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Gavin Ames

Avid Editor

Profile

Gavin is an exceptionally talented editor. Fast, creative, and very technically minded. He is one of the best music editors around, with vast live multi-cam experience.

Since excelling in the music genre, Gavin went on to develop his skills in comedy, editing Shooting Stars. His talents have since gone from strength to strength and he now has a wide range of high-end credits under his belt, and has worked with some of the biggest names in UK and US comedy. He's equally at home editing stand-up, panel shows, VTs, sketch comedy, or comedy docs. Clients love working with him so much that they ask him back time and time again!

"Gavin is without question the most talented, creative, and caring editor I've ever worked with. He went above and beyond time and time again and words genuinely can't do justice to how highly I regard him" Mia Cross, Avalon

Credit List

"Would I Lie to You" Series 18 and 19. 13 x 30min. Long-running, award-winning comedy panel show with Rob Brydon, David Mitchell and Lee Mack.

Exec Producers: Peter Holmes & Rachel Ablett

Dir. Barbara Wiltshire

Zeppotron for BBC One

"Can't Knock the Hustle" Episode 2 and part of Episode 3. Travelogue series with Comedian Romesh Ranganathan as he travels to India, South Korea, the US and Canada exploring how different cultures maintain a work-life balance.

Executive Producer: Ben Green

Rangabee for Sky Max and NOW

"Big Zuu & AJ Tracey's Seriously Rich Flavours" Episode 2 and Ep 1 & 3 recuts. Food Travelogue series including international versions. Chef Big Zuu teams up with his cousin and rapper AJ Tracey to explore the world's most expensive and outrageous dishes. They travel across East Asia, North America and Europe immersing themselves in the culture, customs and stories surrounding these unique dining experiences. BBC Studios/ Big Productions for Sky Max and NOW

"Barry Humphries: The Last Laugh" 1 x 60min. Following the passing of Barry Humphries in April 2023, this one-off Christmas special documentary is an intimate, personal and honest look back at the life and work of one of the funniest and most iconic performers of our times. Featuring interviews with a host of stars, as well as archive footage from performances and interviews with Barry himself.

Exec Producer: Elen Moore

Multistory Media for ITV1 & ITVX

"Made in Korea: The K-Pop Experience" Episode 3. This six-part series follows five boys from the UK as they dive into the world of K-pop. Over six months they train in South Korea, attend dance routines, vocal lessons, performance training, and life coaching, all while soaking up Korean culture. they aim to become the next global boy band sensation.

Purple Moo for BBC One

“Junior Taskmaster” VTs and pilot for the studio show. Junior version of BAFTA-winning comedy panel show: Taskmaster. Hosted by Rose Matafeo as the Taskmaster and Mike Wozniak as the assistant.

Dir. Tommy Forbes

Avalon for Channel 4

“The Reluctant Traveller” 1 x 60min. Eugene Levy visits some of the world's most remarkable hotels, as well as explore the people, places and cultures that surround them. In this episode, he explores Costa Rica. He's not usually adventurous or well versed in globe-trotting but he's hoping his experiences might lead to a whole new chapter in his life - as long as he doesn't have to battle his motion sickness, and still gets dinner at 7.

Exec Producer: David Brindley & Sara Evans

Two Four for AppleTV+

****2024 Real Screen Winner: Best Lifestyle Travel & Exploration Series****

“The World According to Jeff Goldblum” Series 2. Through the prism of Jeff Goldblum's always inquisitive and highly entertaining mind, nothing is as it seems. Each episode of this documentary series is centred around something we all love — like sneakers or ice cream — as Jeff pulls the thread on these deceptively familiar objects and unravels a wonderful world of astonishing connections, fascinating science and history, amazing people, and a whole lot of surprising big ideas and insights.

