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Profile

Richard is an award-winning editor with multiple Emmy nominations in a career spanning over 14 years and has developed a strong sense for shaping narrative. He has a driving passion for story and has thrived in multiple genres, winning acclaim for character driven observational documentaries and action-packed factual entertainment shows in addition to scripted comedy shorts and VR multi-sensual experiences. His hunger for the medium has led to working in a variety of environments whether cutting at high seas attached to a suite with bungee ropes, in the stands of a football stadium or a traditional edit suite. He's a great collaborator who loves to contribute ideas but also has patience and discipline to work independently.

'It was a true pleasure having Richard edit on our latest series. Despite all of the many problems of working in lockdown he produced some absolutely first class work for MSP. He's got a natural sense of style, pace and emotion and everything he touched looked like it cost a lot more to make than it actually did! We'd welcome him back anytime.'

Phil Craig, Creative Director - MSPTV

Credit List

Long form

"Atlantic Crossing" w/t 1 x 90min. Feature Documentary (In production). Following a team attempting to break the dangerous world record of crossing the Atlantic, in a new ambitious design; the largest mono hull yacht ever built.

Director: Lina Zilinskaite

Atlantic Productions

"Shark Women: Ghosted by Great Whites" 1 x 42min. Specialist factual/natural history documentary aired as part of Discovery Shark Week. Alison Towner and her all-female crew pull all the stops to track her missing white sharks.

Exec Producer: Jannine Waddell

Waddell Media for Discovery

"The Royal Mob" 2 x 60min Eps 1 and 4. History drama documentary tells the saga of the extended royal family dubbed by Queen Victoria "The Royal Mob" that once ruled the whole of Europe, and how their loves, marriages and feuds dragged the continent into the world's first total war and violent revolution.

Exec Producers: Ben Gould and Jane Root

Nutopia for Sky History / A&E Networks

“Extraordinary Animals in the Womb” Episode 1 and 2. This series explores some truly extraordinary methods of reproduction and gestation in a selection of animals from across the natural world, from the first beginnings of courtship right through to birth and beyond.

Exec Producer: Peter Collins

Tinopolis for National Geographic

“Conquest of the Skies” VR Project. David Attenborough travels through time to unravel the astonishing, 300-million-year story of the flying animals. Who were the first flying creatures, where did they evolve, and how did they adapt into the huge variety of aeronauts that fill our skies today?

Exec Producer Lou Doye

Alchemy TV

“How I Escaped Africa’s Most Repressive State” 10min news documentary. In his native Eritrea, Dr. Berhane Asmelash was arrested and tortured for nearly a year for the crime of leading a Christian congregation in a country without freedom of religion or expression.

Vice World News

“Foxy Fearless 48 hours: with Rob Delaney” Ep 1. Adventure series. Comedian Rob Delaney joins Jason in rural Wales, to take on three daring challenges, including a jump off a 40-metre viaduct.

BBC Productions for Channel 4

“Country File” Season 2021 Episode 37. Cut several scenes, VT’s and Stitched full episode. In Northern Ireland, Charlotte hits the Road with Pamela to meet local suppliers including a beekeeper to provide for the new farm shop, and there’s some taste-testing to do on bakes – good news for the three Lilburn children.

BBC for BBC one

“Deep Breath” Feature Documentary. A previous heavy smoker turned breathing guru attempts to break the world record in Free Diving. Holding his breath and diving as deep as possible. The film dives into the sport and what attracts the athletes to risk their lives again and again.

Living Projects

“World’s Greatest Shipwrecks: History Beneath the Waves” 1 x 60min. Episode 10: Collision. What happens when two huge ships collide? Investigation into history’s most lethal collisions, from the HMS Curacoa sliced in half by the Queen Mary - to a schooner boat that sunk the mighty SS Oregon.

MSP TV for Nat Geo and More4

“Micro Monsters with David Attenborough” Over five episodes, David Attenborough discovers the world of bugs from an entirely new perspective, only possible in Virtual Reality. These real-life superpowers need to be seen to be believed.

Atlantic Productions for Oculus TV

“Lost Cities with Albert Lin: The Great Flood” 1 x 60min Documentary. Bionic Explorer Albert Lin travels the globe delving into the mysteries of some ancient flood myths looking for real events that could have inspired their creation.

Caravan Media for Nat Geo & Disney+

“Expedition Deep Oceans” 5 x 60min. TV Docudrama series features Explorer Victor Vescovo's bid to lead the world's first manned expedition to the deepest point in each of the five oceans. Exploring uncharted trenches and searching for new life forms, whilst attempting multiple record-breaking dives.

Atlantic Productions for Discovery Channel & Discovery +

“1000 Years Australia” 1 x 120min. Additional Editing. Documentary including expert interviewees and incredible archive footage, depicting Australia’s defining historic moments.

Middle Child for Channel 5

"Top 10 Egyptian Mummies with Bettany Hughes" 1 x 90min. Additional Editing. By exploring one of the most mysterious practices in the ancient world, Bettany will reveal the lives of the criminals, priests, children and Pharaohs of ancient Egypt. Revealing stories of glimmering treasure, journeys into the afterlife and cruel revenge.

