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Richard Lester

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Profile

Richard is an award-winning editor with multiple Emmy nominations in a career spanning over 15 years and has developed a strong sense for shaping narrative. He has a driving passion for story and has thrived in multiple genres, winning acclaim for character-driven observational documentaries and action-packed factual entertainment shows in addition to scripted comedy shorts and VR multi-sensual experiences. His hunger for the medium has led to working in a variety of environments whether cutting at high seas attached to a suite with bungee ropes, in the stands of a football stadium or a traditional edit suite. He's a great collaborator who loves to contribute ideas but also has patience and discipline to work independently.

'It was a true pleasure having Richard edit on our latest series. Despite all of the many problems of working in lockdown he produced some absolutely first class work for MSP. He's got a natural sense of style, pace and emotion and everything he touched looked like it cost a lot more to make than it actually did! We'd welcome him back anytime.'

Phil Craig, Creative Director - MSPTV

Long Form

"The Rise of the Nabataeans" 1 x 60min. Episode 2. Specialist factual three-part series. Historical documentary presented by Bettany Hughes on the history of the Nabeteans and their trade routes stretching from Jordan to Italy.

Exec Producer: Olivia Hansen, Series Director: Jim Greayer.

Sandstone Global for Channel 4

"Cursed Gold: A Shipwrecked Scandal" 1 x 60min. Episode 2. A specialist factual documentary about Tommy Thompson the treasure Hunter who against all the odds found and recovered gold, from the sunken SS Central America. He became a fugitive, after years of being sued in the courts and now remains in Jail refusing to give up the whereabouts of the remaining gold.

Exec Producer: Alexander Leith

BBC Studios for Nat Geo

"The Royal Mob" 2 x 60min. Eps 1 & 4. Historical drama documentary which tells the saga of the extended royal family dubbed by Queen Victoria "The Royal Mob" that once ruled the whole of Europe, and how their loves, marriages and feuds dragged the continent into the world's first total war and violent revolution. The series combines premium scripted drama with testimony from expert historians.

Exec Producers: Ben Goold and Jane Root

Nutopia for Sky History / A&E Networks

****2023 Broadcast Digital Awards nomination for Gamechanger Programme of the Year****

****2022 Sky History's Highest rated show****

"Shark Women: Ghosted by Great Whites" 1 x 42min. Specialist factual/natural history documentary aired as part of Discovery Shark Week. Alison Towner and her all-female crew pull all the stops to track her missing white sharks.

Exec Producer: Jannine Waddell

Waddell Media for Discovery

“Extraordinary Animals in the Womb” Eps 1 & 2. This series explores some truly extraordinary methods of reproduction and gestation in a selection of animals from across the natural world, from the first beginnings of courtship right through to birth and beyond.

Exec Producer: Peter Collins

Tinopolis for National Geographic

“How I Escaped Africa’s Most Repressive State” 10min news documentary. In his native Eritrea, Dr. Berhane Asmelash was arrested and tortured for nearly a year for the crime of leading a Christian congregation in a country without freedom of religion or expression.

Vice World News

“Foxy Fearless 48 hours: with Rob Delaney” Episode 1. Adventure series. Comedian Rob Delaney joins Jason in rural Wales, to take on three daring challenges, including a jump off a 40-metre viaduct.

BBC Productions for Channel 4

“Country File” Season 2021. Episode 37. Cut several scenes, VT’s and Stitched full episode. In Northern Ireland, Charlotte hits the Road with Pamela to meet local suppliers including a beekeeper to provide for the new farm shop, and there’s some taste-testing to do on bakes – good news for the three Lilburn children.

BBC one

“Deep Breath” Feature Documentary. A previous heavy smoker turned breathing guru attempts to break the world record in Free Diving. Holding his breath and diving as deep as possible. The film dives into the sport and what attracts the athletes to risk their lives again and again.

Living Projects

“Atlantic Crossing” 1 x 90min. Feature Documentary. Following a team attempting to break the dangerous world record of crossing the Atlantic, in a new ambitious design; the largest mono-hull yacht ever built.

