-revolution, revisiting modern China.

Keo Films for Channel 4.

***"Short Work"*** 1 x 60min ob doc. A portrait of 3 of the UK's top young performers who are desperately trying to break through the stereotyped roles that dwarves have played for centuries. Commissioned to accompany Ricky Gervais's sitcom Life's Too Short.

BBC Comedy for BBC 2

***"Cutting Edge – Base Jumpers"*** 1 x 60min ob doc. This touching and darkly humorous film follows two of Britain's most prolific base jumpers, the most deadly sport in the world, for a year. Mixed with truly death defying footage of jumps, this unique and revealing film provides an unflinching insight into the psychology of the film's subjects as they begin to understand their addiction and its effect on their loved ones.

Double Act for Channel 4

*"A mesmerising and award-worthy Channel 4 documentary about two base-jumpers... So, please, if you missed The Men Who Jump off Buildings, try to catch a repeat."* Ally Ross, The Sun – 03.08.10

***"Dirty Britain"*** 2 x 60min ob doc series. A portrait of the life and work of the people who clean the country for a living.

Wild Pictures for ITV1

***"Gentleman in Squalor"*** by Top Shelf Jazz music video. Set in prohibition era Bugsy Malone-esque narrative music video shot on super 16mm. Official selection Soho Shorts festival.

\* **Limelight Awards - Best Music Video**

***"The World's Most Dangerous Place to be a Woman"*** 1 x 60min single person narrative documentary, following a young girl from London back to her birthplace, the Democratic Republic of Congo. A heart-breaking, emotional journey of self-discovery and realisation as she learns the atrocities reeked in a "war against women", profoundly altering her understanding of her life and how different it could have been. BBC3/1

*"Devastating testimony, essential viewing" – timeout*

***"The Fugitive Chronicles"*** 1 x 60min drama documentary. Director: Jonathan Rudd. Stylish, visceral and action packed reconstruction of one of America's most epic fugitive hunts shot on HD. Raw TV for A&E Network

***"The Primary"*** 1 x 60min ob doc forming part of the BBC's '**White Season**'. Filmed over one autumn term at a multicultural multi faith primary school in Hounslow, Birmingham. This is a unique, fascinating and inspirational piece of social documentary follows the head teacher as he leads his diverse intake of children through the daily rituals of school life, working to maintain harmony while striving to promote an awareness of the children's different cultures.

BBC 2

***"Ancient Worlds: The republic of Virtue"***: 1 x 60min (WW version) for BBC history on Roman Republic. Series Prod: Tim Kirby. Graham completely re-edited and re-worked the UK TX landmark BBC 2 film (removing the presenter) and using lots of unseen footage to create the worldwide version for international resale.

***"Conspiracy Files 7/7"*** 1 x 60min controversial and extremely disturbing investigation into myths and rumours surrounding the July 7<sup>th</sup> 2005 London bombings. Using all the official archive of the event, cut with powerful and stylish cinematography, this film shows how alarmist figures in Britain are exploiting the facts to support ideological struggle in our cities and homes. BBC 2

**ONELife - *"The Man with 20 Kids"*** 1 x 50min ob doc. An intimate and honest portrayal of daily life on benefits in the Welsh Valleys. Follows a year in the life of a family that epitomises the benefit trap, revealing the trials and tribulations affecting the family including arrests, prison sentences, alcoholism and family relationships tested to the limit. BBC1

***"I'm A Child Anorexic"*** 1 x 60min ob doc. Tender, revealing and powerful portrait of life in the UK's leading centre for the treatment of anorexia sufferers, based around the treatment of 3 girls from 12-16 years old. BBC3

***"The Death of Respect"*** 1 x 60min documentary essay by John Ware examining the perceived decline of mutual respect in contemporary society. Is Britain really broken as David Cameron claimed? Using archive and new material with elements of sociology, economics, philosophy and history to produce a fascinating polemical film.

BBC 2

***"This World Special: The Real Godfather"*** 1 x 60min current affairs documentary about the real life head of the mafia and how he eventually got caught after 43 years on the run.

Fury Films for BBC 2

***"New York: The Apple on the Edge"*** 1 x 60 min stylish and cutting edge archive documentary on the fiscal crisis facing NYC in the 70's featuring major political and cultural players of the time. Boasting lavish archival footage cut to an exquisite soundtrack of the era. BBC 4

***“This World: Will Israel Bomb Iran?”*** 1 x 40min documentary, filmed on the front line during the 2006 Lebanon war. This uncompromising film examines the Israeli position in the face of increasing aggression from its soon to be nuclear armed neighbours. Military and Political Leaders break down the rhetoric and reveal how close the Middle East is to a pre-emptive strike.

BBC 2

***“This World: Japan - Retired Husband Syndrome”*** 1 x 40min touching and intimate portrait, looking at the struggles of retirement in Japan, the lack of women’s rights in divorce cases and how it affects marriages.

BBC 2

***“Dom Jolly’s Big Adventure – Russia”*** 1 x 60min road trip comedy documentary, following Dom and his friend investigating Russia’s culture of alcoholism.

Princess Productions for Sky One

***“The Making of the Iron Lady”*** 1 x 60min archive based documentary, using rarely seen footage of Thatcher to tell the story of how she became Prime Minister. With Michael Cockerell.

BBC 4

***“Gauguin – The Full Story”*** 1 x 120min. ZCZ highly critically acclaimed documentary by Waldemar Januszczak on the post impressionist artist.

For BBC2 and BBC4. Second Editor, Avid offline.

### **Short Films / Mentoring / Video Art/ Taster Tapes**

***Graham volunteers on various community projects helping young film makers often from underprivileged backgrounds for organisations such as The Media Trust.***

***He has also been making short films with young refugees seeking leave to remain as part of the outreach project surrounding the development for the forthcoming feature “Leave 2 Remain” directed by Bruce Goodison.***

***He works in conjunction with artists on video art / experimental projects, and he also is making his own documentary shot on 16mm black and white about the closure of a record shop.***

***Various short films include:***

***Join My Band 1 x 15 min short shot on the red camera***

***School Report 1x 10 min short. 16mm Dir. Tansy Huws DOP Simon Tindell***

***Leave2Remain 3 x short films developed, written, acted, filmed and produced by young refugees in East London. Part of development for “Leave2Remain” feature working with Dir. Bruce Goodison.***

***Red Bull Stratos 1 x 3min promo for Red Bull Stratos Launch. Shot on Red and 35mm. Dir. Bruce Goodison.***

***No Way Through 1 x 6min award winning short film about Israeli and Palestinian conflict. Part of CTRL.ALT.SHIFT. - Christian Aid.***

Graham also regularly cuts taster tapes for clients such as Wonderhood Studios or Western Edge Pictures.