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I'm a British Asian director from the Midlands with more than 25 years experience in the UK and American television industry. I have directed countless hours of both scripted and unscripted TV and won a Royal Television Society Award for directing the S4C drama series Nico Nog. I started my career in live news and short form documentaries, and later moved onto to scripted drama. I am passionate about making great TV, I love both traditional programmes and those that push the boundaries.

Skills:

- Producer/Director
 - Editing FCP, Premiere Pro, Avid
 - Self shoot director
 - OB experience
 - Director on full UK TV drama series
 - Multi camera shoot
 - Live TV directing
 - Studio multi camera shoot
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Professional Experience / Credits:

Television Director Aug 2023 to present

Nico

Children's drama series for S4C for *Chugg Productions* (49 episodes)

TX relaunch early 2024

Nico Nog is being rebranded as Nico on S4C, the series is being re-edited and re-voiced to incorporate the new name. I am directing any re-shoots of the opening titles, any new voice overs by the original actors and checking continuity on all 49 episodes.

Director (LIVE stream)

Royal Television Society Awards Midlands Nov 2019 to Nov 2023

The annual event takes place at the International Convention Centre. I run a three camera (2 static and one maned) shoot. Selecting shots and then delivering the final ceremony to the RTS.

Self Shoot Director Jan 2023 to May 2023

Being Alison Lapper Documentary for Sky Arts

Chugg Productions In partnership with *Chalk Productions*

TX TBA 2024

Filmed and directed Alison during the Birmingham leg of the documentary. Filmed in real time her first ever meeting with her family and captured the emotion from both sides.

On-site Director of live feed Oct to Nov 2022

Three Little Birds Drama for ITV

Working for Aisha Bywaters Casting and Tiger Aspect Productions

Feeding live auditions to casting director and principal director who were off site. Leasing with both on headsets while relaying messages to the actors on set.

Television Director Aug 2019 to Jan 2020

Occupation Baby BBC 1 Documentary

Chugg Productions (Co-Production with BBC South West)

BBC 1 TX Monday 24th February 2020

I followed this project from concept to delivery. I directed the Jersey leg of the documentary, which included interviews, presenter PTCs and GVs, including drone footage. I worked with both the producer and crew from BBC South West on location.

Television Director Dec 2014 to Jan 2019

Nico Nog (Welsh) for S4C and **Chico Chugg** (English) for Sky Kids

Scripted Children's Drama Series 1 & 2 (49 episodes in total)

Chugg Productions

TX Sky Kids and Now TV Dec 2016

TX April 2017 currently airing daily on S4C

I was involved in this series from concept to final delivery to both Sky and S4C. I directed all 49 episodes of the drama both in a studio setting and on location. It is a programme about a dog living on a narrowboat and involved working with child actors, and directing animals (mainly trained dogs). Multi camera shoots and voice over in two separate languages. Because Nico Nog was made for S4C for the Welsh translation I worked closely with the Welsh language company Sain Productions.

Royal Television Society Award Winner - Anita Ramdharry Royal Television Society Midlands Award 2016 for Best New Talent, Director for Nico Nog series 1

Director

Vauxhall Commercial Vehicle (training packages) Sep 2019

Chugg Productions

I was also producer for this project and so was involved from concept to delivery. We had a multi camera shoot in a studio. We worked with 6 actors to film a series of dramas displaying good and bad customer service.

Television Director Sep to Dec 2018

Robert and the Ghost Army

Chugg Productions for BBC 1 West Midlands

Feature film promotional video

This was a promotional video which aired on BBC1 to demonstrate some of the creative work that would go on to feature as part of Coventry City of Culture. I directed a one minute drama multi camera shoot at the Memorial Park in Coventry with 4 actors who later went on to star in the film. I also filmed and provided the BBC with interviews with the cast and writers.

Director May 2017

Funny Mummy CBBC Drama

Pilot

Chugg Productions

Multi camera studio shoot. Children's drama and music video shot on green screen in Forum Norwich.

Director Oct 2016

Hearing Dogs for the Blind

Campaign video

Chugg Productions

Directed and came up with initial concept for appeal video for hearing dogs. Outdoor location shoot, showing the job of a hearing dog. World with highly trained dogs and one actor.

Self Shoot Director (LIVE) Feb 2015

King Phoenix

Live Music Event and Documentary

TX BBC Online 2015 (BBC Live Event and Music Video)

Directing the live, multi camera online event at BBC Coventry and Warwickshire. The event was a celebration at the reforming of the 80s pop band King. They performed all their hits, and the event was used as a music video online after the live stream.

BBC News Reporter and Presenter

Nov 2003 to Nov 2013

BBC Staff Member

My Substantive Staff Role:

BBC News Senior Presenter/Reporter

Self Shoot

Video Editor (Final Cut Pro, Avid and Quantel)

Producing daily news packages for BBC TV News both regionally and nationally

Reporting Live OBs



Examples of BBC Attachments in directing:

Television Director Mar 2008 to Aug 2008

Escalator Short Films Project

TX BBC 1 July 2008

The BBC 1 Short film series of five short films from artists across the east of England. I directed 3 and produced all 5 of the short films. All were dramas filmed on location with actors and filmed with BBC crew. All films went on to win a variety of regional awards.