Director: Lina Zilinskaite

Atlantic Productions

“World’s Greatest Shipwrecks: History Beneath the Waves” 1 x 60min. Episode 10: Collision. What happens when two huge ships collide? Investigation into history’s most lethal collisions, from the HMS Curacoa sliced in half by the Queen Mary - to a schooner boat that sunk the mighty SS Oregon. MSP TV for Nat Geo & More4

“Lost Cities with Albert Lin: The Great Flood” 1 x 60min Documentary. Bionic Explorer Albert Lin travels the globe delving into the mysteries of some ancient flood myths looking for real events that could have inspired their creation.

Caravan Media for Nat Geo & Disney+

“Expedition Deep Oceans” 5 x 60min. TV Docudrama series features Explorer Victor Vescovo's bid to lead the world's first manned expedition to the deepest point in each of the five oceans. Exploring uncharted trenches and searching for new life forms, whilst attempting multiple record-breaking dives.

Atlantic Productions for Discovery Channel & Discovery +

“1000 Years Australia” 1 x 120min. Additional Editing. Documentary including expert interviewees and incredible archive footage, depicting Australia’s defining historic moments.

Middle Child for Channel 5

“Top 10 Egyptian Mummies with Bettany Hughes” 1 x 90min. Additional Editing. By exploring one of the most mysterious practices in the ancient world, Bettany will reveal the lives of the criminals, priests, children and Pharaohs of ancient Egypt. Revealing stories of glimmering treasure, journeys into the afterlife and cruel revenge.

Sandstone Global for Channel 5

"Titanoboa" An observational/science doc, 10 years on from finding the bones of the world's largest ever snake. A team of researchers discover secrets that change their theories entirely. They travel to extreme environments in the search for modern day clues to uncover how the beast looked and reveal its mysterious world.

Blink Films for the Smithsonian Channel

"Positiva 25" A 1 hour documentary featuring interviews from some of the world's biggest DJ's; David Guetta, Armin Van Buuren, Eric Morriilo and Jonas Blue are just a few who share insight into a label at the heart of Dance Music Culture for over a quarter of a decade. Explore 25 years of dance music anthems with a wealth of music videos and archive told through the artists that lived it.

Globe Productions for Universal Music

"24hr Flip" 1 x 60min. Pilot for new property renovation show.

Maximum City

"Top Ten Treasures of Pompeii" Additional Editing. Bettany Hughes takes viewers on a bespoke trip to Pompeii to bring you the definitive countdown of her top ten treasures of this antique civilization.

Sandstone Global for Channel 5

"Franco" 1 x 60 min. Feature documentary following Moto2 champion rider Franco Morbidelli in his rookie season in MotoGP.

Velocity Content for Insight

"Born To" 2 x 30min. A series of life-affirming short films, which tell emotionally charged stories of talented and successful athletes at the top of their game. Each film of this stunningly visual series follows the personal story of triumph over defeat, highlighting the individual's passion, drive and motivation.

Velocity Content for Insight

"King of Hammers" 8 x 60min. High octane off-road racing series. King of Hammers drives you to the antidote of Indy and F1. The story is driven from the drivers and co-pilots themselves and is a narrative driven drama of full throttle excitement!

LSPTV for Insight TV / US Broadcast

***CYNOPSIS SPORTS MEDIA AWARD 2018, Documentary Series Honourable Mention**

"New Order: Decades" Feature documentary and concert film following New Order's collaboration with artist Liam Gillick, in conjunction with the Manchester International Festival. The film unfolds across New Order's *So it goes..* tour, inspired by the reinvention of the bands catalogue. The films serve as intimate insight into the bands historical creative working, combined with exclusive concert performances from the Vienna shows. Additional Editor

Caravan Media for Sky Arts

"Road to Gymkhana Grid" Feature documentary follows 7 drivers including Shane Lynch, Ken Block and Petter Solberg in the build up to the 2017 finals of Gymkhana Grid in South Africa, where competitors slide and drift around obstacles with the aim to complete the course in the quickest time.

Additional Editor

Velocity for Insight

"Limitless" 1 x 50min pilot. Darcy Oak, a Canadian magician (who won Britain's Got Talent) performs tricks inspired by Miles Daisher a base jumper in the Red Bull air-force.

