SIMON NASH

SERIES PRODUCER PRODUCER DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT

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PROFILE

Emmy, BAFTA and RTS winning wildlife filmmaker with over 25 years' expertise in idea development, series producing, directing and script writing. Worked for most main broadcasters on blue-chip Attenborough and presenter-led natural history landmarks and re-established live wildlife shows on the BBC. Vast experience of international filming with specialist knowledge of animal behaviour, underwater and deep ocean filming and safety. HSE-qualified diver.

EXPERIENCE

SERIES PRODUCER WHALE WITH STEVE BACKSHALL (4 × 60)

True to Nature - Sky Nature Exec: Wendy Darke 2022-2023

- Responsible for entire series, including early story development and budgeting, identifying and gaining access to all filming locations, liaising with presenter and shaping series editorial.
- Negotiated with global camera talent to produce remote shoots and acquire unique footage.
- Ran large team and oversaw permits and safety for filming with large, highly protected animals.

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR THE MATING GAME (5 x 60)

SILVERBACK FILMS - BBC1 EXEC: KEITH SCHOLEY 2019-2021

EPISODES - OUT OF THE BLUE / AGAINST ALL ODDS

- Brought into landmark series to support inexperienced management team.
- Produced the two most challenging episodes including: development of show with no creative brief; directing multiple complex marine shoots, and filming highly protected and endangered animals in heavily restricted locations.
- Worked throughout COVID to find new stories, new locations and new camera teams at very short notice and filmed remotely to ensure series completed on original schedule.
- Delivered the commissioner's favourite episode, helping promote the series to primetime BBC1.

DEVELOPMENT PRODUCERLIFE ON OUR PLANET (8 × 50)

SILVERBACK FILMS - NETFLIX EXEC: ALASTAIR FOTHERGILL 2017-2019

- Responsible for long-term development from initial concept through to final commissioned proposal, including identification and briefing of potential VFX partners.
- Wrote and budgeted all iterations of the series proposal, including detailed illustrated storylines for all episodes, and created VFX proof of concept presentations.
- Producer on marine episode before joining The Mating Game to support inexperienced team.

DIRECTOR/SAFETY CONSULTANT OUR PLANET (8 × 50)

SILVERBACK FILMS - NETFLIX EXEC: ALASTAIR FOTHERGILL 2017-2019

• Safety Consultant on most of the shoots across the series and directed shoots for two episodes.

• Development Producer responsible for shaping editorial of the original series proposal and its web-based content, including researching and writing full running orders for two episodes.

EDIT PRODUCER/DIRECTOR PENGUINS: LIFE ON THE EDGE (1 x 75)

SILVERBACK FILMS - DISNEYNATURE EXEC: ALASTAIR FOTHERGILL 2017-2018

EDIT PRODUCER/DIRECTOR GROWING UP WILD (1 x 78)

SILVERBACK FILMS - DISNEYNATURE EXEC: KEITH SCHOLEY 2016

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR ELLIE SIMMONDS: SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS (1 x 60)

IWC MEDIA - ITV1 EXEC: FRANNY MOYLE 2015

SERIES PRODUCER NATURE NUTS WITH JULIAN CLARY (3 × 60)

IWC Media - ITV1 Exec: Franny Moyle 2014

SERIES PRODUCERWILD - HAWAII, APPALACHIANS, ALASKA (2x 60, 1x 120)PARTHENON - DISCOVERYEXEC: STEVE NICHOLLS2011-2013

DIRECTOR DESERT SEAS (1 x 50)

ICON FILMS - NAT GEO EXEC: HARRY MARSHALL 2009-2010

PRODUCER FROZEN PLANET (8 × 60)

BBC NHU - BBC1 Exec: Alastair Fothergill 2007-2009

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR WILD TRIBE: SEA GYPSIES (1 x60)

BBC NHU - BBC2 Exec: Wendy Darke 2007

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR DIVING WITH DOLPHINS (1 x60)

BBC NHU - BBC2 Exec: Wendy Darke 2006

SERIES PRODUCER ELEPHANT DIARIES, SERIES 1 & 2 (5 x 60 EACH)

BBC NHU - BBC1 Exec: Sara Ford 2003-2007

PRODUCER WILD IN YOUR GARDEN (9 SHOWS)

BBC NHU - BBC2 EXEC: FIONA PITCHER 2003

• Formatted, wrote and produced first series of what became the BAFTA-winning SPRINGWATCH brand, including pioneering mini-cams and controllable LED lighting in nest boxes.

SERIES PRODUCER THE ABYSS LIVE, SERIES 1 & 2 (4 × 60 EACH)

BBC NHU - BBC1 Exec: Alastair Fothergill 2002-2003

• Responsible for the first ever wildlife series broadcast live from the deep ocean and directed all pre-recorded underwater sequences including filming in submersibles to depths over 2.5km.

• Series success re-established live wildlife events on the BBC and led to subsequent commissions.

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR WILD MOVES (3 x 60)

BBC NHU - BBC2 Exec: Phil Faircl ough 2000-2001

OTHER THINGS

University of Cambridge, MA In Natural Sciences (Zoology/Animal Behaviour)

BRISTOL BASED - also consider South West and London

REFERENCES - available on request