

# Steve Blears – Series Producer /Producer Director (Shooting)

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Based: Manchester / NW

Next availability: 2020

## Key skills

- Freelance shooting SP/PD with a strong background in observational documentary, factual entertainment/features, current affairs television and presenter direction.
- Series and Edit Producer
- Experienced camera director & operator on Sony FX9/FS7/FS5/A7/PMW200/300/500, Canon C300, XF305, 5D.
- Former BBC national news senior broadcast journalist.

## Broadcast experience

**Aug 2019      Oct 2019      BBC1 *Watchdog Live* (S42) – BBC Studios – PD**

Series Producer: Chris Walker

- Freelance film maker on consumer affairs show, Salford
- Shooting PD & edit producer

**Autumn 2019      ITV *Britains Housing Scandal* – TwoFour – PD**

Series Producer: Steve Grogan

- Freelance film maker on housing/property show, Liverpool
- Shooting PD

**June 2019      Sept 2019      BBC1 *The One Show* – BBC Current Affairs (Science) – PD**

Series Producer: Kathryn Ross

- Returning freelance film maker making science strand films for The One Show, Glasgow
- Shooting PD & edit producer

**April 2018      Feb 2019      UKTV *Bangers and Cash* – Air TV – Series Producer**

Exec Producers: Matt Richards / Andy Joynson

- 10 x 1 hour entertainment motoring show for Yesterday
- Series Producer & edit producer

**Sept 2018      BBC1 *River Walks, Tees* – Air TV – PD**

Exec Producer: Matt Richards

- ½ hour factual entertainment for BBC1
- Shooting PD

**July 2017      Dec 2017      Channel 4 *Extreme Cake Makers* – Boomerang TV – PD**

Series Producer: Linda Parkhurst

- 30 x ½ hour factual entertainment for prime time Channel 4
- Shooting PD

**Oct 2017      Nov 2017      Channel 4 *Kirsty & Phil, Love It Or List It* – Raise The Roof Productions – PD**

Series Producer: Jonny Wharton

- 6 x 1hour factual entertainment for prime time Channel 4
- Shooting PD, ad hoc, developing story coverage

**Jan 2017      May 2017      Channel 4 *House For £1* – Topical TV – PD**

Series Producer: Maggie Sutcliffe

- 3 x 1hour documentary feature for prime time Channel 4
- Shooting PD

**May 2015      Dec 2016      BBC1 *The One Show* – BBC Current Affairs – PD**

Series Producer: Rowland Stone / Ali McBride

- I'm a returning freelance film maker making films for The One Show current affairs department in Salford
- Shooting PD & edit producer

**March 2015      2 months      SKY1 *The Force: Manchester* – Shine TV – PD**

Series Producer: Matt Holden

- Self shoot PD, sourcing and filming stories for Police Ob Doc 20x45mins

**Jan 2015      2 months      BBC1 *Housing Enforcers* – TwoFour – PD**

Series Producer: Andrew Mullins

- Self shoot PD, sourcing and filming housing stories for this 10x45mins ob doc
- Presenter direction, scheduling and filming with multiple council's around the UK

**Dec 2014      1 month      BBC1 *The One Show* – BBC Current Affairs – PD**

Series Producer: Caroline Short

- I'm a returning freelance film maker making films for The One Show current affairs department in Salford
- Shooting PD & edit producer

**Nov 2014      1 month      BBC2 *An Hour To Save Your Life* – Boundless Productions - PD**

Series Producer: Emily Smith

- Ob doc emergency helicopter flying PD
- Filming air ambulance rescue missions with critically injured & dying patients

**Oct 2014      6 weeks      BBC1 *The One Show* – BBC Current Affairs – PD**

Series Producer: Caroline Short

- I'm a returning freelance film maker making films for The One Show current affairs department in Salford
- Shooting PD & edit producer

**June 2014      4 Months      BBC1 *The Wanted* – BBC – PD**

Series Producer: Samantha Rosie

- Police ob doc shooting PD on this new show due to air in spring 2015. 15x45min
- Filming and sourcing stories with front line police including road crime officers and detectives
- West Yorkshire Police vetted

**June 2013      1 year      BBC1 *Helicopter Heroes* – BBC – DV Director**

Series Producer: Ian Cundall

- Flying camera director on 30x45min episodes of this air ambulance ob doc
- Series 8 and 9
- Filming with critically injured patients at accident scenes and in hospital
- Patient consenting and follow up filming with recovering patients
- <https://vimeo.com/90621178>

**Feb 2013      1 week      BBC taster *Summer in the City* – BBC Yorkshire – PD**

Series Producer: Adam Purver

- Shooting PD on this taster for proposed BBC1 ob doc

**Oct 2013      1 week      *A Tale of Two Thieves* – Kowalski TV – Cinema release - AD**

MD: Simon Howley

- Assistant director on feature length documentary about unresolved aspects of the great train robbery

- Debuted at the Cannes Film Festival 2014

**Oct 2012    6 Months    BBC 1 *Helicopter Heroes* – BBC – DV Director**

Series Producer: Ian Cundall

- Producing, consenting and shooting sequences with recovering accident victims at home and in hospital.
- Series 7

**Oct 2013    1 week    *Fabrice Meets* – Aurora TV – DV Director**

Series Producer: Tim Gaunt

- Shooting PD on presenter strand featuring Fabrice Muamba interviewing professional footballers

**July 2013    1 week    BT Sport *Claire Balding* – Comic Relief – DV Director**

Series Producer: Tim Gaunt

- Shooting PD on a strand with Claire Balding featuring riding for the disabled

## Career history

**2006 - 2012    Staff Reporter BBC Radio 5 Live, Radio 4 Today, PM, You & Yours**

- Senior Broadcast Journalist / Reporter working to tight deadlines on live national radio
- Producing live and recorded news reports, features and packages on a daily basis
- Specialisms include education and youth employment

**2001 - 2006    Reporter BBC Radio 1 *Newsbeat***

- Senior Broadcast Journalist / Reporter creating lively and engaging news packages and live reports targeting 16-24 year olds
- Newsbeat's USA reporter based in NYC in 2005 covering the Oscars and Michael Jackson trial

**2008 - Present    Trainer *BBC College of Journalism / Salford University* (visiting lecturer)**

- Teaching creative reporting and packaging for the BBC College of Journalism
- Teaching undergraduate journalism at Salford Uni.

## Education and training

**July 2014    BBC safe management of productions**

- Industry standard location safety course

**2012            BBC Academy**

- Canon XF305, FCP7 training

**2001 - 2006    Open University**

- 2:1 BA Hons in Art History & English Literature

**1991    Darlington Technical College**

- NCTBJ Diploma in Broadcast Journalism

## **REFERENCES**

Telephone numbers available on request.

Caroline Short / Rob Unsworth – Exec Producers BBC Studio's Salford

Matt Richards, Exec Producer, Air TV

Linda Parkhurst, Series Producer Extreme Cake Makers, Boomerang TV

Maggie Sutcliffe, Series Producer £1 House, Topical TV

Andy Mullins, Series Producer BBC *Housing Enforcers*, TwoFour,  
Andrew.Mullins@twofour.co.uk

Rowland Stone & Ali McBride, Series Producer BBC *The One Show*,

Ian Cundall, Series Editor *BBC Helicopter Heroes*,  
Via Air Television Ltd