

ALISON GRIST

PRODUCER DIRECTOR – EDIT PRODUCER - SERIES DIRECTOR - SERIES PRODUCER

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PROFILE

I create inspiring, engaging and entertaining programmes. I'm a thoughtful, imaginative and resourceful producer and director who loves the challenge of creating unique films and leading a strong team. I'm confident and sensitive with presenters and contributors and working with editors shaping series. I'm organised with rushes and archive and skilled at writing scripts.

CREDITS

LONG LOST FAMILY + BORN WITHOUT TRACE WALL TO WALL /ITV 2023-4 + 2016

Producer Director and Edit Producer telling strongly visual stories, where families are reunited, revealing touching emotions. With presenters Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell.

BACKSTAGE with the LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SPUN GOLD / SKY ARTS 2023

Series Director and Edit Producer on this high end, 4-part access series following LPO musicians as they prepare to perform Mahler's 2nd Symphony at the opening of their London season at RFH.

PAINTING BIRDS WITH JIM AND NANCY MOIR DRUM STUDIOS / SKY ARTS 2023 +2022

Edit Producer on these 6 x 60' series, following Jim Moir, aka Vic Reeves as he travels the UK with his wife Nancy, spotting birds in the wild and then painting them.

EVIDENCE OF THE UNEXPLAINED WAG ENTERTAINMENT / SKY HISTORY 2022

Senior Edit Producer on 10 x 60' series, investigating new evidence for UFOs and alien life.

THE BIG DESIGN CHALLENGE SOMETHIN' ELSE / SKY ARTS 2022

Lead Edit Producer for Ep.1 and Ep.4 of a brand-new 5-part competition format for Sky Arts, with a large cast and task challenges each week.

STATUES REDRESSED NORTHERN TOWN / SKY ARTS 2021

Producer Director on a 2-hour special taking the statues of Liverpool as the starting point for discussion by redressing them in all sorts of creative ways by artists and designers

WON Best Content Partnership, Broadcast Digital Awards 2022; Shortlisted Best Arts programme, Rose D'Or 2022

CRAFTIVISM – MAKING A DIFFERENCE NORTHERN TOWN / BBC FOUR 2021

Producer Director on this hour-long film about a quiet form of protest using knitting, cross-stitch, banners and felt to change hearts and minds across the world. Presenter Jenny Eclair.

MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ TAKES OVER TV NORTHERN TOWN / SKY ARTS 2020

Series Producer of this six-hour TV epic by world-leading performance artist, Marina Abramović showcasing the art she's given her whole life to. I also reformatted this for a 6 x 56' repeat TX.

Special Mention Prix Italia 2021; Shortlisted BAFTA Awards 2021; Shortlisted Broadcast Awards Feb 2022

VICTORIAN BRITAIN ON FILM MAKE WAVES / CHANNEL 5 2018-20

EDWARDIAN BRITAIN IN COLOUR + THIRTIES IN COLOUR: COUNTDOWN TO WAR

Series Producer and Director taking the earliest ever film archive and colourising it, to reveal what it tells us about our ancestors – three programmes/series for Channel 5.

SINGAPORE ON FILM MAKE WAVES/CHANNEL NEWSASIA 2018
 Series Director - 2 x 60' telling the unique story of Singapore's history through archive, in collaboration with the B.F.I. *WON Best Documentary Series, Asian Academy Creative Awards 2019*

VAN GOGH & PICASSO LIVE IWC MEDIA/SKY ARTS 2018 + 2019
 Live Multi-Cam Director on 2 x 60' special on Picasso's biggest solo show at Tate Modern and Van Gogh at Tate Britain, after hours. Presented by Kate Bryan with guests, films and music.

SKY ARTS PORTRAIT ARTIST OF THE YEAR STORYVAULT FILMS /SKY ARTS 2017
 Producer Director on The Winner's Film – 1 x 60', following the winning artist painting the portrait of actress Kim Cattrall through to its unveiling at the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool.

BRILLIANT IDEAS NORTHERN TOWN /BLOOMBERG 2015-2017
 Series Producer, Director and Edit producer making half hour profiles of contemporary artists around the world for this huge 75-part series for US channel, Bloomberg TV.

MYTHS OF BRITAIN BBC WORLD NEWS /bbc.com 2016
 Producer Director – 5 x 4' and 1 x 30' - investigating the big ideas about Britain and how artists of all kinds shaped how we see these clichés. Presented by Alastair Sooke.

OUR GAY WEDDING - THE MUSICAL WINGSPAN PRODUCTIONS /CHANNEL 4 2014
 Producer setting up pre-records for this live event on the day it became legal for same-sex couples to get married in England & Wales. *** WON Best Entertaining Documentary – The Grierson Awards 2014***

DRUGS LIVE (2 x 1 hours) RENEGADE PICTURES /CHANNEL 4 2012
 Producer Director filming 1st ever UK MDMA drugs trial, using rigged fixed and robotic cameras to follow 8 volunteers (celebrities mixed with selected public) to see how MDMA affects the brain.

GOD'S COMPOSER BBC FOUR /TVE /RTE 2011
 Producer Director and Edit Producer of this 60' doc/performance mix with Simon Russell Beale telling the story of 17th century Spanish choral composer, Tomas Luis de Victoria.

BURLESQUE UNDRESSED – FEATURE FILM NIGHTFALL FILMS /EMI 2009-2010
 Writer, Director and Edit Producer on this performance-based documentary feature film (90') starring Immodesty Blaize revealing the history behind the humorous art of burlesque striptease.

THE CULTURE SHOW BBC TWO 2006-2009
 Series Director, devising new formats for this flagship arts magazine show, directing films, multi-camera weekly links and live music on location over six seasons + overnight edit producing!

BOOKS FOR BOYS BBC FOUR 2004
 Director on this funny personal quest charting Richard Hammond's progress at writing a book for boys and his personal discovery of the true value of action and adventure stories. Self-edited.

CHARGING FOR ALEXANDER BBC FOUR 2004
 Director on this humorous obs-doc following ancient history don, Robin Lane Fox, in his life-long quest to ride in Alexander the Great's cavalry charge, also starring Oliver Stone and Colin Farrell.

QUALIFICATIONS

M.A. Broadcast Journalism - University of Westminster (*Distinction 2001*)
 B.A. (Hons) English with Radio, Film & TV - University of Kent