Red Bull TV

"Galapagos" Episode 2 Worldwide Version - (Reversion Editor)

Re-edited the episode to remove the presenter and make the ep work for BBC worldwide, where Liz Bonin was not as well known.

Short Form & VR

“Adventure” Episode 1: Highlining. VR Project. 1 x 13min. Using new immersive technology to curate first-of-their-kind original stories, this new series for Apple Vision Pro follows pioneering athletes as they face extraordinary challenges in some of the world’s most spectacular locations. This first episode offers an escape into thin air with highliner Faith Dickey as she takes on her highest challenge yet: a daring traverse 3,000 feet above Norway’s breathtaking fjords.

Exec Producer: Anthony Geffen

Atlantic Productions for Apple TV+

“Eurovision 2023: Artists Postcode Campaign” Designed to introduce the audience to each participating act, the famous postcards use pioneering drone technology and 360-degree cameras, graphics and text elements to take viewers seamlessly between locations across Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and each participating country.

Exec Producer: Carlo Massarella

Windfall Films & 23/32 Films for BBC

“Galapagos with Sir David Attenborough” VR Project. 3 x 7-10min. 10 years after its TV release, the award-winning, natural history docuseries presented by Sir David Attenborough is brought to virtual reality to transport audiences on a journey across time, evolution, and human impact.

Exec Producers: Anthony Geffen

Alchemy Immersive for Meta Quest TV

“Conquest of the Skies” VR Project. 3 x 7min. David Attenborough travels through time to unravel the astonishing, 300-million-year story of the flying animals.

Exec Producers: Anthony Geffen

Alchemy Immersive for Meta Quest TV

Venice Biennale 2022, ‘Best Of’ Immersive

“Kingdom of Plants 3D” VR Project. 3 x 5min. In continuation of the landmark production, Sir David Attenborough’s Kingdom of Plants, comes this breath-taking three-part immersive series that reveals the perils and drama of the plant world in 8K 3D virtual reality at 60fps, through spectacular macro cinematography and time-lapse sequences shot over weeks.

Exec Producer: Anthony Geffen

Alchemy Immersive for Meta Quest TV

2022 News and Documentary Emmy Awards nomination for Outstanding Interactive Media

“First Life” VR Project. 1 x 11min. Join David Attenborough on an epic journey 350 billion years into the past to experience the origin of life on Earth. Utilising world-leading paleontological research and breakthroughs in CGI technologies, experience for the first time the story of how life evolved from single-celled organisms into the ferocious predators that stalked the seafloor.

Exec Producers: Cassian Harrison

Alchemy Immersive for Meta Quest TV

2021 News & Documentary Emmy Awards nominations including Outstanding Nature Programme

“Micro Monsters with David Attenborough” VR Project. 1 x 21min. Over five episodes, David Attenborough discovers the world of bugs from an entirely new perspective, using the latest 3D VR technology. These real-life superpowers need to be seen to be believed.

Exec Producer: Anthony Geffen

Atlantic Productions for Meta Quest TV

2021 BAFTA Nomination for Best Specialist and Visual Effects

3 x 2021 News and Documentary Emmy Award nomination including Outstanding Interactive Media: Documentary

REAL WORLD XR AWARDS 2020, International VR Film of the Year

2021 Cinequest Film festival Winner Most Innovative VR Experience

"Charity" 1 x 13 min. Scripted Short comedy drama. On an idyllic winter's day Joe and Carla are out buying a Christmas tree and running errands. But bigger questions are on Carla's mind. 'Do you ever wonder if we're doing enough for the planet?' she wants to know, much to Joe's confusion. Slowly a bizarre hypothetical argument leads them to a point of full disclosure. In a truth game they dare each other to reveal their most intimate sexual fantasy, unaware that they may get rather more than they bargained for.