Exec Producer: Arif Nurmohamed

Nutopia for National Geographic & Disney +

****Emmy nominated for Outstanding Hosted Non-Fiction Series or Special 2020 & 2022****

“Deep Fake Neighbour Wars” 6-part scripted comedy series harnessing state-of-the-art visual technology and impersonators to set a scene in which some of the most famous people in the world have to deal with neighbourly disputes. This series was the first to use deep fake technology for global broadcast.

Exec Producer: Sherree Black

Dir. Tom Vinnicombe & Spencer Jones

Tiger Aspect for ITVX

“Prince Andrew: The Musical” 1 x 50min. Scripted comedy. Kieran Hodgson leads a cast of comics in a satirical, musical spoof of the life of Prince Andrew.

Exec Producer: Stu Mather

Dir. Tom Vinnicombe

Hat Trick for Channel 4

“Rosie Jones: Am I a R*tard?” A one-off documentary where Rosie Jones explores society's attitudes towards disabled people. Rosie regularly receives shocking abuse on social media, this documentary will investigate how widespread the problem is, looking particularly at the specifics of the language used. She will meet other people targeted for abuse about being disabled as well as those campaigning for change.

Exec Producers: Rosie Jones, Grace Reynolds & David Brindley

TwoFour for Channel 4

“Backstage with Katherine Ryan” 2 x 50min. Eps 1 and 3. An all-new live comedy experience, blending world-class stand-up with behind-the-scenes access, Katherine Ryan invites the most exciting new names from the world of comedy to perform on-stage and hang out backstage at London's iconic Roundhouse. Uncensored and unscripted, it's our nation's favourite comedians as you've never seen them before.

Exec Producer: Martyn Smith & Suzi Aplin

Expectation Entertainment for Amazon Prime Video

“Big Zuu's Big Eats” Series 1 & 4. Series hosted by London based grime artist and DJ Big Zuu. Taking his passion for cooking on the road, each episode will see Big Zuu prepare mouth-watering, made-to-order dishes for a famous comedian on tour in the UK. Guest comedians making an appearance in the series include Rosie Jones and Desiree Burch, among others. Also cut the pre-titles for Series 2.

Two Four / Boomerang for Dave

****2 x BAFTA Winner: Features Award and Best Entertainment Performance Award 2022****

“Question Team” New comedy panel show presented by Richard Ayoade. The show that sets out to re-write the panel show rulebook by making it's players set the questions. Three comedians are invited on each episode, Bob Mortimer and Kerry Godliman star in episode one.

Exec Producer: Jamie Ormerod

Interstellar TV for Dave

“Guessable” In this comedy game show, two celebrity teams compete to identify the famous name or object inside a mystery box. Sara Pascoe hosts the show with John Kearns on hand as her assistant. Alan Davies and Darren Harriott are the team captains, in a format that puts a twist on classic family games.

Exec Producer: Steph Harris

Tuesday's Child for Comedy Central & Channel 5

“Vic and Bob's Big Night Out” 4 x 30min. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer present a studio show full to the brim of their trademark comedy, including original songs, sketches and stunts. They'll also squeeze in some of the fans' favourites including Mulligan & O'Hare, Novelty Island and Donald and Davey Stott.

BBC Studios for BBC

“Jack Whitehall's Sporting Nation” 4 X 30min. Jack takes a light-hearted and nostalgia-filled look back at Britain's sports history, telling the nation's story through our most iconic moments and characters.

Fulwell 73 for BBC One

“Joe Lycett's Got Your Back” 1 x 30min. Comedian Joe Lycett and celebrity guests fight for consumer rights, campaigning on behalf of viewers who have been cheated by businesses, scammers, and dodgy dealers.

Rumpus Media for Channel 4

“Blindboy Undestroys the World” 2 x 30min. Blindboy Boatclub, of the Rubber Bandits music and comedy duo presents this satirical undercover series about the housing crisis and its impact on young people. The series features a unique mixture of irreverent commentary, absurdism, secret filming, and a band of undercover reporters in which Blindboy seeks to expose the socially corrupt practices that exist in the dark and shady world of property.

