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PROFILE

Leo McCrea has been directing the top names in TV for the last twenty years. Whether it be actors, comedians, or everyday people, he always creates a friendly working environment to get the best performance.

He was the creative force behind Channel 4's Travel man with Richard Ayoade and Mortimer and Whitehouse Gone fishing, for which he received three BAFTA nominations and won three Royal Television Society Awards. He also created a new look for the hit NETFLIX show, Jack Whitehall Travels with my Father, directing series 3, 4, 5 and the special finale show.

Working with top talent such as Jonathan Ross, Stephen Merchant, Rob Delaney, Katherine Ryan and Kathy Burke has ensured that he has been invited to direct shows such as Stanley Tucci's Searching for Italy for CNN and BBC2 and the recent BBC1 landmark documentary featuring Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne.

BROADCAST CREDITS

The Osbournes "Home to Roost" – Director on Episode 1

Expectation TV for BBC1 – October & November – Execs Ben Wicks & Colin Barr

Stanley Tucci Searching for Italy S2 – Director & Edit **Emmy Awarded Series**

Raw TV for CNN & BBC – February – September 2022 – Execs Robin O'Sullivan & Shauna Minoprio

Wonders of the World I cannot see – Chris McCausland Taster Tape – Director & Edit

Open Mike for Ch4 – January 2022 – Execs Andrew Thistlewood & Andrew Beint

Along for the Ride with David O'Doherty (New series) – Series Director & in the Edit

Zeppotron for Ch4 – July 2021 – November 2021 Execs Peter Holmes & Ruth Phillips

Jack Whitehall: Travels with my Father (S5) - Series Director & in the Edit

Tiger Aspect for NETFLIX February – July 2021

Science-ish ft Rick Edwards, Prof Michael Brooks & Sophie Duker (Pilot) – Director

Dragonfly for BBC3 – October 2020 / Exec Tom Currie

Madman's World ft Stevo the Madman (Comedy drama Pilot) – Director

BBC Studios for BBC3 – July – September 2020

Jack Whitehall: Travels with my Father (S4) – Series Director & in the Edit

Tiger Aspect for NETFLIX December – May 2020

Celebrity Come Dine with me Christmas Special (Prime time) – Producer Director & in the Edit

Multistory TV (ITV) for E4 – October – November 2019

Big Narsties Big Adventure Jamaica (Pilot) – Director & in the Edit

BBC Studios for Ch4 – May – October 2019

Jack Whitehall: Travels with my Father (S3) – Series Director & in the Edit

Tiger Aspect for NETFLIX December – May 2019

Science of Stupid (S7) – Edit Producer

IWC for Nat Geo – October – November 2018

Rob & Romesh Vs (S1) – Director on Anthony Joshua, Fashion & NFL Eps

CPL Productions for Sky One – August – September 2018 / SP Jack Shillaker

Shipmates (S1) – Series Director

Full Fat TV for Ch4 – April – June 2018 / SP Chantal Boyle

Hangover Games with Matt Richardson & Ken Cheng (Pilot & S1) – Series Director

Little Gem for E4 - December 2017 – July 2018 / SP Gregor Lauder

Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone fishing (S1) – Series Director **BAFTA & RTS Nomination & Broadcasting Press Guild Award**

Owl Power for BBC2 September – December 2017 / Exec Lisa Clark

Super Shoppers (S4) – Producer Director

Firecrest films for Ch4 August 2017 / Features – SP Anouk Curry

Made in Chelsea & Ibiza Summer Series (S12 & S13) Series Director

Monkey Kingdom for E4 Jan – June 2017 / Constructed Reality show / SP Leonie Joss

Wild Weekenders (Pilot) – Director & in the Edit

Little Gem for Ch4 – June – October 2016 / Pilot UK travel show / Exec Ben Gale

The Only way is Essex (S17) Director

Lime Pictures for ITVBe - February - April 2016 / Constructed Reality / Exec Daniella Berendsen

Travel man with Richard Ayoade (S2) Series Director **BAFTA Nomination & RTS Award**

North One for Ch4 / 6 x 30 / September – January 2016 / Comedy Travelogue / SP Chris Richards Exec Steve Gowans

The Fear (New series) Series Director

Studio Lambert for BBC3 / 6 x 30 July – September 2015 / Execs Mike Cotton & Tim Harcourt

How to win at Everything Series Director

IWC Media for Nat Geo / 14 x 30 / February – May 2015 / Series Editor Dominic Bowles

Travel man with Richard Ayoade (S1) Series Director. BAFTA Nomination, RTS Award & Bulldog Award

North One for Ch4 / 4 x 30 / November 2014 – December 2014 / SP Chris Richards Exec Steve Gowans

It's me or the car (Pilot) Reveal Director

North One for ITV / 1 x 1 hr / April 2015 / Execs Dom Bowles / Steve Gowans

Big box Little Box (Pilot) Director

Endemol for ITV October 2014 / SP Lucy Shepherd Exec Shaun Parry

Gadget Man (Series 3 & Xmas special) Series Director

North One for Ch4 7 x 30 / 1 x 1hr / March 2014 – October 2014 / SP Dominic Bowles & Exec Steve Gowan

Other credits 2004 – 2014

- Ibiza Calling (Pilot) Director E4 - Studio Lambert for E4 2013
- The Insider (Brand new format) Lead Producer Director E4 - Studio Lambert for E4 2013
- Robson Greens Extreme Fishing Series Producer / **Director** - IWC for Ch5 2012 / Discovery 2014
- **Beat the Ancestors (New Series) Series Director** - Dragonfly for Ch5 2012
- The only way is Essex (Series 3, 4, Xmas special) Director - Lime pictures for ITV2 2011
- Undercover Boss (Series 3) Producer Director - Studio Lambert for C4 2011
- The Fairy Job Mother (Series 2) Producer Director - Studio Lambert for C4 2011
- Holiday Hijack (New Series) Lead Producer Director - Betty for C4 2010
- Promzilla (New Series) Producer Director - Betty for Sky One 2010
- Are you fitter than a Pensioner? Producer - Betty for BBC3 2010
- 3 in a bed (New Series) / Lead Producer Director - Studio Lambert for 2009
- **Drop Zone (New Series) / Series Director** - BBC 1 2009
- Ultimate Traveller (New Series) / Producer Director Studio Lambert for Channel 4 2009
- **Unbreakable (New Series) Series Director** - Ricochet Television for Ch5 2008
- Shipwrecked Series 6, 5 and 4 Producer Director / Edit Producer – RDF for Channel 4 2005 to 2008
- Scrapheap Challenge Series 10, 9 and 8 Producer Director - RDF for Channel 4 2005 to 2007
- My Restaurant Rules Producer Director - Freehand TV for Channel 7 (Australia) / 50x1hrs / Dec 2004 – March 2005

1998 until 2003 - Various Camera operator, Researcher, AP & DV Director roles.

EDUCATION

BA Honours - Communication Arts (Documentary Production) and Theatre Studies - Grade 2:2
Huddersfield University, West Yorkshire.

OTHER

Full Driving license.
Basic First Aid
BBC Health and Safety Course

REFERENCE – Numbers on Request