



Luke Wiles

DOCUMENTARY DIRECTOR

PERSONAL SUMMARY

An accomplished multi award-winning Director with 25 years' experience of making emotionally compelling documentaries and commercials across 5 continents.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Visual Originality
- Leading-edge Techniques
- Drama-Documentary
- Studio Direction
- Team Leadership
- 'A' List Contributors
- Hostile Environments

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

Consistently I make films that receive Critic's Choice. I've directed a feature doc selected at TIFF and Boulder, two of the highest-rated documentaries for Animal Planet, short films for CNN that have won the prestigious Peabody Award, and I'm widely praised for both my storytelling skills and my distinctive visual approach.

In recent years my documentaries have been shortlisted for RTS, BAFTA, Banff and Televisual awards.

DOCUMENTARY

Adventure

Apple Immersive

Director

Immersing viewers in the world of adventure like never before with the Apple Vision Pro. Join pioneering athletes as they face extraordinary challenges in the world's most spectacular locations.

The White Mountain

Theatrical Feature

Director

Two elite athletes battle physical and emotional extremes on the deadliest mountain on Earth, pitting risk against reward to overcome the threat of crevasses, avalanches and above all, their own fears.

★ Official Selection Toronto International / Boulder Film Festivals

[VIMEO The White Mountain](#)

Welcome to Earth

1hr

Disney+

Director

Working with filmmaker Darren Aronofsky to create a cinematic event series, exploring the fragility and wonder of the most unusual place in the universe. Host Will Smith guides viewers on a thrilling series of expeditions to the unexplored extremes of our planet.

[VIMEO Welcome to Earth](#)

Secret Life of Twins

1hr

ITV

Series Director

Combining emotive stories with cinematic studio sequences this 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 Royal Television Society Documentary Photography Award

★ Winner Royal Television Society West Grading Award

[VIMEO Secret Life of Twins](#)

Secret Life of Cats

1hr

ITV

Producer/Director

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

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

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

[VIMEO Secret Life of Cats](#)

Secrets of Growing Up/Old 2x1hr ITV Series Director

Character-driven stories blend with imaginative explanatory sequences to 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*

[Vimeo Secrets of Growing Up/Old](#)

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 its inhabitants.

★ Winner Royal Television Society West Specialist Factual

★ IWFF Honourable Mention for Storytelling and Investigative Reporting

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

[Vimeo Flesh Eating River Monster](#)

24 Hours Inside the Human Body 1hr C4 Director

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

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.

[Vimeo CNN Heroes : Robin](#)

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

[Vimeo CNN Heroes : Magnus](#)

★ George Peabody Award

★ My Hero Media Award

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 whose passion is one step too far.

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

[Vimeo Fatal Attractions](#)

The Snake That Exploded 1hr Five Producer/Director

Dramatised 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*

[Vimeo The Snake That Exploded](#)

Mystery Bear of the Arctic 1hr NGC Producer/Director

When an American sports hunter shoots what he believes is a polar bear, he is mistaken. Combining dramatisation and science documentary to decode one of nature's great mysteries.

★ IWFF Honourable Mention for Storytelling

[Vimeo Mystery Bear of the Arctic](#)

Jago: A Life Underwater

1hr Smithsonian

Executive Producer

The 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 Jackson Hole - Grand Teton Award

PRESENTER-LED

Egypt's Sunken City

1hr BBC2

Director

Overnight a legendary lost city is discovered by chance in Egypt – buried underwater for 1200 years. Lucy Blue uncovers the city of Heracleion, to reveal 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, and 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*

[VIMEO World's Deadliest Towns](#)

COMMERCIAL

Peugeot 206 / Toyota Brand / OCS / Durex / Other

Director

★ Moebius Silver New York

★ Axis Silver Auckland

PERSONAL

Nationality

British

US iVisa

NZ Resident Visa

Industry

Directors UK Member

NATAS Documentary Emmy Judge 2011-2024

National Geographic Field Ready Mentor 2021

EDUCATION

Loughborough University

BA Hons. Design

Fakenham Grammar School

SHOWREEL

[VIMEO Luke Wiles : Director's Reel](#)

REFERENCES

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