Television Self Shoot Director/Reporter Sep 2008 to Nov 2014 (once a month)

BBC The Politics Show (7 min documentary packages)

Politics Show East

One a month I was able to direct and produce a short documentary package with or without BBC Crew. The docs would be based on the topics of the programme and one of my short docs won an East Anglian Media Award winning film: Living with PTSD

Television Director/Reporter Sep 2008 to Nov 2014

BBC Inside Out (15 min documentary packages)

In total I directed and produced 6 Inside Out documentaries during this time at BBC East. Each entailed working with the BBC Producer from concept to completion and filming with BBC Crew. Topics included the Ding Family murders in Northampton, a look back on the Soham Murders and the future of East Anglian rail travel.

Television Director & Presenter Jul 2005

History of The Battle of Flowers

30 min Documentary BBC 1 South West

Using archive from the last 80 years of the battle of flowers, telling the story of how the battle began. With BBC crew shooting new interviews and PCTs.

Television Director & Presenter May 2005

Liberation 60 - Stories from the German Occupation of the Channel Islands

Documentary BBC 1 South West

Using British Pathe archive from WW2, telling the story of the occupation of the channel islands and how they were liberated. With BBC crew shooting new interviews with survivors and PCTs at remaining German bunkers.

Television Director & Presenter Jan 2006

The Child in the War Tunnel

Documentary BBC 1 South West

Using British Pathe archive from WW2 telling the story of the woman who's family were the caretakers of the war tunnels. Interviews with her and some surviving islanders who sheltered the Russian prisoners who built it.

Studio Director (LIVE) July 2005 to Nov 2006

BBC Spotlight CI News Bulletin on BBC1 18:30

Opt in to BBC 1 and direct the South West regional news. Studio directing every weekday. Three camera studio set up. Work closely with presenter and producer and chose shots during the feed. Cutting to pre recorded packages and into lives OBs.

Television Director & Presenter Aug 2004

Walking in the Footsteps of the Dodo : Durrell's Journey

3 part documentary for BBC World & BBC 1

Shot on location in Mauritius and the surrounding islands the series explores the work of the Mauritius Wildlife Association which was inspired by Gerald Durrell. With BBC crew and leasing with producer back in the UK film the wildlife projects and PTC at in the forests.

News Presenter / Reporter / Self Shoot / OBs February 2002 to May 2003

WDAZ TV (ABC Affiliate)

Grand Forks, North Dakota, U.S.A.

Television Director Jan 2002 to Jan 2003

Eat the Sky Scripted Children's Drama Series

Aerospace Network Studios, University of North Dakota, U.S.A.

Created for KVLV TV - NBC affiliate

Directed all segments on location. This was a magazine style programme and there were always 2 sections shot away from the studio. I worked with crew on site.

University Lecturer in media studies Aug 2000 to May 2003

School of Communication, University of North Dakota, U.S.A.

TA Lecturer for two modules per semester. Courses included, intro to media writing, intro to broadcasting, and principals of directing.

Studio One Live News

May 2001 to Jan 2002

Grand Forks, North Dakota, U.S.A.

My Role: **Assistant News Editor / Producer / Video Journalist**

Radio Presenter Breakfast Show Sep 1999 to Jun 2000

Demon FM Easy Riser

De Montfort University Leicester.

Broadcast Assistant Sep to Dec 1998

Fox 42 News

Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.

Radio Journalist Sep to Dec 1998

Creighton Radio

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.

Examples of Awards and Honours:

Female Founder 2021 to present. One of 14 females founders of Media companies in the UK. Programme run by Creative Enterprise.

Committee Member of the **RTS (Royal Television Society) Midland** January 2019 to present.

Guest Speaker **BBC Young Reporter 2022**. West Midlands tour of schools.

Nomination **RTS (Royal Television Society) Midland Award 2018** Nico Nog series 2 Children's Programme of the Year

Guest Speaker **Children Media Conference 2017** New Kids on the Block; How to Start and Run an Independent Production Company in the UK.

Nomination **RTS (Royal Television Society) Midland Award 2017** Chico Chugg series 2 Fictional Programme of the Year

Guest Lecturer University of Northampton January 2017. From BBC News to Kids TV.

Winner **RTS (Royal Television Society) Midland Award 2016** for Best New Talent for Directing/Producing Nico Nog for S4C

Nomination **RTS (Royal Television Society) Midland Award 2016** Chico Chugg series 1 Fictional Programme of the Year

UND Faculty of Arts: **Graduate of the Year Award** 2001/2002

Examples of Industry Training:

Course / Qualification	Training Provider / Institution	Year
<i>Sustainable Production Training</i>	Albert	2022
Diversity, equity and inclusion for the screen industries	Screen Skills	2021
Adobe Premiere	Adobe	2016
Final Cut Pro	BBC	2011
Quantel Editbox	BBC	2010
Avid Editing	BBC	2007
Legal	BBC	2006
Studio Production Safety	BBC	2005
Safe Working in Video Journalism	BBC	2005
Apple Certified Pro, Final Cut Pro 7	BBC	2004
Editorial Policy	BBC	2004
Self-shooting PD course	BBC	2004
Working With Children / Safeguarding	BBC	2004
Camera Training Course	ABC (USA)	2000
Camera Training Course	Fox 42	1998

Educational Background:**MASTER OF ARTS (GPA 4.0)**

Broadcasting August 2000 to Dec 2001. University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, U.S.A.

Winner: *UND Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award 2001/2002*

BACHELOR OF ARTS (Joint Honours)

Media Studies and Performing Arts September 1997 to June 2000. De Montfort University, Leicester.

BA (EXCHANGE) September 1998 to December 1998

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, U.S.A.

A LEVELS Psychology, Theatre Studies and Performing Arts

September 1995 to July 1997. Joseph Chamberlain College, Birmingham, UK

10 GCSE (A* to B) September 1990 to July 1995. Swanshurst School for Girls, Birmingham, UK