



Luke Wiles

DOCUMENTARY DIRECTOR

PERSONAL SUMMARY

An accomplished multi award-winning Director with 20 years experience of making emotionally compelling documentaries and commercials across 5 continents.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Visual Originality

Leading-edge Techniques

Drama-Documentary

'A' List Contributors

Team Leadership

Investigative Approach

Hostile Environments

After shooting over 100 commercials, including award-winners in New York and Auckland, Luke now focuses on creating high-rating, visually exciting, emotive documentaries in genres that range from action-adventure to intimate portraits.

Consistently Luke makes films that receive Critic's Choice. He's directed two of the highest-ever rated documentaries for Animal Planet, short films for CNN that have won the prestigious Peabody Award, and is widely praised for both his storytelling skills and distinctive style.

During the last 12 months Luke's documentaries have been shortlisted for RTS, BAFTA, Banff and Televisual awards.

DOCUMENTARY

Secret Life of Twins

1hr ITV

Series Director

Combining emotive stories with cinematic studio sequences the film reveals how, after months together in the womb and sometimes decades of life outside, identical twins possess both astonishing synchronicity and surprising differences.

★ Winner 2015 Royal Television Society Documentary Photography Award

★ Winner 2015 Royal Television Society West Grading Award

<https://vimeo.com/134294687>

Secret Life of Cats

1hr ITV

Producer/Director

No matter whether your cat's the latest pedigree breed or common-or-garden household moggy, innovative filming techniques - and heart-warming storytelling about those that love them - uncover the awe-inspiring qualities that each and every one possesses.

Outstanding. A great balance of storytelling and observation. *Peter Fincham, Director of TV, ITV*

A gorgeous piece of telly. *Grace Dent, Independent* Is this ITV's cutest show ever? *Digital Spy*

<https://vimeo.com/99979645>

24 Hours Inside the Human Body

1hr C4

Director

A ground-breaking obs doc following two people across one day, discovering the highs and lows of what happens to their bodies in intricate detail using the latest forensic filming techniques in the first full human body rig.

Secrets of Growing Up/Old

2x1hr ITV

Series Director

Character-driven stories united with imaginative explanatory sequences unravel the extraordinary benefits of aging - and surprising facts about our childhood development, so that we never see these remarkable periods of our lives in the same way again.

These uplifting films reveal surprising facts and meet inspiring people. Brilliant! 5* *TV Times*

<https://vimeo.com/165167810>

Flesh Eating River Monster

1hr Animal Planet

Producer/Director

The film that launched the River Monsters brand - an action-adventure investigation led by Jeremy Wade venturing deep into unmapped Nepalese/Indian borderlands to discover the identity of a predator that's terrorising villagers.

★ Winner 2009 Royal Television Society West Specialist Factual

★ IWFF 2010 Honourable Mention for Storytelling and Investigative Reporting

'The Network's best performing Prime Telecast ever.' *Marjorie Kaplan, President, Animal Planet*

<https://vimeo.com/8697348>

Spawn of Jaws

1hr Discovery

Producer/Director

Observational documentary following *Fast and Furious* star Paul Walker as he joins a maverick scientist on a dangerous mission to solve the mystery of where the ocean's fiercest predators are born.

SHORT DOCUMENTARY

Heroes

CNN

Director

In Bali extraordinary midwife and *Hero of the Year* Robin Lim touchingly reveals her passion for free, heartfelt healthcare to supermodel and activist Christy Turlington.

<https://vimeo.com/33488886>

An affecting tribute to Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow whose work to feed vulnerable malnourished children in Haiti and around the planet is driven by a humble need to make a difference.

<https://vimeo.com/17326271>

★ George Peabody Award 2012

★ My Hero Media Award 2011

DRAMA-DOCUMENTARY

Fatal Attractions

1hr Animal Planet

Producer/Director

It's a basic instinct for humans to want to love and be loved. But for some, this simple desire can take them into complex, obsessive and terrifying territory. With revealing interviews and visually powerful drama sequences the film looks deeply into the character of those who take one step too far.

We were on the edge of our seats. Fantastic!! *Erin Wanner, Animal Planet*

<https://vimeo.com/75297848>

The Snake That Exploded

1hr Five

Producer/Director

Dramatized reconstruction of the events that surround the discovery of a bizarre, mangled corpse in Florida's Everglades National Park: the bloated remains of a huge, scaly creature with two tails, two legs and no head.

Critic's Choice *News of the World, Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, Daily Record*

<https://vimeo.com/35368319>

Mystery Bear of the Arctic

1hr NGC

Producer/Director

An American sports hunter shoots what he believes is a polar bear. He is mistaken. Combining dramatization and science documentary to decode one of nature's great mysteries.

★ IWFF 2009 Honourable Mention for Storytelling

<https://vimeo.com/8704281>

Jago: A Life Underwater

1hr Smithsonian

Executive Producer

The 4K visually spectacular and dramatic story of Rohani, an 80 year-old Indonesian hunter, who hobbles around on land, yet dives like a fish on a single breath.

★ Winner 2015 Jackson Hole - Grand Teton Award

PRESENTER-LED

Egypt's Sunken City

1hr BBC2

Director

Overnight a legendary, lost city is re-found in Egypt - discovered by chance – buried underwater for 1200 years. Lucy Blue finds out what the city of Heracleion was, and why it vanished from sight beneath the waves.

Critic's Choice – *Daily Telegraph*

World's Deadliest Towns

1hr Animal Planet

Producer/Director

Tiger attacks are devastating Indian communities in West Bengal. Dave Salmoni is on a mission to find out why this area has become the frontline in the conflict between man and man-eater.

Critic's Choice – *The Guardian*

<https://vimeo.com/19900309>

COMMERCIAL

Peugeot 206 / Toyota Brand / OCS / Durex

Director

★ Moebius Silver New York

★ Axis Silver Auckland

PERSONAL

Nationality British
 US iVisa
 NZ Resident Visa

Industry Directors UK Member
 Documentary Emmy Judge 2011-2016

EDUCATION

Loughborough University B.A. Hons. Design
Fakenham Grammar School

REFERENCES

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