



Badger (Simon) Cooper

Avid & Premiere Editor

Profile

Simon originally started his career at The Moving Picture Company however, he has been freelance for over two decades now and during that time has become established as a highly skilled and experienced editor focussing in factual programming. Enthusiastic and talented, he is passionate about delivering high-quality programmes. He's skilled at narrative construction, stylish cutting and dealing with large complex productions. Simon typically forms the hub of any programme he works on and is always asked back by clients.

Documentary/Factual Credits

Currently Cutting

"Parole" Series 2. 1 x 60min. Documentary Series. Filmed over a year with parole boards from across England & Wales, and with unique access to their members, prisoners and some of the victims/their families, this series tackles the fundamental questions underlying the British justice system, around crime, punishment, reform, rehabilitation, repentance and morality.

Exec Producer: Juliette Murray-Topham

Raw for BBC Two

"The Phantom" 90-minute feature-length documentary. This powerful, stylish and moving film focuses on the 1983 brutal murder of a Gas Station attendant in Southern Texas and the subsequent investigation that reveals the man executed for her murder Carlos DeLuna was innocent and his friend Carlos Hernandez was the real killer. Directed by BAFTA winner Patrick Forbes.

Exec Producer: Mark Bentley

Oxford Films for Festival Submissions

"Living with a Serial Killer" 1 x 45min. True crime documentary. Using archive and first-person interviews this series will provide new and terrifying insight, showing just how far cold-hearted killers will go in order to blend into the community, fool those around them and asks the question what it's like to live with a serial killer?

Exec Producer: Ned Parker & Danny Tipping

Transistor Films for NBC / Oxygen

"Elizabeth at 95: The Invincible Queen" 1 x 49min documentary special. The Queen is officially the biggest celebrity brand on the planet. This one-off special documentary celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's birthday and her role alongside Prince Philip as CEO and COO of the family "Firm."

Executive Producers: Anna Edwinston, Nick Bullen

Spun Gold for Amazon Prime

"Putin: A Russian Spy Story" 1 x 60min. A ground-breaking three-part documentary series on Russian President Vladimir Putin. Filmed across Russia, America, Europe and the UK, this landmark series shows how Putin brought his knowledge of spy-craft to define the presidency of a nuclear power and change the modern world.

Exec Producer: James Rogan

Rogan Films for Channel 4

"Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport" Series 6, 7 & 8. Fly-on-the-wall documentary series following a handful of the nearly 77,000 colleagues who work on the airfield and in the terminals, and who are now more than ever trying to keep Heathrow in prime position as No 1 spot in Europe.

Exec Producer: Juliette Murray-Topham

Raw for ITV

“An Hour to Save Your Life” 1 x 60min documentary in a medical science series exploring the life-or-death decisions facing doctors in the first critical hour of emergency care, including 360-degree access to specialists at the scene and in hospitals.
Boundless Productions for BBC Two

“Breaking The Band” 2 x 60min drama-doc on both Fleetwood Mac and ZZ Top. Series recreating the moments that led up to the break-up of some of the biggest bands in music history along with in depth analysis of the creativity behind the music and the psychology behind the breakup. Extensive drama scenes and use of post-production stylistic touches.
Exec Producer: Suzy Davis
Potato/ITV Studios

“The Big Hospital Experiment” 1 x 60min. Fourteen young people start their first week volunteering for a radical social experiment at the Royal Derby Hospital to deliver patient care on the NHS frontline.
Exec Producer: Sarah Spencer
Blast Films for BBC Two

“Hospital” Series 4. Award-winning fly on the wall series, this time filming across several trusts in Liverpool. Unveiling the incredible work that goes on at some of the country’s largest NHS Trusts to ensure patients get the best possible care and the challenges and pressures they face at a time when the NHS continues to be under scrutiny.
Label 1 for BBC Two

“Tories at War” 1 x 50min. The inside story of the bitter hatreds that mark the Conservative Party’s struggle over Brexit - with extraordinary access to Cabinet ministers, Brexiteers and Remainer rebels.
Exec Producer: Nicolas Kent
Oxford Films for Channel 4

