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BAFTA winner 2014
Children's Pre-School Live
Action. 'Old Jack's Boat'
BAFTA winner 1994 Best
Light Entertainment Series
'Rory Bremner-Who Else?'
RTS winner 2006 Best
Children's Drama Series
'My Parents Are Aliens'
'Without Walls – Dennis
Potter' won BAFTA for Best
Arts Programme 1995
2 BAFTA Nominations for
'Mopatop's Shop'

CV 2019

I was born in Peebles, Scotland and educated in Essex before studying Film Production at what is now the University of Westminster. I began my television career in Factuals for London Weekend Television and the BBC before moving to Entertainment as a director. I developed extensive skills directing multi camera studio productions as well as single camera video and film. I enjoy working across the different disciplines of Entertainment, Drama, Children's Drama and Comedy.

AXEL BLAKE NOT GUNNA LIE

Recording of Axel Blake's stand up show at Indigo O2 Arena.

Director Multi-Camera OB

Unilad/Netflix

May/June 2018

Producer George Cowin

MY PETAURUS

Ten episodes of Children's series about a girl with a pet dinosaur. Live action and animation.

Director PSC

Bumpybox/Cbeebies

Jan. to Feb. 2018

Producers Sam Wright; Tracy Bowerman

NFTS

Visiting lecturer running the TV Comedy module and covering all aspects of multi-camera and single camera production.

April 2013 to April. 2019

ALBA

Visiting lecturer running TV Comedy Directing Course for Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts at the University of Balamand, Beirut, Lebanon.

December 2017

MR MENDER & THE CHUMMYJIGGERS

Twenty six episodes of Live Action Pre School series featuring toys that come to life.

Director PSC

Fíbin Media/ RTÉ Jr

May to Sept. 2017

Producers Darach Ó Tuairisg; Mary Bailey

HOLLYOAKS

Ten episodes of C4's celebrated continuing drama.

Director PSC

Lime Pictures/Channel 4

June to Sept.2015/ 2016

Producer Bryan Kirkwood

CHANNEL 4 COMEDY GALA 2016

Charity Gala for Gt. Ormond St. Children's hospital staged at the O2 starring Alan Carr, Aisling Bea, Michael McIntyre et al. I have directed all seven of the Comedy Galas since 2010.

Director Multi-Cam OB

Open Mike/Channel 4

May 2016

Producer Anthony Caveney

CITIZEN KHAN SEASON 3

Seven episodes of the Sparkhill based sitcom starring Adil Ray and Shobu Kapoor.

Director Multi-Cam Studio/PSC

BBC 1

July to December 2014

Producer Richard Grocock

<u>KEVIN BRIDGES - REFERENDUM SPECIAL</u>	Open Mike/BBC 1	July 2014
Recording from the Theatre Royal, Glasgow starring Kevin, Jack Dee, Frankie Boyle, and Kerry Godliman.		
Director Multi-Cam OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	
<u>OLD JACK'S BOAT</u>	Cbeebies	Aug to October 2013
Series of twenty-one comedy stories starring Bernard Cribbins.		
Director Studio & Location PSC	Producer Dominic McDonald; Tony Reed	
<u>CHILDREN'S BAFTA WINNER – PRE SCHOOL LIVE ACTION</u>		
<u>GIGGLEBIZ</u>	Cbeebies	April to August 2013
Series of twenty-six comedy sketch shows for children starring Justin Fletcher		
Director Studio & Location PSC	Producer Dominic McDonald	
<u>SANDI & SUSAN TASTER</u>	BBC 4	November 2012
Comedy pilot starring Sandi Toksvig and Susan Calman.		
Director PSC Video	Producer Emma Strain	
<u>MICHAEL MCINTYRE – SHOWTIME</u>	Open Mike/Universal	October 2012
Recording of Michael's performance at the O2, Greenwich, for DVD and Network Television.		
Director Multi-Camera OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	
<u>COMEDY DVDS</u>	Open Mike/Universal	June to October 2012
Recordings of performances by DARA O'BRIAIN at the Edinburgh Playhouse, JON RICHARDSON at the Apollo, Shaftsbury Avenue and KEVIN BRIDGES at the SECC, Glasgow for DVD and Network Television.		
Director Multi-Camera OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	
<u>MY PHONE GENIE</u>	CITV/Talent TV/ZDF/Telegael	July 11- April 12
Children's Comedy Drama series about a girl with a Genie App on her phone.13 Of 26 Eps		
Director. PSC Video	Producers John Brady/Siobhán Ní Ghardha/Tony Humphreys	
<u>LEE EVANS – ROADRUNNER</u>	Open Mike/Universal	October 2011
DVD of Lee's 2011 tour show at the O2 Arena. One night in 3D <i>[I have directed all but one of Lee's performance Videos and DVDs since 1994.]</i>		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	
<u>ALAN CARR-SPECSY BEAST</u>	Open Mike/Universal	October 2011
DVD of Alan's 2011 tour at the Manchester Arena.		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	
<u>STAND UP FOR THE WEEK</u>	Open Mike/Channel 4	March 2011
Topical stand-up comedy show from The Koko Club with Andi Osho, Kevin Bridges, Rich Hall & Jon Richardson		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	
<u>HOUSE OF ANUBIS</u>	Lime Pictures/Nickelodeon	July – Sept. 2010
Children's Drama series about an American girl surrounded by spooky goings on in an English boarding school.		
Director. PSC Video	Producers Susie Liggat/Tony Wood	
<u>ANDREW MARSHALL</u>	Banana Split/ 2 Entertain	June 2010
DVD of Andrew's performance at Vicar's Lane, Dublin.		
Director Multi-Cam OB	Producers Carine Austen; Tom Jackson	
<u>HELLO WEMBLEY!</u>	Open Mike/Universal	October 2009
DVD of Michael McIntyre's performance at Wembley Arena.		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer Anthony Caveney	