Sandstone Global for Channel 5

"Titanoboa" An observational/science doc, 10 years on from finding the bones of the world's largest ever snake. A team of researchers discover secrets that change their theories entirely. They travel to extreme environments in the search for modern day clues to uncover how the beast looked and reveal its mysterious world.

Blink Films for the Smithsonian Channel

"Top Ten Treasures of Pompeii" Additional Editing. Bettany Hughes takes viewers on a bespoke trip to Pompeii to bring you the definitive countdown of her top ten treasures of this antique civilization.

Sandstone Global for Channel 5

"Positiva 25" A 1 hour documentary featuring interviews from some the world's biggest DJ's; David Guetta, Armin Van Buuren, Eric Morrito and Jonas Blue are just a few who share insight into a label at the heart of Dance Music Culture for over a quarter of a decade. Explore 25 years of dance music anthems with a wealth of music videos and archive told through the artists that lived it.

Globe Productions for Universal Music

"24hr Flip" 1 x 60min. Pilot for new property renovation show.

Maximum City

"Franco" 1 x 60 Feature documentary following Moto2 champion rider Franco

Morbidelli in his rookie season in MotoGP.

Velocity Content for Insight

"Born To" Edited 2 x 30min. A series of life-affirming short films, which tell emotionally-charged stories of talented and successful athletes at the top of their game. Each film of this stunningly visual series follows the personal story of triumph over defeat, highlighting the individual's passion, drive and motivation.

Velocity Content for Insight

"King of Hammers" 8 x 60min. High octane off-road racing series. King of Hammers drives you to the antidote of Indy and F1. The story is driven from the drivers and co-pilots themselves and is a narrative driven drama of full throttle excitement!

LSPTV for Insight TV / US Broadcast

"New Order: Decades" Feature documentary and concert film following New Order's collaboration with artist Liam Gillick, in conjunction with the Manchester International Festival. The film unfolds across New Order's *So it goes..* tour, inspired by the reinvention of the bands catalogue. The films serves as intimate insight into the bands historical creative working, combined with exclusive concert performances from the Vienna shows. Additional Editor

Caravan Media for Sky Arts

"Road to Gymkhana Grid" Feature documentary follows 7 drivers including; Shane Lynch, Ken Block and Petter Solberg in the build up to the 2017 finals of Gymkhana Grid in South Africa, where competitors slide and drift around obstacles with the aim to complete the course in the quickest time.

Additional Editor

Velocity for Insight

“Start Ups and Future of the App Economy” 1 x 20min Documentary

Economist

“Limitless” 1 x 50min pilot. Darcy Oak, a Canadian magician (who won Britain’s Got Talent) performs tricks inspired by Miles Daisher a base jumper in the Red Bull air-force.
Red Bull TV

“Galapagos” Episode 2 World Wide Version - (Reversion Editor)

Re-edited the episode to remove the presenter and make the ep work for BBC world wide, where Liz Bonin was not as well known.

“Charity” 1 x 13 min Scripted Short comedy drama. On an idyllic winter’s day Joe and Carla are out buying a Christmas tree and running errands. But bigger questions are on Carla’s mind. 'Do you ever wonder if we’re doing enough for the planet?' she wants to know, much to Joe’s confusion. Slowly a bizarre hypothetical argument leads them to a point of full disclosure. In a truth game they dare each other to reveal their most intimate sexual fantasy, unaware that they may get rather more than they bargained for.

Won Best Comedy at the 2012 Crystal Palace International Film Festival.

Directors: Alex Estrella, Sam Peter Jackson

Cast: Harry Kershaw, Alan Morrissey, Susannah Wise

Awards

- *EMMY’s News and Documentary 2022 nominated – First Life *
- *EMMY’s News and Documentary 2022 nominated – Kingdom of Plants *
- *EMMY’s News and Documentary 2021 nominated – Micro Monsters VR*
- *REAL WORLD XR AWARDS 2020, International VR Film of the Year – Micro Monsters VR*
- *CYNOPSIS SPORTS MEDIA AWARD 2018, Documentary Series Honourable Mention
- King of Hammers*
- *SHEFFIELD DOC FEST 2017, Audience award for Alternate Realities – Munduruku*
- *RAINDANCE FILM FESTIVAL 2017, Best Social Impact Experience - Munduruku*
- *CPIFF 2012, Best Comedy – Charity*
- *IVCA 2011, External Interactive Media – Paul Arden*
- *IVCA 2011, LIVECOM Innovation – Paul Arden*
- *IVCA 2010, LIVECOM Award for International Entertainment– Abba World*
- *IVCA 2010, GOLD – Vauxhall Astra*

Virtual Reality

First Life with David Attenborough	Oculus TV
Kingdom of Plants with David Attenborough	Oculus TV
Micro Monsters VR with David Attenborough	Oculus TV
Munduruku	Glastonbury Festival
Vision is a Tradition	Playstation VR
Cocos Island	Playstation VR
Great Barrier Reef	Playstation VR
Bikini	Playstation VR