“Sex, Knives and Liposuction” 1 x 60min. Three-part documentary series. Cherry Healey examines whether she should go under the knife on her personal mission to find body confidence and address some of the pressures society throws at us, particularly women.
BBC Three

“Indian Summer School” 1 x 60min. Documentary following a group of five British boys who have all struggled academically and failed GCSEs as they spend five months immersed in life at The Doon School, an elite Indian boarding school a world away from their usual classroom environment.
Naked Entertainment for Channel 4

“An Hour to Catch a Killer” 1 x 60 min. Additional editor. This documentary takes viewers to the heart of the all-important window of time that can make or break a murder investigation – the ‘Golden Hour’. With access to the family of the young woman brutally murdered, this film follows homicide detectives from Northumbria Police as they look to solve this tragic case.
Potato for ITV

“Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby” Major six-part series following Giles Coren and Monica Galetti as they roll up their sleeves and work alongside the staff in some of the most extraordinary hotels across the globe.
BBC Two

“Jacques Peretti Investigates: The Passengers Who Took on the Railway” 1 x 60min. Documentary following Peretti leading a group of disgruntled commuters as they attempt to take on a railway franchise and expose the state of the nation’s rail service in the process.
Pulse Films for BBC Two

“Our Lives: A Girl's Guide to Porn” Why would an educated young woman choose to go into the porn industry? What are the dangers and what does it take to succeed? Jade is a graduate in fashion, but she has decided to pursue a lucrative career as a porn actress.
Little Gem for ITV

“Reggie Yates Extreme UK” 2 x 60min. Reggie investigates why so few Black and Ethnic gay men and women are openly out in Britain today and discovers, repression, fear and abuse within many communities.

Sundog Films for BBC Three

“Football Fight Club” A new generation of young British football fans is responsible for trebling violent incidents since 2007. Last season the police clamped down on football-related public disorder with 600 new football banning orders and nearly 3,000 arrests. This documentary follows Britain's youth football.

Firecracker Films for BBC Three

“True Stories: Extreme Brat Camp” 1 x 60min documentary. Part of Channel 4's True Stories strand, this acclaimed film goes inside the secretive world of the American Child Intervention industry to expose the disturbing treatment of children as young as 7.

Blakeway Productions for Channel 4

“World's Worst Place to be Disabled” 1 x 60min. Presenter Sophie Morgan investigates the daily struggles and challenges facing disabled people in Ghana.

Watershed for BBC Three & CBBC

“Liberty of London” 1 x 60min. This series goes behind the scenes at Liberty, meeting the iconic department store's unique customers and staff.

Rise USA for Channel 4

“Show Me What Your Made Of” 1 x 30min. Observational documentary following five children as they travel the UK to live and work alongside the people that make the everyday items they take for granted.

Watershed Television for CBBC

“Shops and Robbers: Britain's War on Shoplifters” 1 x 60min. Packed with revealing interviews and clips, exploring the daily battle being fought on Britain's high streets between legions of shoplifters and the armies of store detectives trying to catch them.

Watershed for Channel 5

“Goodbye Year Six” 2 x 30min. Observational documentaries in a series following young children as they leave primary school and start secondary.

Love Productions for CBBC

“Terror Alert” 2 x 60min. Fast-cut, FX heavy docu-drama series with SAS survival expert Chris Ryan focusing on extreme survival scenarios such as A Killer Flu out-break or A Dirty Bomb Explosion.

Scream Films for Sky One

“Your Money and How They Spend It” 1 x 60min. In this year of spending cuts, the BBC's Political Editor, Nick Robinson examines tax – how our politicians raise money and why they spend it in the way they do.

BBC Two

“Junior Doctors” 1 x 60min. Observational documentary following newly qualified doctors in their A&E department in Newcastle.

BBC One

“Alan at Highgrove” 1 x 60min. The Prince of Wales takes Alan Titchmarsh on a tour of his private estate and gives a remarkably informal and candid interview about this outlet for his gardening aspirations and offers a rare insight into the private life of a Prince.

