Paul Wu

Film-maker/Shooting Producer-Director/Editor

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EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

2017

Freelance Film-maker for UNHCR, DEC, Save the Children, Action for Children, World Vision.

Editor on "Blueprint of Evil", working on four of six one hour documentaries about the rise and fall of the Nazi party and their use of design, media, art and propaganda. Midnight Oil Pictures for ZDF and American Heroes Channel.

2015/16

Freelance Film-maker/Photographer for various projects and agencies including The British Council, Art UK, UNICEF and UNHCR Missions: David Morrisey in Lebanon, Kristen Davis in Rwanda and the US and Theo James in Greece.

Editor on "We're here because we're here" on a 30-minute special about the artist Jeremy Deller for BBC 4 (http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b083bk7n)

2014/15

Shooting Producer-Director (with some self-editing) "The King Who Invented Ballet" a 1 hour documentary about Louis XIV and the development of ballet and multi-camera OB Director on a 35-minute performance piece: "The King Dances" (BBC 4) https://www.ft.com/content/726affd6-5817-11e5-9846-de406ccb37f2

2014/15

Freelance Producer/Director/Camera Operator/Editor/Photographer UNHCR Missions: Cate Blanchett in Lebanon (as featured on CNN), Khaled Hosseini in Jordan, David Morrisey in Lesvos (reporting on the refugee crisis for Good Morning Britain – ITV), Rokia Traore in Burkina Faso, Barbara Hendricks in Cote D'Ivoire.

2013

Producer-Director "Ballet in the Blitz" (BBC4) 1 hour documentary presented by David Bintley on ballet in Britain during World War 2 $\frac{http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/tv-and-radio-reviews/10679140/Ballet-in-the-Blitz-How-World-War-Two-Made-BritishBallet-BBC-Four-review.html$

2007 - 2013

Video Producer/Director, ActionAid I researched, produced, directed, shot and edited video and stills for this international development NGO. actionaid.org.uk and youtube.com/actionaiduk

2006 - 2015

Freelance Shooting Producer/Director/Editor: UNICEF, The Royal Opera House, BBC, Avaaz.org, Action for Children, Sky, Oxfam, Whizz-Kidz, Teachers TV, Transparency International, The Department of Health and The Wellcome Trust.

2000 - 2009

Course Producer/Trainer Single Camera Directing Skills & Creative Self-Shooting, BBC Television Training

2004 - 2006

Freelance Producer/Director/Camera/Editor/Lecturer/Trainer: Canadian broadcasters (BRAVO, Discovery), independent production companies, corporates, local television news and film schools.

1997 - 2003

Shooting Producer/Director and Editor on a wide variety of programmes including: BBC: Homefront; Dance Umbrella@ 25; The Proms; The O-Zone; Animal Hospital; Fossil Roadshow; Series Director: Dance TV; Channel 4: Sex Tips for Girls; Agia Napa: Fantasy Island; Lonely Planet and Jamaica Girls.

1995 - 1996

Assistant Producer, "Tomorrow's World" (BBC1) Researching and directing UK & foreign films. Science and Features.

1993 - 1995

BBC Television Production Trainee/Assistant Producer Researching, reporting and directing for Music and Arts (The Proms/Bookworm), Light Entertainment, Science (Tomorrow's World) and Youth (Reportage)

1992 - 1993

Producer, "Opening Shot: Suede" (LWT/C4). Researcher, "Opening Shot: Peking Opera" (LWT/C4). Consultant, "Opening Shot: Ballet" (LWT/C4). Researcher, "The London Programme" (LWT).

EDUCATION

London, College of Printing, Elephant & Castle, London Central School of Ballet, Clerkenwell, London Dulwich College School, Dulwich, London

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

DBS checked July 2017
Hostile Environment and First Aid Training
DSLR Video course
DSR 500 Course
BBC Lighting course
Multi-camera training for filming dance for television
BBC Production Trainee Scheme 1993-1995
Radio Production Course (Morley College).
Diploma in Periodical Journalism (Distinction), London College of Printing.
Diploma in Dance.

SKILLS

Research. Scripting. Producing. Directing. Lighting. Camera operation: DSLR: Canon 5D/XF305/C100/C300 mk1 & 2; Panasonic GH4/GH5. Audio recording and editing. Editing and post-production: AVID; FCP 7, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects. Full UK driving licence. Computer-literate: PC/Mac; Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Adobe Photoshop.

PERSONAL STATEMENT I am a versatile and creative multi-skilled professional with a determined work ethic. I excel at telling stories clearly across short and long form, documentary and drama, combining strong narrative skills with imaginative use of both visuals and sound. I am a personable, communicative and fun coworker keen on brainstorming, trying things and getting to the roots of problems and coming up with solutions within deadlines and under budget for broadcast and multi-platform use. With an eclectic range of interests and a strong journalistic and writing background I know how to identify a good story and have the technical skills to tell that story in the best, most engaging way. I have worked all over the world - frequently with the most vulnerable and marginalised people and in challenging environments and situations.

TESTIMONIALS

I've just finished exec'ing a complex project with Paul in which he shot and edited every frame, set up all the filming single-handed, and did all the interviews himself. His shooting was first rate - nicely lit and imaginatively framed. He captured great sound too, often in difficult circumstances. He then turned all this material into a series of short and longer-form films entirely on his own, dealing sensitively with client and contributors. I've come away from the project very impressed indeed by Paul's technical capability, his organisational skill, his relationship management and, above all, his gift for film-making. He's a very accomplished P/D and one I'd be delighted to work with again.

George Entwistle (former Director General of the BBC)

When working with Paul you know you are in the hands of an absolute professional. I have worked on projects with him since 2014 and he has made numerous creative and impactful films for UNHCR both in the UK and on a variety of overseas missions for global stars including Cate Blanchett and Chris Martin. He has an excellent and strong editorial sense and always picks out the best ways to film and edit stories for the greatest impact. Paul is technically expert in both filming and editing and has had to make many films for us with fast turnarounds for news, documentary broadcast, presentations and social media/ online delivery. He has an excellent way of working with people from refugees to rockstars, always thoughtful, respectful and brilliant in sensitive filming conditions. He is utterly dependable, flexible and fast in the field and totally focussed and friendly both behind and in front of the camera and can lay his hands to all tasks including scripting, directing and production too. I wholeheartedly recommend him for any position that he is applying for. He is an excellent human being and am proud to have worked on so many projects together with Paul.

Claire Lewis, Global Goodwill Ambassador Programme, UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency

As a Production Manager working with BBC Music Television it has been my privilege to work with Paul Wu several times over the past ten years. Our department at the BBC employs Paul as a Producer/Director on documentary films which involves him preparing the original idea, researching and developing the proposal then planning the shooting style, writing the script and over-seeing the production through filming and editing to delivery plus quite often filming and editing the programme material himself too. Paul is the ultimate professional and a joy to work with. His calm temperament under pressure, his inventiveness, intelligence and flexibility in an ever-changing broadcast environment are second to none plus his intelligent and creative ideas, his technical abilities and his industry knowledge make him an incredibly exciting film-maker creating thoughtful and beautiful films. I have no hesitation in recommending Paul to you and please do let me know if you need any further information.

Charlotte Gazzard, Production Manager, BBC Music Television