Rumpus Television for BBC Three

“Through the Keyhole” Series 5. Remake of the infamous panel show. Hosted by Keith Lemon. Keith is let loose around the homes of the rich and famous.

Talkback Thames for ITV

“Jack Whitehall; Travels with My Father” Series 1&2, 6 x 30min. Semi-scripted Comedy Travelogue series. Jack and his reluctant father travel to South East Asia on a popular "gap year route", visiting Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia with hilarious consequences. Series 2 goes to Eastern Europe.

Cave Bear/ Tiger Aspect Productions for Netflix

“Mary Berry Saves Christmas” 1 x 60min. Mary teaches three novices to make festive feasts with help from Jay Blades, Tom Allen and Angela Scanlon.

Rumpus Media for BBC One

“Almost Royal” 8 x 60min semi-scripted comedy mockumentary series following the lives of two clueless British aristocrats, Georgie and Poppy Carlton, visiting the United States for the first time.

Burning Bright Productions for BBC America

“Drunk History” Series in which top UK comedians relate their favourite historical stories while getting absolutely bladdered on a mixture of beers, wines and spirits. Their slurred versions of history are then acted out, word for word, by a host of well-known actors, celebrities and comedians including Johnny Vegas, Russell Kane, Joe Lycett, Rob Beckett, Alex Horne and James Acaster.

Comedy Central

"The Russell Howard Hour" Series 2. British topical comedy news show. (Cutting VTs). Avalon for Sky One

"Shooting Stars" The new series of this popular comedy panel show. Created and hosted by double-act Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer.
Pett Productions for BBC Two

"Vic & Bob's Lucky Sexy Winners" 1 x 30min. Comedy legends Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer return to Channel 4 with a new show, ripping up the rule book for panel and quiz show formats and packed jam full of comedy treats.
Pett Productions for Channel 4

"Let's Play Darts for Comic Relief" VTs for competition style show, where a host of darts and comedy stars battle it out in a winner takes all knockout tournament, held at the world-famous Lakeside, Frimley Green, in aid of Comic Relief. With Lee Mack, Bob Mortimer & Sean Lock.
Zeppotron for BBC Two

"For the Love of Dog's: India" 1 x 60min. Paul O'Grady heads to India for the first time in his life, to rescue and rehabilitate some of the country's vulnerable wild animals and experience the jobs of the keepers and conservationists who are looking after them.
ITV

"Bill Bailey – Dandelion Mind" Live at the O2. 1 x 90min. Directed by Russell Thomas.
Glassworks for DVD/TV

"The Inbetweeners Go Global" 1 x 60min doc/clip show to mark the release of the second film.
Produced by Jill Cumberbatch.
Bwark Productions

"Jamie's Super Foods" 2 x 30min. Jamie Oliver travels to some of the healthiest places in the world to uncover the secrets of how people there live longer and healthier lives.
Fresh One for Channel 4

"Jamie's Friday Night Feast" 2 x 60min. Jamie and Jimmy present show stopping recipes, celebrity interviews and their fight against food waste. Celebrity guests include Goldie Hawn and Anna Friel.
Fresh One for Channel 4

"Backchat" Sketches and studio elements for comedy studio series hosted by Jack Whitehall and his dad with celebrity guests.
Tiger Aspect for BBC Three

"The Moaning of Life" Promos and teasers for this new comedy documentary series, seeing the now very well-travelled, Karl Pilkington, (An Idiot Abroad), experience how other cultures face up to some of life's biggest issues, while at the same time planning for his own future. Also, re-edited one episode.
Me and You Productions for Sky 1

"Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe" Various VTs for 4 of 6 programmes. Charlie Brooker and guests cast their collective eyes over all that the telly, cinema, news and computer games have to offer, in order to wring a little laughter from a hilariously troubled world.
Zeppotron for BBC Two