Spun Gold for BBC Two

“How to Win an Election” 1 x 60min. The story of how television changed British politics forever - from the early performances of the two Harolds, Macmillan and Wilson, through the TV campaigns of Margaret Thatcher to the spin-doctored presentation of Tony Blair.

BBC Four

“Trawlermen” 2 x 60min. Observational documentaries following the trawler boats of the North Sea fishing fleet and the trawler-men who have one of the most dangerous jobs in Britain.

BBC One

“Close Encounters in Siberia” 1 x 90min. Follows the personal journey of veteran film maker George Carey, as he attends the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Tunguska explosion in Siberia and discovers a strange mix of science and science fiction.

Mentorn for Channel 4

“Ugly” 1 x 60min. Authored documentary following three people suffering from body dimorphic disorder. Even though they look normal they’re convinced that they’re hideously ugly.

One Life for BBC One

“The Facemakers” 2 x 60min. Series looking at the work of the Miami Children’s Hospital who, using the very latest surgical techniques, attempt to reconstruct the faces of children suffering from rare and extensive facial abnormalities. This programme contained a lot of FX work and mixed fast cut with more thoughtful sensitive sequences.

At It Productions for Discovery USA and TLC

“Cavalry” 3 x 30min. Observational documentary series following the Queens household cavalry as they carry out both their ceremonial work at Knightsbridge and their armoured role in Windsor.

Lion for BBC One

Current Affairs Credits

“Citizens At War, A Year in Ukraine” Episode 2. 1 x 60min and worked across Episodes 1, 3 & 5. By utilising dozens of production staff on the ground in Ukraine, this series has access to Zelensky’s government, the Ukraine military and the lives of ordinary Ukrainians to tell powerful stories. Ep 2 focuses on Zelensky himself. How a comedian and actor went from primetime TV to first President and then the symbol of a nation’s defiance in a brutal war. The programme features powerful location photography as well as UGC, archive and actuality scenes interspersed with extensive interviews with president Zelensky, those close to him and access to his government.

Exec Producers: Victor Mirsky, Chris Hilton, Tilman Remme & Kateryna Vyshnevskya
Tilt Media for ZDF and Histoire TV

“Syria- The World’s War” Episode 1. 1 x 60min. Critically acclaimed series where BBC chief international correspondent tells the story of one of the biggest humanitarian crisis of our age, the Syrian civil war-seven years of brutal conflict. The story is told through extraordinary testimony from those who have lived through it on the ground as well as politicians who tried to shape events.

BBC Two

“Dispatches: The Prince and the Paedophile” 1 x 47min. Investigation into Prince Andrew’s friendship with multi-millionaire paedophile Jeffrey Epstein, including accusations that the Duke of York slept with sex traffic victim Virginia Roberts when she was seventeen years old.

BriteSpark Films for Channel 4

“Dispatches: Born on the Breadline” 1 x 60min. Dispatches examines the growing need for baby banks in the UK and meets the working parents who are turning to them, to provide their young children with nappies, clothes, toys and cots.

True Vision for Channel 4

“Panorama” Various 30-minute episodes dealing with issues such as The Credit Crunch, Care Home Abuse and Police Corruption.

BBC One

“Stacey Dooley Investigates: New Frontiers” 1 x 60min. In depth, harrowing investigation into the drugs war in Mexico.

Watershed for Channel 4

Stacey Dooley Investigates "The Truth Behind Our Holidays" 1 x 60min. An investigation into the harsh working conditions and suffering that locals have to endure for us to enjoy cheap package holidays around the world.

Watershed Productions for BBC Three

"Dispatches: The True Cost of Green Energy" 1 x 30min. Reporter Antony Barnett investigates a subsidised renewable energy industry that turns trees into fuel and asks whether burning wood instead of coal is really an environmentally friendly answer. In the biodiverse wetlands of Virginia and North Carolina, millions of tonnes of wood are harvested and processed into pellets, which are burnt in one of Britain's largest power stations.

ITN for Channel 4

"This World: Running from Mugabe" 1 x 30min. Major investigation into allegations of secret Zimbabwean snatch squads targeting political refugees in South Africa.

