

Richard Maxwell
Producer/Director & Sound Recordist

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Biography

Between 1991 and 1995, Richard Maxwell (A.K.A. Max) studied film and documentary production in Wales, finishing with a postgraduate diploma with distinction from the Center for Journalism Studies, University College of Wales, Cardiff. He won a RTS award for his final documentary project 'Slapps' which he shot and edited. Further awards followed including a Grammy nomination for Coldplay Tour Diary DVD which he shot and in 2006 an RTS Craft Award for Camerawork/Lighting Camerawork on Seaside Rescue series three.

After leaving film school Max worked as a freelance sound recordist on drama and documentaries, working out of Films@59 in Bristol. Switching to self-shooting Producer/Director in 2001 Max has been working on long-term observational documentary projects and format shows since then. He has filmed all over the world from the heat of Hawaiian volcanoes and most of Southern and Western Africa to the cold of Alpine ski resorts and the arctic circle.

Max has the ability to relate to and get the best from contributors, presenters and crew. He has an extensive technical knowledge of camera, sound and editing and has worked in all areas of production. He has a proven track record of working with presenters, actors on location and managing production teams in the field. He has worked for all of the major broadcasters and most of the large independent production companies.

Training has included, lighting, camera rigging for car, motorbike, helicopters, and lifeboats, further OTJ training on Sony XDCam HD 700, 450,570 & 790 camcorders and Panasonic HD varicam. Max has developed and run camera, sound training and editing courses for the BBC HNU, Tigress, Diverse Bristol and the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He has attended BBC courses on 'Dealing with Aggression', 'Handling Long Term Documentary Contributors' and is the holder of a BBC health and safety passport (working with lights and cameras). He is a trained first aider and passed the personal sea survival course.

As well as freelancing as a camera/director & sound recordist Max is Head of Film & TV Production at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.

Awards and Nominations

Broadcast Awards. Best Documentary Series. Terry Pratchett: Living With Alzheimers's. Sound Recordist.

Broadcast Awards (nominated) Best Documentary Series. Tribal Wives. Camera/Director

RTS Craft Award for Camerawork/Lighting Camerawork. Seaside Rescue 3, Producer Director

IVCA Clarion Award 'Its Not easy Being Green' BBC2 Director/Camera

Grammy (nomination) Best Long Form Music Video for 'Coldplay Tour Diary'. Camera/Sound

Royal Television Society. Highly Commended, Documentary Category for 'Slapps'. Camera/Editor

Producer/Director Credits Broadcast

Ben's Zoo 8x30 BBC2 (DSR570) Tigress London

'The Sphere' 35mm commercial for Myla (Associate Producer)

'How to Dump Your Mates' DSR 570 & Z1 (5 x 30 C4)

Seaside Rescue 3 (10 x 30 BBC1) BBC Bristol

Celebrity Dog School (6x30 Children in Need, BBC1) Pett Productions

RTV (20x10min HBOS satellite channel) Devious Films

Producer/Director Credits Corporate

This is the CDD (Conservatoire for Dance and Drama) BOVTV

Active Bristol. (Bristol City Council 8min) Devious Films

Fluid Lives (Yahoo US 15min drama doc) Devious Films

On Q (Virgin Mobile 15min) Devious Films

Cirqu Bijou (promo DVD 8min) Devious Films

Badgers (Eurostar 12min) Devious Films

Fun Day (Orange Telecom 10min) Devious Films

Dyrham House Renovation (National Trust 28min) Devious Films

Talk (Orange Telecom 8min) Devious Films

Director/Camera Credits

Tribal Wives Series 2 6x60 BBC2 (XD Cam HD) Diverse Bristol

Young Mum and Dads Mansion 8x60 BBC3 (Digi Beta & Z1) Love West

High Octane Jobs 6x60 C5 (DSR570) Firefly TX 9/08

Young Mums' Mansion 8x60 BBC3 (DSR570) Love West TX

Tribal Wives 6x60 BBC2 (XD Cam) Diverse Bristol TX 6/8

Demolition 6x30 BBC1 (HD Variecam) BBC Bristol

'Work for Nuts' (DSR570) for C5 pilot. Tigress Productions.

'When Good Vacations Go Bad' Pilot for Travel Channel. Creative Differences Productions, LA .

'Booze Bird's' 1 x 60 BBC 3 doc following Nicky Taylor as she examines the rise in female violence.

'Life With A Difference' (Z1) Ob Doc on disability issues (5 x 45 BBC1)

'Its Not Easy Being Green' series 1 (8 x 30 BBC2) Producer: Lynne Barlow

Skint (8x 30 BBC1 TX 3/05) BBC Bristol. Producer: Chris Hutchins
Seaside Rescue 2 (8x30 BBC1) BBC Bristol Producer: Sue Kennett
Fat Families (6x30 ITV 1 TX 3/05) Granada Producer: Tim Tarrent
Gimmie Shelter (2x60 BBC1) BBC Bristol: Producer Matt Cole

Camera.

Wallace & Gromit's World of Invention (BBC 1), Auction Man, Coldplay Tour
Diary, 999, Blue Peter, Children in Need, Can't Stop. Watch Out! Comic
Relief.

Sound Recording. (Brief selection of 8 years crewing)

Village SOS, BBC2 (in production). Human Planet, BBC1. Famous and
Fearless, C4. Live and Deadly, CBBC/BBC2. Tonight's the Night, BBC1, Wild
Night In, BBC 1. The One Show, BBC1. Flog It, BBC2. Terry Pratchett: Living
With Alzheimers's, BBC2. High Octane Jobs, C5. I'd Do Anything, BBC1.
Torchwood Declassified, BBC3. Orangutan Diaries BBC1, Culture Show
BBC2. When Animals Talk, Discovery. Bargain Hunt, BBC1. Dr Who
Confidential, BBC 3. Gimmie Shelter BBC1, Skint, BBC1. Fat Families, ITV1.
Someone to Watch Over You, DIY SOS, War & Piest, 999, Can't Stop,
Celebrity Driving School, Education Day Documentary, Children in Need,
Watchdog, Life of Grime (series 4 & 5), Vets in Practice (Series 1,4,5,6,7,8),
Dispatches, Blue Peter, Comic Relief & backstage films for Robbie Williams.

Other work Experience

2007 - Head of Film & TV Production Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.
2001 - 2005 Visiting lecturer at UWE on Culture and Media Studies BA and
Time Based Media BA
2000 - 2005 Skillset accredited mentor
1996 Researcher BBC Wales 'Week in Week Out'.
1984 - 1991 MD of System Support Services Ltd. Computer training and
maintenance company.
1981 - 1984 Manager of computer maintenance department Cubix Ltd.
1979 - 1981 Residential Youth Worker and trainer for Children's Community
Holidays.

Referees: Chris Hutchins BBC Bristol Whiteladies Rd Bristol BS8 2LR
Paul Rummer BOVTS 1-3 Downside Road Bristol BS8 2JB