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Film and television projects

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

:: Away With The Tartan Army - Scotland's Best Moments ::

Entertainment programme for BBC Scotland's Euro 2020 offering, charting ten great Scotland football moments as witnessed by the fans

Entertainment programme / 2021 / 60mins / BBC Scotland

:: The Edinburgh Show with Grant Stott ::

Two entertainment programmes presented by Grant Stott about the pandemic-affected Edinburgh International Festival in 2020

Entertainment programme / 2020 / 30 mins x 2 / BBC Scotland

:: Off the Ball: Petty and Ill-Informed ::

Entertainment television programme celebrating 25 years of Stuart Cosgrove and Tam Cowan presenting the popular radio programme 'Off the Ball.

Entertainment documentary / 2019 / 60mins / BBC Scotland

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

Television documentary recounting the political and financial calamity that befell the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Factual documentary | 2014 | 60mins | BBC ONE Scotland

PRODUCER

:: Scotland's Heroes – The Road to France ::

Documentary charting the success of the Scotland Women's National team in qualifying for the 2019 Fifa World Cup in France

Documentary | 2019 | 60mins | BBC Scotland channel, BBC ONE Scotland, BBC TWO network

:: Rewind 1980s ::

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:: Rewind 2000s ::

Archive television series about the 1980s, 90s and 2000s for BBC Scotland's digital television channel, incorporating news, entertainment, comedy, drama and music of each year in the decade

Entertainment | 2019 | 30 x 30mins | BBC Scotland channel

:: Scotland's Game ::

Landmark documentary series charting the social history of Scottish football from 1986-2016.

Documentary | 2016 | 4 x 60mins | BBC ONE 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 about historical sexual abuse in Scottish football

Documentary | 2017 | 60mins | BBC ONE Scotland, BBC ONE network

Winner: RTS Scotland Award 2018: Best Current Affairs Programme

<https://vimeo.com/243528449>

:: 2014: Scotland's Historic Year ::

Television documentary charting the momentous events in Scotland during 2014, including the

Commonwealth Games and the Independence Referendum

Current Affairs documentary | 2014 | 60mins | BBC ONE Scotland

:: Spores ::

Drama short about sibling rivalry, starring Maureen Beattie and Lorraine McIntosh, funded by the Scottish Film Talent Network/Creative Scotland

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/DEVELOPMENT

:: Jocky Wilson Said ::

Developed and work as an assistant producer on the television documentary about the legendary darts hero

Jocky Wilson, charting his humble beginnings and rise to two world titles, then obscurity | 2019 | 60mins |

BBC ONE Scotland

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, online and digital production in *BBC Current Affairs*, *BBC Sport Scotland* and *BBC Entertainment*.

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 2019, I produced 24 episodes of the archive series *Rewind* for BBC Scotland's new digital television channel, incorporating news, comedy, drama and entertainment from the 1980s, 90s and 2000s. I also developed the 60-minute television documentary *Jocky Wilson Said*, about the famous Scottish darts hero Jocky Wilson. I also worked on the Jocky Wilson project as an assistant producer, while also working simultaneously on other projects. I was then asked to produce the television documentary *Scotland's Heroes – The Road to France*, about the success of the Scotland Women's National Football Team reaching the 2019 World Cup. Also in 2019, I produced and directed *Off the Ball: Petty and Ill-Informed*, a one-hour television documentary about the 25th anniversary of Stuart Cosgrove and Tam Cowan presenting the popular radio show 'Off the Ball'. In 2020 I produced and directed two episodes of *The Edinburgh Show With Grant Stott* and in 2020, produced and directed the popular *Away With The Tartan Army* for BBC Scotland's Euro 2020 offering.

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 and also as a producer with BBC Scotland's entertainment department. I also have extensive experience as a broadcaster, and I write, produce and direct short 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 am currently developing the sci-fi feature drama *White Eyes* with the Poets through the support of the Scottish Film Talent Network.

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.