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Sound Recordist

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In A Nutshell

I am a location sound recordist with 20 years experience in many genres of television, including natural history, science, medicine, documentary and observational documentary, cookery, education, religion, light entertainment, news and current affairs. This has naturally led to extensive travel. I have worked in over 50 countries around the world in a variety of conditions, from the searing heat of the deserts of Tunisia and Namibia and Nevada to the frozen wastes of Antarctica, Siberia and Canada's Northern Territories.

I have had lots of multi camera experience e.g. Big Cat Live/Week (the latter of which gained a BAFTA craft award nomination for best sound factual) and four Gary Rhodes cookery series. The majority of my work has been on single camera science and natural history documentary units, where I thoroughly enjoy working as part of a close team, contributing to the program content when appropriate. I pride myself on my people skills, putting contributors at ease quickly, and can be relied upon to be understanding when the subject matter is of a sensitive nature.

When I'm not joined at the hip to a cameraman I enjoy recording clean wild tracks and spot effects. I have both a four channel hard drive recorder and a 10 channel Solid state recorder in my kit bag, and I am very happy to spend a few hours or days on my own, building up an audio picture of the environment I am working in.

I like to offer the camera operator as much physical help as I can, be that in the form of lighting and rigging, or track and crane construction. I am also a capable camera operator, and have taken over the role on foreign shoots when the need has arisen. Being a keen photographer I have contributed timelapse photography and publicity stills to several shoots. For 'Fossil Detectives', a BBC/Open University production for BBC2 and BBC4, I also contributed extensively to the list of published images in the book to accompany the series.

Some more recent screen credits:

Natural History

- Decade of Discovery BBC Bristol
- Big Cat Live BBC Bristol
- Big Cat Diary / Big Cat Week BBC Bristol
- Elephant Diaries BBC Bristol
- Wild Wensleydale BBC Bristol
- Big Bear Diaries BBC Bristol
- Springwatch BBC Bristol
- Autumnwatch BBC Bristol
- Winterwatch BBC Bristol
- King of the Jungle Animal Planet
- Secrets of Our Living Planet BBC Bristol
- Planet Earth Live BBC Bristol
- The Secret Life of Your House The Garden Productions
- World's Sneakiest Animals BBC Bristol
- Monkey Planet BBC Bristol
- The Story of Cats Plimsoll Productions
- Natures Epic Journeys BBC Bristol

Science & Education

- Fossil Detectives BBC Bristol & O.U.
- State of the Planet BBC London
- State of the Great Ape Channel 5 & Discovery
- Tomorrows World BBC London
- Jimmy & the Whale Channel 4
- Operation Snow Tiger BBC Bristol
- Time Team Channel 4
- Richard Hammond's Genius of Nature OSF for BBC1
- Ice Age Giants BBC Bristol
- World's Weirdest Events (Nevada Links with Chris Packham) BBC Bristol
- Nazi Megastructures Darlow Smithson

Current Affairs & Magazine

- The One Show BBC Bristol/Tigress
- Coast BBC Manchester
- Gardeners World BBC Bristol
- Country File BBC Birmingham
- Inside Out BBC Plymouth
- Grand Designs Channel 4
- Antiques Roadshow BBC Birmingham
- Chelsea Flower Show BBC Bristol
- Harvest BBC Bristol

Cookery

- Rhodes Across The Caribbean
- Rhodes Across China
- Rhodes Across India
- Rhodes Across Italy
- Taste of the West
- James Martin's Food Map of Britain
- Journey to the Centre of Your Plate

Denham Productions
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Carlton Network
BBC Bristol
Keo Films

Children's

- Cbeebies
- Really Wild Show
- Blue Peter
- Wolfblood Uncovered
- Naomi's Nightmares of Nature

BBC London
BBC Bristol
BBC London
BBC Bristol
BBC Bristol

Light Entertainment

- Richard O'Brien's Dead Strange
- Arthur Smith's Comedy Club
- Flog It
- Bargain Hunt
- Bargaining around Britain
- Nature Nuts With Julian Clary
- Antiques Road Show

Carlton Network
Carlton Network
BBC Bristol
BBC Bristol
ITV
OSF for ITV
BBC Bristol