"Set List" Stand-Up Without A Net is a fully improvised stand-up show in front of a live audience which takes the cream of the international comedy circuit and presents them with the ultimate challenge – come up with a brand new comedy routine on the spot based on topics presented to them right there and then while on stage. With a unique mix of the onstage experience and behind-the-scenes documentary footage, viewers will see their favourite comedians, including Frank Skinner, Robin Williams, Ross Noble and Rich Hall as they've never seen them before.
Princess Productions for Sky Atlantic HD

"Stephen Merchant Live – Hello Ladies" 1 x 90min. Stephen Merchant's debut stand up show.
Universal for DVD release

"Frank Skinner's Opinionated" 6 x 30min. Topical comedy series hosted by Frank Skinner.
Avalon for BBC Two

"Derren Brown – The Events" 4 x 60min. Illusionist Derren Brown attempts what he has described as "some of his most incredible feats to date", including predicting the national lottery. Mixture of pre-recorded VT's and multicam studio segments.
Objective Productions for Channel 4

"The Cube" 7 x 60min futuristic physical gameshow series hosted by Phillip Schofield.
Objective Productions for ITV1

Music

"Suede Live at the Royal Albert Hall" 1 x 90min legendary live comeback concert at the Royal Albert Hall.
Directed by Matt Askem
CC Lab for DVD release

"TFI Friday Anniversary Show" 1 x 90min. 20th anniversary special of the popular music and culture show from the 90s - with celebrity guests Blur, Jeremy Clarkson, Amanda Seyfried and a new supergroup live in the studio.
NBC Universal for Channel 4

"Sounds Like Friday Night" 6 x 30min. Live music series presented by Greg James and Dotty, as well as a different musical superstar guest host each week. (Cut VTs across whole series).
Fulwell 73 for BBC One

"This is Justin Bieber" 1hr entertainment special, with performances interviews etc.
Directed by Chris Howe
ITV

"The MOBO Awards" 10 x nomination packages.
Celador for BBC Three

"Gary Barlow & Friends" 1 x 60min and also a DVD. Gary Barlow is joined by some superstar friends including Peter Kay, James Corden, Mark Owen, JLS and Nicole Scherzinger for a musical spectacular at the Manchester Apollo.
Fullwell 73 for ITV

"Simply Red – Farewell" Live in concert at the Sydney Opera House. Directed by Ben Caron.
Universal for DVD release

"Take That – The Circus" 90min live multi-cam concert. Directed by Matt Askem.
Serpent Films for Worldwide release

"Take That - Beautiful World Tour" Live multi-cam concert at the O2 Arena.
Directed by Matt Askem
Serpent Films for Worldwide release

"Faithless in Moscow" Live multi-cam concert with The Moscow Musica Viva Orchestra. Directed by Matt Askem
CC Lab for Worldwide release

"Live Earth" Highlights of the international live music performances that helped raise awareness of global warming. Directed by Nick Wickham.
Splinter Films for Worldwide release

"4 Music Specials: Goldfrapp, Mariah Carey, The Fratellis, Usher, Razorlight, Kasabian" Various multi-cam music performances.

Directed by Chris Howe

Eyeworks, At It Productions for T4/Channel 4

"Primal Scream at the Hammersmith Apollo" 1 x 90min live multi-cam music performances.

Directed by Matt Askem

CC Lab for DVD release

Short Form

Various promos for Box, Sci Fi, Nickelodeon, Fox Kids, Animal Planet, Discovery Europe, MTV, MTV2, MTV Base, Channel 4, Film Four, BBC.

Zealot UK – various movie trailers and sales reels

"I-Tunes Festival Cinema Ad" 1 x 30sec trailer for 2008 I-Tunes Festival, London Eyeworks/At It for Vie Cinemas nationwide

Corporate

Various films for clients including: Aston Martin, RSA, Shell, Royal Mail, Wagamama, Leagas Delaney, The Crown Prosecution Service, BT, Unilever, Astra Zeneca, SABMiller. Avid Offline/Symphony Online