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Industry Awards

2014 Kraftwerk - Pop Art, Director / Executive Producer
Bronze World Medal "Documentary - Biography/Profiles", New York Festivals

2013 London Calling, Director / Executive Producer
Silver World Medal "Documentary - The Arts", New York Festivals

2012 On The Trail Of Easy Rider, Producer / Director
Gold World Medal "Cultural Issues", New York Festivals

2005 Get Up Stand Up: The Story of Pop And Politics, Writer / Director
Gold World Medal "Best Direction (Documentary/Info)", New York Festivals
Shortlisted for "Best Documentary" at the International Emmy Awards 2004 (final 8)

2001/2 Freddie Mercury: The Untold Story, Writer / Co-Director
Winner of the Press Prize at the Montreux Rose D'Or
Nominated for "Best Longform Video" at the Grammy Awards

Career Summary

2016 London's Burning, Producer/Director
85-minute documentary for Arte, following Toten Hosen frontman Campino on the trail of punk, with Bob Geldof, Viv Albertine, Julien Temple, Marco Pirroni, Tony James, TV Smith and more.

2016 That's So 1982 / That's So 1984, Edit Producer
Two 45-minute episodes of entertaining pop and archive news-based series for ITN Productions.

2015 30 Greatest Disaster Movies, Producer/Director
90-minute high-end, humorous list show for ITN Productions.

2015 1983: (K)ein Bisschen Frieden, Director
85-minute doc about culture and politics in Germany against the backdrop of the escalating Second Cold War, commissioned to accompany the RTL hit drama series *Deutschland 83*.

2013 Kraftwerk - Pop Art, Arte, Writer / Director / Executive Producer
52-minute doc about how a group of reclusive Rhineland experimentalists became the most influential pop group of all time, featuring footage from their Tate Modern shows and interviews with Holger Czukay, Derrick May, Francois Kevorkian, Paul Morley, Neville Brody, etc..

2013 Stevie Wonder - Soul Genius, Arte, Writer / Director / Exec Producer
52-minute documentary about Wonder's life and work for the channel's 'Summer Of Soul' season, featuring Martha Reeves, Macy Gray, Robert Margouleff, Steve Lodder, Barney Hoskyns, etc..

2012 On Jack's Road, Arte, Director
2 x 60 minute road movie featuring four youngsters driving across America on the trail of Jack Kerouac's *On The Road*, a mix of jam sessions, poetry slams, old locations and new adventures.

2011-2012	London Calling: The Untold Story Of British Pop, P/D, Exec Producer 4 x 52 minute docs telling the story of music through the prism of related artforms, cracking the creative code underpinning the irresistible rise of British pop.
2010	CPL Productions, Development Producer Oct-Nov, Conceived and developed a variety of documentary pitches for BBC4.
2010	On The Trail Of Easy Rider, Arte, Producer / Director 4 x 52 minute documentaries investigating social change in America since the film's release, with a cast including Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, Peter Coyote and more
2005-2009	Hurricane Festival 05, 06, 07 and 09, Arte, Producer / Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">A series of 90–120 minute highlight packages on the German rock festival, featuring backstage interviews, montages and production insights, including many high-profile stars
1993 – 2009	Freelance Development Producer, MME Movement AG <ul style="list-style-type: none">Responsible for expanding the development of new formats and working in a variety of roles on shows including TOTP, 100%, The Dome, Sex'n'Pop, Canale Grande & Europe's Heritage
2005	Get Up Stand Up: The Story of Pop & Politics, Arte, Producer / Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">A 6-part series of 60 minute films, broadcast in Europe, Australia, the US and the UK, featuring Martin Sheen, Tim Robbins, Bono, Bob Geldof and Kris Kristofferson amongst others
2004	Into The Night With Udo Kier & Grayson Perry, ZDF, Producer <ul style="list-style-type: none">A 60 minute film shot in London in the course of one night, featuring Udo Kier befriending Turner Prize-winning transvestite potter Grayson Perry
2002	Let It Bleed - 40 Years of The Rolling Stones, Arte, Director / Producer <ul style="list-style-type: none">An 180 minute feature-length documentary broadcast as part of the 40th anniversary of the band's 1st gig, including archive footage, interviews and analysis. Filmed in Europe and the US
2000	Freddie Mercury: The Untold Story, BBC1, Writer / Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">A 60 minute portrait with interviews from friends, colleagues and family members, filmed on location in Zanzibar, India, England, Germany, Switzerland and AmericaAvailable as a 113-minute director's cut on DVD "Lover of Life, Singer of Songs" (2006)
1994 – 1999	Artist-profile Documentaries, JAM / POPGALERIE, Writer / Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">Including The Who, Janis Joplin, The Spice Girls, David Bowie, Oasis and Paul McCartney
1993	Free Your Mind, MTV Europe, Assistant Producer <ul style="list-style-type: none">The channel's first live-to-air discussion show concerning social issues, namely racism and fascism and its prevalence in Europe, incorporating pre-shot VT pieces and live studio performances, running for 90 minutes
1992	The Rory Bremner Show, Channel 4, Researcher
1991	Dance Energy, BBC, Researcher
1990 – 1991	The Word (Series 1), Channel 4, Researcher
1984 – Present	Various Freelance Writing and Editorial positions
2006 – 2012	The Telegraph
1998 – 2001	The Times Magazine (Saturday)
1992 – 1995	The Sunday Times Magazine
1989 – 1990	SKY Magazine Assistant Editor
1986 – 1990	i-D Writer (and Assistant Editor in 1987)
1984 – 1991	New Musical Express