ZINGZILLAS

Cbeebies

May - September 2009

Thirteen episodes of a Children's Comedy series which features four primates who play in a band.

Director. Multi-Cam studio.**Producers: Tony Reed; Dominic MacDonald; David Collier****EMMERDALE**

ITV Network

June 2006 – January 2009

Twenty-three segments of the famous bucolic continuing drama plus three one hour episodes including the Thirty Fifth Anniversary Programme.

Director. Multi-Cam studio/PSC location**Producers: Kathleen Beedles; Anita Turner****MY SPY FAMILY**

Cartoon Network

April 2006 – September 2008

Children's comedy drama series. The Cartoon Network's first live action show about a couple of retired spies and their family. Milo Twomey and Natasha Beaumont starred.

Director. PSC studio**Producers: Bernard Kricheski; Ann Brogan****LEE EVANS' BIG TOUR**

Open Mike/Universal/BBC

September 2008

A recording of Lee's sell out performance at the O2 Centre in Greenwich.

Director. Multi-Cam OB.**Producers: Alex Hardcastle; Anthony Caveney****CORONATION STREET**

ITV Network

June 2004 – May 2006

Twenty-eight episodes of the famous continuing drama.

Director. Multi-Cam studio/PSC location**Producers: Tony Wood; Steve November****BLIPS**

Ragdoll/ITV Network

March 2005 – August 2005

Thirteen short comedies mixing live action with CGI characters, The Blips

Director. PSC Location**Producers: Ann Wood; Chris Wood****MY PARENTS ARE ALIENS**

ITV Network

May 2004 – December 2006

Children's Drama series starring Carla Mendonca and Tony Gardener

Director. PSC studio**Producers: Bernard Kricheski; Ann Brogan****[RTS AWARD FOR BEST CHILDREN'S DRAMA 2005]****I FOUGHT THE LAW**

BBC Northern Ireland

March – Sept. 2003

Six-part Drama/Comedy about a group of lawyers in Belfast starring Seeta Indrani and Paul Loughran

Director PSC Video**Producer: Damon Quinn****GIVE MY HEAD PEACE**

BBC Northern Ireland

2001 - 2003

Twenty-Seven episodes of this satirical sitcom: consistently the highest rating programme in Northern Ireland.

Director. Multi-Cam Studio and PSC**Producer: Damon Quinn****BO SELECTA**

Talkback Thames/Channel 4

February 2002

Pilot for Leigh Francis' wild show featuring superfan Avid Merrion.

Director. Multi-cam Studio**Producer: Spencer Millman****JACK DEE AT THE APPOLLO**

Open Mike/Universal/BBC

2002

The original show which engendered several series.

Director. Multi-Cam OB**Producer John Tiffney****BARRYMORE - MY KIND OF MUSIC**

LWT/ITV

2001

Series of Michael Barrymore's hybrid karaoke/game show.