Directors: Alex Estrella, Sam Peter Jackson

Cast: Harry Kershaw, Alan Morrissey, Susannah Wise

***Won Best Comedy at the 2012 Crystal Palace International Film Festival.**

"Start Ups and Future of the App Economy" 1 x 20min. Documentary
Economist

Munduruku - Glastonbury Festival

2017 SHEFFIELD DOC FEST, Audience award for Alternate Realities

2017 RAINDANCE FILM FESTIVAL, Best Social Impact Experience

2017 Future of Storytelling, People's Choice Award

Alchemy - showreel

Playstation VR - Vision is a Tradition, Cocos Island, Great Barrier Reef, Bikini

Nat Geo / Tinopolis - Inside the Womb - Titles

BBC - Gigglebiz & Formula for Success - Titles

Channel 4 - Human Guinea Pigs - Titles

ITV - Beautiful People - Titles

Atlantic Productions - Sizzles for Natural History, Science and Specialist Factual progs

Disney Channel - Idents EMEA 2016

The Great British Poem - Short Film - BBC

Bedtime Stories - TV Show Pilot Commissioned - Disney

Descendants - Rotten to the Core Music Video - Disney

Star Wars Animation - Trailer - Disney

Violette - Music Video - Disney

Footlocker - 3 Point Contest - Show VT

U So Dase - Music Video - Jason Kealer

Sunny Days - Music Video (T-Mobile) - Kid British

King Edward - Fictional Short Film

Disney Trailers - Channel Rebrand trailer + indents, Disney Junior, Disney XD

Disney Featurettes - Alice in Wonderland, Avengers, Bolt, Fight Night, Hannah Montana, High School Musical 3, Prince of Persia, Race to Witch Mountain, Reel Steel, The Last Song, The Muppets, Tron, Frozen, Mickey Mouse

P & G - Beauty Awards 2013 & 2014 - Online Awards Show

River Lee Tidal Mill - RLTM Trust – Documentary

Girls will be Girls - Music Video – Ultra Girls

Branded Content/commercials/promos/corporate

Standard Life - Andy Murray Master of your Dreams Part 2, Ryder Cup - Potential, Ryder Cup - Data and Analysis, Ryder Cup – Performance, Andy Murray on 2016, Andy Murray on Winning the Davis Cup, Andy Murray Master of your Dreams

Beagle Street - Release the Pounds

Electrolux - Chef Simon Hulstone Master Kitchen Chicken Livers, Chef Simon Hulstone Master Kitchen Chicken Crème Caramel, Cube Sat Bains, London Jubilee Cube, Steam Care Washing Machine, Studio Build behind the Scenes, Taste of London, Wine Cellar, Combi Steam Oven, Delicate Care Dryer, Delicate Care Dishwasher, Infinite Pro Hob, AEG Fastest Hob Installation, SMC Film – Corporate Film

Fairy - Michael Caine’s Shepherd’s Pie

Jean Christoph Novelli - Apple Tarte Tartin

John Lewis - Back to the 90s, Party Eyes Made Easy

P & G - How to Make a Teepee, How to Pack, How to Set a Table

Plan - Day of the Girl, Ending Child Marriage, Global Speakers Network, Ian Talks Baroness Amos

Prudential - Pru Health Cancer Testimonial

Betfair - Bet In Play

Disney - Liv and Maddie, Monsters University, Wonder Over Yonder

Il Volo - The Album

Luvvu - Mirror

Mondo Visione - Exchange Forum

Nirvana - Nevermind

Racing Post - Racing Post

Bayer - Heroes at Highclere

Business Sense - Mark Langthorne

Lloyds - International Profiler

Raymond James - RJ Conference

Samsung - Samsung World Cup

Virgin Media - Cable Conference, Channel of the Year, Edge Awards 2012/2013/2014 & 2015, Good, In Field Tester (Comedic Short), No1 Broadband, Red Hot Service (Comedic Short), Rewards, The Checklist (Comedic Short), The Field Team, The Retail Team

Climate Change – COI - Promo

Sainsbury's - Mobile Launch - Promo

RBS - Online Commercial

The Drama Channel - Vodcast and Promos

UAE Documentary - Promo

Disney The Lodge - Promos and Vodcasts for the new TV Series, EPK, Fashion Tutorials

Disney Channel - Promo

Ministry of Defence - Thales Aircraft Simulator - Installation Hologram

Frank Sinatra - Installation Hologram - Musion

Vauxhall - Astra VR Launch - Virtual Reality 360 Film

Viasat - TV3 - Indents

Saatchi and Saatchi - Paul Arden - Installation Hologram

Speedo - Lazer Racer Swimsuit - Installation Hologram

Toyota - Auris Launch - Installation Hologram