BBC Two

"Stacey Dooley: Saving the Cybersex Girls" 1 x 60min. Current affairs documentary. Stacey travels to the Philippines - fast becoming the world capital of the cybersex industry. She goes undercover to discover how poverty combined with cheap internet access has led to an increasing number of girls being exposed to online sexual abuse.

Watershed for BBC Three

"Dispatches: President Trump Can He Really Win" Matt Frei explores how the US presidential contest is shaping up to be one of the most brutal in living memory, and asks if Donald Trump can make it all the way to the White House

ITN Productions for Channel 4

"The City Uncovered" 1 x 60min. Documentary series presented by BBC Economics Guru, Evan Davis. The series deals with the history of finance and the recent events of the financial crisis of 2007-2009 and was nominated for best current affairs documentary at the 2009 Monte Carlo Film & Television Festival.

BBC Two

"Discovery Investigates: The Mystery of Helios 522" 1 x 60min. Investigative look into the events leading up to the crash of the Greek-Cypriot aircraft that killed 121 people. This film involved considerable use of stylised dramatised reconstructions and FX.

September Films for Discovery

Science, Nature and History Credits

"Wilderness with Simon Reeve" 1 x 60min. Patagonia episode. Adventurer Simon Reeve journeys to some of the last great wildernesses to meet people who make their homes in the wild, to understand how they live alongside nature, and what we can all do to preserve the planet's greatest wonders for future generations.

Exec Producer: Sam Bagnall

The Garden for BBC Two

"Animals Like Us" Series 1. Episode 3 + fine cutting across other episodes. Natural History doc series. A deep dive into the wondrous lives and minds of the world's most charismatic animals, unpacking their humanlike behaviours as we discover how the same forces of cooperation, competition and companionship not only shape our lives, but the lives of all creatures.

Exec Producer: Peter Collins

Pioneer Productions for Love Nature and Sky Nature

"Secrets of the Jurassic Dinosaurs" 1 x 60min. Presented by Liz Bonnin and using high end GFX, this two-part documentary series explores one of the biggest Dinosaur digs in living memory, in the heart of the Wyoming Badlands.

Exec Producer: Helen Thomas

BBC Studios for BBC Two and Discovery

“Super Telescope: Mission to the Edge of the Universe” 1 x 60min. The film charts the construction of the Telescope over the past 20 years, the science behind it and the build up to launch day. Immersive CGI animation and expert interviews explore how this telescope will transform our understanding of the origins and evolution of the universe.

Exec Producer Carlo Massarella

Windfall Films for BBC Two

“Born in the Wild” 1 x 60min. Natural History series. From elephants to kangaroos, dolphins and orang-utans, Mark Evans and Joy Reidenberg explore the wonderful and occasionally weird ways that animals make babies in hostile environments. Simon cut all of Elephants and part of Kangaroos.

Windfall Films for Channel 4 and PBS

“Giant Otters of the Amazon” 1 x 50min. One-off documentary following a wildlife cameraman as he spends six months filming a family of rare giant Amazon otters as they fight for the survival of their clan on a remote lake, filled with Black Caiman (Alligators).

Re-write, restructure and re-version that involved going back to rushes to create new scenes. Simon was also considerably involved in the re-writing process.

BBC Two / Animal Planet

“Oceans” 2 x 60min. A major new BBC series exploring the world’s oceans and our changing relationship with them. Inspired by explorers like Jacques Cousteau, a team of four specialists, use cutting edge techniques to bring to life the world of underwater archaeology, geology, marine biology and anthropology.

BBC One

“Jimmy’s Forest” 4 x 60min. Prime time science and nature series where Jimmy Doherty explores the seasons in his forest laboratory.

Fresh One for Channel 4

“Industrial Revelations” 5 x 30min. History series presented by Mark Williams exploring Britain’s industrial heritage and the legacy of the Industrial revolution.