Short Form

Title Sequences / Pre-titles

<i>Nat Geo / Tinopolis</i>	Inside the Womb
<i>BBC</i>	Gigglebiz
<i>BBC</i>	Formula for Success
<i>Channel 4</i>	Human Guinea Pigs
<i>ITV</i>	Beautiful People

Short Credits – Various

<i>The Drama Channel</i>	Vodcast and Promos
<i>UAE Documentary</i>	Promo
<i>Disney The Lodge</i>	Promos and Vodcasts for the new TV Series
<i>Disney The Lodge</i>	EPK
<i>Disney The Lodge</i>	Fashion Tutorials
<i>Disney Channel</i>	Promo
<i>Disney Channel</i>	Idents EMEA 2016
<i>The Great British Poem</i>	Short Film – BBC
<i>Climate Change</i>	Promo – COI
<i>Bedtime Stories</i>	TV Show Pilot Commissioned – Disney
<i>Descendants</i>	Rotten to the Core Music Video – Disney
<i>Disney Channel Rebrand</i>	Idents – Disney
<i>Disney Channel</i>	Trailer – Disney
<i>Disney Junior</i>	Trailer – Disney
<i>Disney XD</i>	Trailer – Disney
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Avengers</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Bolt</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Fight Night</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Hannah Montana</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>High School Musical 3</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Prince of Persia</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Race to Witch Mountain</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Reel Steel</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>The Last Song</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>The Muppets</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Tron</i>	Featurette – Disney
<i>Frozen</i>	Bumpers – Disney
<i>Mickey Mouse</i>	Billboard – Disney
<i>Star Wars Animation</i>	Trailer – Disney
<i>Violette</i>	Music Video – Disney
<i>Footlocker</i>	3 Point Contest – Show VT
<i>U So Dase</i>	Music Video - Jason Kealer
<i>Sunny Days</i>	Music Video (T-Mobile) - Kid British
<i>King Edward</i>	Fictional Short Film
<i>Ministry of Defence</i>	Thales Aircraft Simulator – Installation Hologram
<i>Frank Sinatra</i>	Installation Hologram -Musion
<i>P & G</i>	Beauty Awards 2013 & 2014 – Online Awards Show

RBS
River Lee Tidal Mill
Saatchi and Saatchi
Sainsbury's
Speedo
Toyota
Girls will be Girls
Vauxhall
Viasat

RBS - Online Commercial
RLTM Trust – Documentary
Paul Arden – Installation Hologram
Sainsbury's Mobile Launch - Promo
Lazer Racer Swimsuit – Installation Hologram
Auris Launch – Installation Hologram
Music Video – Ultra Girls
Astra VR Launch – Virtual Reality 360 Film
TV3 - Indents

Branded Content

Standard Life
Standard Life
Standard Life
Standard Life
Alchemy
Beagle Street
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux
Fairy
Jean Christoph Novelli
John Lewis
John Lewis
P & G
P & G
P & G
Plan
Plan
Plan
Plan
Prudential
Standard Life
Standard Life
Standard Life

Andy Murray Master of your Dreams Part 2
Ryder Cup - Potential
Ryder Cup - Data and Analysis
Ryder Cup - Performance
Showreel
Release the Pounds
Chef Simon Hulstone Master Kitchen Chicken Livers
Chef Simon Hulstone Master Kitchen Chicken Crème Caramel
Cube Sat Bains
London Jubilee Cube
Steam Care Washing Machine
Studio Build behind the Scenes
Taste of London
Wine Cellar
Michael Caine's Shepherd's Pie
Apple Tarte Tartin
Back to the 90s
Party Eyes Made Easy
How to Make a Teepee
How to Pack
How to Set a Table
Day of the Girl
Ending Child Marriage
Global Speakers Network
Ian Talks Baroness Amos
Pru Health Cancer Testimonial
Andy Murray Master of your Dreams
Andy Murray on Winning the Davis Cup
Andy Murray on 2016

Commercials

Betfair
Disney
Disney
Disney
Electrolux
Electrolux
Electrolux

Bet In Play
Liv and Maddie
Monsters University
Wonder Over Yonder
Combi Steam Oven
Delicate Care Dryer
Delicate Care Dishwasher

Electrolux
Il Volo
Luvvu
Mondo Visione
Nirvana
Racing Post

Infinite Pro Hob
The Album
Mirror
Exchange Forum
Nevermind
Racing Post

Corporate

Electrolux
Electrolux
Bayer
Business Sense
Lloyds
Raymond James
Samsung
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
Virgin Media
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Virgin Media

AEG Fastest Hob Installation – Promo
SMC Film – Corporate Film
Heroes at Highclere
Mark Langthorne
International Profiler
RJ Conference
Samsung World Cup
Cable Conference
Channel of the Year
Edge Awards 2012/2013/2014 & 2015
Feel Good
In Field Tester (Comedic Short)
No1 Broadband
Red Hot Service (Comedic Short)
Rewards
The Checklist (Comedic Short)
The Field Team
The Retail Team