

Martin Conaghan / Producer

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Film and television projects

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

:: Boycotts and Broken Dreams: The Story Of The 1986 Commonwealth Games ::

Factual documentary | 2014 | 60mins | BBC Scotland

PRODUCER

:: Scotland's Game ::

Social history of Scottish football documentary series | 2016 | 4 x 60mins | BBC Scotland

Winner: RTS Scotland Award Best Sport Programme, Celtic Media Award Best Factual Series.

<https://vimeo.com/239813780>

:: Football Abuse: The Ugly Side of The Beautiful Game ::

Current Affairs Investigative documentary | 2017 | 60mins | BBC Scotland

Winner: RTS Scotland Award 2018: Best Current Affairs Programme

<https://vimeo.com/243528449>

:: 2014: Scotland's Historic Year ::

Current Affairs documentary | 2014 | 60mins | BBC Scotland

:: Spores ::

Short drama film | 2015 | 15mins | The Copydesk/Little Viking

:: Gorta ::

Short supernatural drama film | 2013 | 15mins | The Copydesk/Hellbent Films

<https://vimeo.com/68437135>

ASSISTANT PRODUCER

:: Rangers: The Men Who Sold The Jerseys ::

Current Affairs documentary | 2012 | 60mins | BBC Scotland

Winner: Scottish Bafta - Best Current Affairs, AFP Best Current Affairs

:: Sins of Our Fathers ::

Current Affairs Investigative Documentary | 2013 | 60mins | BBC Scotland

Winner: Scottish Bafta - Best Current Affairs, AFP Best Current Affairs, RTS Best Current Affairs, RTS Scotland Best News Story

:: Special Olympics: Scottish Stories ::

Factual documentary | 2 x 30mins | BBC Scotland

Three-week production in Shanghai following five Scottish Special athletes at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games

WRITER

:: **Shadow** ::

Short drama film | 2011 | BBC Scotland

<https://vimeo.com/229105217>

:: **Gorta** ::

Short supernatural drama film | 2013 | 15mins | The Copydesk/Hellbent Films

<https://vimeo.com/68437135>

OTHER PRODUCTIONS

Various music videos produced and directed for Scottish mod band *Button Up*, *Toy Tin Soldier* and Portland-based singer/songwriter *NIAMH*.

EMPLOYMENT

Producer — BBC Scotland

01/11/1999 to Present

Television, radio and online production in BBC Current Affairs and BBC Sport Scotland.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

In 2015 I produced on the multi-award winning four-part television series *Scotland's Game*, about the social history of Scottish football from 1986-2016. This involved intensive archive research, managing a large production budget, script writing, producing and directing interviews/sequence material on location and edit-producing the finished programme through to broadcast. Then in 2017, I produced *Football Abuse: The Ugly Side of The Beautiful Game*, a 60-minute documentary investigating historical child sexual abuse in Scottish football, which won the RTS Scotland Award for Best Current Affairs.

In 2014, I produced and directed *Boycotts and Broken Dreams - The Story of the 1986 Commonwealth Games*, an acclaimed 60-minute television documentary for BBC Scotland about the financial and political calamity that engulfed the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

In 2012, I worked as an assistant producer on the BAFTA Scotland award-winning documentary *Rangers: The Men Who Sold The Jerseys*, a one-hour investigation on the financial collapse of Rangers Football Club. One year later, I worked in the same role on *Sins of Our Fathers*, a one-hour documentary exposing historical sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

Since 2006, I have worked extensively with the BBC Sport Scotland department as a producer and journalist. I also have extensive experience as a broadcaster, and I write, produce and direct short drama films, video profiles and music videos.

Career highlights include the short drama film *Shadow* for the BBC in 2011 and the independent drama short *Spores* in 2015, which was written and directed by Frances and Richard Poet and starred Maureen Beattie and Lorraine McIntosh.

I have written graphic novels, and, in 2011, I won the *Best Writer* and *Best Graphic Novel* awards at the Scottish Independent Comic Book Awards for *Burke & Hare*, illustrated by Will Pickering.