Bonza TV for Discovery Europe

“Extraordinary People – The Real Sleeping Beauty” 1 x 60min. After a horrific car accident and a lobotomy, a 40-year-old woman awakens from a 22-year coma and defies medical logic by learning to speak again.

Zig Zag productions for Channel 5 (Flagship documentary strand)

“The Truth about Stress” 1 x 60min. The World Health Organisation has described stress as 'the health epidemic of the 21st century'. In this programme Fiona Phillips looks at why we are experiencing increased amounts of stress in our lives and what actions we can take in order to reduce it.

Blink Films for BBC One

“The Truth about Food” - Hell Week 1 x 60min. Four pairs of identical twins are separated into two teams and test different diets such as Low Carb or Hi Carb by competing in a rigorous boot camp regime to see how much diet affects performance. Fast cut multi-cam sequences (up to 6 cams) were a key feature of this programme. Part of a major 6-part science series.

BBC Science for BBC Two

Factual Entertainment Credits

“The Big Body Hotel” 2 x 45min. This series sends a group of Brits to a specialist plus-sized resort in the Bahamas, where they enjoy a luxury break while grappling with their body image.

Spun Gold for Discovery Quest Red

“First Dates” Series 21. A major, long-running interactive, observational rig series looking at the thrills, fears and loves of modern dating. Shot on a rig of over 20 cameras and 40 mics in the style of 24 hours in A&E, extensive multi-cam editing was used to create the show.

Twenty Twenty for Channel 4

“Escape to the Chateau” 1 x 45min. Following the story of couple Dick Strawbridge and Angel Adoree along with their family as they buy, renovate and restore the 18th-century Château de la Motte-Husson, and simultaneously juggle growing both their business and family.
Two Rivers Media for Channel 4

“Old School” Episode 2. 1 x 60min. The Hairy Bikers create and drive an ambitious and potentially revolutionary experiment: bringing up to 30 retirees into a secondary school where they could make a huge difference and, over the school’s autumn term, transform both the school and the lives of the pensioners. This series is about two generations who have more in common with each other than they might at the start.
Maverick Productions for BBC Two

“The Hoarder Next Door” 1 x 60min. A team of expert psychiatrists and de-clutters attempt to help two extreme hoarders confront the issues that have led to their homes being overtaken by clutter and junk and in doing so change their lives and reclaim their homes.
Twenty Twenty for Channel 4

“Shark Bait” 1 x 60min. Part of Channel 4’s Food Fight Season. In his biggest challenge to date, Gordon Ramsay travels the world to uncover the shadowy, brutal shark fin trade that’s driving these vital animals to the point of extinction.
One Potato, Two Potato for Channel 4

“Long Lost Family” 1 x 60min. Factual entertainment programme presented by Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell. Heart-warming stories of families reunited after decades apart.
Wall to Wall for ITV1
BAFTA Award Winning

“The Undateables” Series 2. 1 x 60min. This uplifting three-part series follows the journeys of several extraordinary singletons as they enter the dating circuit in pursuit of love. This episode featured a 20-year-old boy with Autism who’d never been on a date.
Betty TV for Channel 4

“Laurence Delaglio and Freddie Flintoff’s Cycle Slam” 1 x 60min. Lawrence Dallaglio and Andrew ‘Freddie’ Flintoff take on the Cycle Slam in a two-part documentary on the Discovery Channel. They battled through 26 days, covering 2,872km from Athens to London and travelling up to 114 miles a day all on a bike.
Bullseye TV for Discovery Channel

Short form Credits

Sizzles & Tasters

True crime sizzle for ITN, celebrity and addiction doc taster tape for Two Four Productions,

Promos

Credits include Catatonia, Desree, Morcheeba & Double 6

Commercials

Credits include **Diesel Jeans, Baileys, Fiat, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Fairy & Capital Radio**

Title Sequences

Feature film title sequences for **Circus - Another Life - High Fidelity** and various TV titles

Miscellaneous

Various factual sports and entertainment programs for terrestrial and satellite broadcasting

Corporate Work

Programs for various companies including, **The Princes Trust, BP, St George, On Digital, The National Deaf Children's Society, Qantas and Carlton**