Director. Multi-Cam Studio**Producer Russell Norman****OTIS LEE CRENSHAW**

Open Mike/Universal/BBC

2001

Recording for BBC 2 and DVD of a performance at The Comedy Store by Rich Hall's eponymous parolee.

Director. Multi-Cam OB**Producer John Tiffney**

<u>ELAINE</u>	BBC Scotland	2001
Six-part musical comedy series starring Elaine C. Smith recorded at The Citizen's Theatre, Glasgow.		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer: Sarah Lawrence	
<u>THERE'S A VIKING IN MY BED</u>	BBC	2000
Children's Comedy/Drama series based on the books by Jeremy Strong.		
Director. PSC Video	Producer: Martin Hughes	
<u>MOPATOP'S SHOP</u>	Jim Henson Company/ITV	1998 - 2000
Over eighty episodes of the entry level Muppet sitcoms.		
Director. Multi-Cam studio.	Producer: Jocelyn Stevenson	
<u>TRIAL OF THE 21ST CENTURY</u>	October Films/Ch4	2000
Factual Millennium Special hosted by Jon Snow.		
Director. Multi-Cam Studio	Producer Terry Tyldesley	
<u>ROBOT WARS</u>	Mentorn/BBC2	1999
One series of biscuit tin carnage.		
Director. PSC Video	Producer Stephen Carsey	
<u>THE BIG STAGE</u>	LWT/CH 5	1999
Series of seven-hour long variety shows hosted by Bradley Walsh.		
Director. Multi-Cam Studio.	Producer Mark Robinson	
<u>THE COMEDY STORE</u>	Open Mike/Ch5	1999
Series of fifteen comedy Stand Up shows.		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer John Tiffney	
<u>THE PEOPLE V THE EDINBURGH FRINGE</u>	LWT/Ch5	1998
Jerry Sadowitz takes his infamous chat show onto the streets of Edinburgh.		
Director. PSC Video	Producer Crispin Lyser	
<u>CHUBBY DOWN UNDER</u>	Working Title/Polygram	1997
Feature film of Chubby Brown's tour of Australia and Hong Kong.		
Director. Film.	Producer Simon Wright	
<u>MARK LAMARR – UNCENSORED AND LIVE</u>	Open Mike/VVL	1997
Video of Mark's live show.		
Director. Multi-Cam OB	Producer Dave Morley	
<u>LENNY HENRY GETS WILD</u>	Crucial//BBC 1	1996
Variety Christmas special.		
Director. Multi-Cam Studio	Producer Paul Jackson	
<u>THE FRANK SKINNER SHOW</u>	Avalon/BBC 1	1996
Frank's chat show.		
Director. Multi-Cam OB & PSC	Producer Gilly Hafenrichter	
<u>HUBBUB</u>	Noel gay TV/BBC1	1996
13 part Children's Comedy Drama starring Les Bubb shot on location in Edinburgh.		
Director. PSC Video	Producer: Sarah Lawrence	
<u>MUD</u>	BBC 1	1995
Seven part children's drama serial starring Russell Tovey, Brooke Kinsella & Susie Blake.		
Director /Prod. PSC Video	Exec. Producer: Chris Pilkington	

WITHOUT WALLS – DENNIS POTTER LWT/Channel 4 1994
 Melvyn Bragg's famous interview with the dying Dennis Potter. [Programme was BAFTA Winner]
Director. Multi-Cam Studio **Producer: Nigel Wattis**

TOT'S TV Ragdoll/ITV Network 1994
 Eighteen episodes of Children's Puppet Comedies.
Director. PSC Video **Producer: Ann Wood.**

BRUM Ragdoll/BBC1 1994
 Seven short comedies featuring a little car in Birmingham. ALSO WROTE.
Director/Writer **Producer: Ann Wood**

RORY BREMNER – WHO ELSE Kudos/Channel 4 1993
 Series of Eleven satirical comedies also starring John Bird and John Fortune
Director. Multi-Cam Studio & PSC. **Producer: Geoff Atkinson.**
 [BAFTA WINNER; BEST LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT SHOW 1994.]

DAVE ALLEN Noel Gay/ITV 1992
 Seven-part series of Dave performing stand-up shot at the Mermaid Theatre
Director. Multi-Cam OB **Producer Nick Symons**

I previously directed main stream entertainment shows like 'Spitting Image', 'Game For A Laugh', 'Surprise! Surprise!', and 'Clive James' as well as alternative comedy like 'I Love Keith Allen' and 'The Chris Lynam Extravaganza'.