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BIOGRAPHY

I am an award-winning freelance television producer, having produced many high-profile shows with big-name talent. Recently, I have produced over 30 x 3-hour archive shows for Channel 5 (*When... Goes Horribly Wrong*) where I've overseen up to 8 edits and managed a team of up to of around 25 people on a fast turnaround.

While at Crackit Productions, I originated *Greatest Celebrity Wind Ups Ever!* with Joe Pasquale which consistently rated 25% above slot average for Channel 5. At ITV, I won the commission for *World Cup Epic Fails* hosted by Angus Deayton in 2014 which rated with 3.7 million viewers and resulted in a subsequent commission, *Christmas Epic Fails*. Often working with top talent and priding myself on always coming in on budget, my television background has covered both shiny floor Entertainment & Factual Entertainment programming. I also self-shoot and edit.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

	SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:
(November '16 to present)	CRACKIT PRODUCTIONS (Executive Producers: Elaine Hackett & Jason Wells) <i>When Live TV Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Celebrity Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Chat Shows Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Game Shows Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Talents Shows Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Reality TV Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Television Goes Horribly Wrong 2 (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Comedy Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Awards Shows Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When News Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>5 Go to Eurovision: When Things Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>5 Goes to Eurovision: Greatest Hits (1 x 60 mins)</i> <i>When Christmas Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When TV Animals Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Luxury Holidays Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 60)</i> <i>When Cosmetic Surgery Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 60)</i> <i>When Diets Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 60)</i> <i>101 Near Misses (1 x 60)</i> <i>101 Puppies (1 x 60)</i> <i>101 Body Shocks (1 x 60)</i> <i>The Wonderful World of Truckers (1 x 90 mins)</i> <i>Greatest Celebrity Wind-ups Ever! Pilot & Series 1 & 2 (12 x 60 mins)</i> <i>When Daytime TV Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Stunts Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Soap Stars Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Classic TV Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When TV Cookery Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Saturday Night TV Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When Films Go Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i> <i>When TV Comedy Goes Horribly Wrong (1 x 180)</i>
	* Overseeing top-rating fast-turnaround talking heads clip-shows for Channel 5. Multiple edits, up to 25 staff * Directing talking heads. Clearing archive within tight budgets. Clearing and re-versioning for International market * Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever went from commission to on-air in just 3 weeks. Rated 1m+.
	PRODUCER & DIRECTOR:
(November '18 to Jan '19)	HUNGRY McBEAR (Executive Producer: Dan Baldwin) <i>Michael McIntyre's Big Surprises</i>
	* Compiling & editing "best of" Michael McIntyre's Big Show. Directing big name contributors for BBC1 primetime. ** Show rated with over 4 million viewers.
	SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:
(July '18 to Sept '18)	TUESDAY'S CHILD TV (Executive Producer: Karen Smith) <i>Epic Celebrity Fails</i>
	* Originated 4 x 1 hour, fast-turnaround celebrity blooper show format voiced by Chris Ramsay.
	LOCATION PRODUCER:
(May '18)	OATH (Executive Producer: Geoffrey Goodwin) <i>The Royal Box: The Wedding of Harry & Meghan</i>
	Location Producer for live presenter O.B streaming to global audience on Yahoo. Hosted by Kate Thornton
	EDIT PRODUCER:
(Sept '16 to Nov '16)	LIME PICTURES (Series Edit Producer: Lucy Palmer Hobbs) <i>The Only Way is Essex Series 19</i>
	* Edit Producing episodes of the long running reality TV series on a fast turnaround. Running multiple edit suites
	PRODUCER / DIRECTOR:
(April '16 to August '16)	(Executive Producers: Elaine Hackett & Jason Wells) <i>When Magic Goes Horribly Wrong</i>
	* Producing & Directing 3 hour, fast-turnaround talking heads clip-show for Channel 5. ** WINNER of the Focal International Awards 2017: Best Use of Footage in an Entertainment Production 2017

	EDIT PRODUCER: SHIVER / ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Miles Jarvis) (July '16 to August '16) Katie Price's Pony Club * Edit Producing factual entertainment format for TLC Channel
	SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Director of Entertainment: Siobhan Greene) (March '13 to March '16) All New It'll Be Alright on the Night 33, 32, 31, 30, 28 / Best of the Worst * Overseeing the popular long-running outtakes show written & presented by by Griff Rhys Jones
	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Oct '14 to Dec '14) Christmas Epic Fails (March '14 to June '14) World Cup Epic Fails * Pitched and won commission for fast turnaround studio show presented by Angus Deayton * 4 th highest rated programme across all channels the day it aired (3.7m) Overseeing team including comedy writers
	SHOWRUNNER / EXECUTIVE PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producers: Jane Beacon / Nic McNeillis) (Nov '14 to Dec '14) I'm a Celebrity Epic Trials / Junglicious Moments / Stars of Oz (Nov '13 to Dec '13) I'm a Celebrity: Trials & Tribulations / Best of the Bush / Crown Jewels SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER: (Oct '12 to Dec '12) I'm a Celebrity: Top Trials / Golden Moments / Hall of Fame (Nov '11 to Dec '11) I'm a Celebrity: Best Trials Ever / Jungle Gold / Jungle Royalty (Nov '10 to Dec '10) I'm a Celebrity: Bushtucker Best Bits / Juicy Jungle Bits / Jungle Royals * Compiled 9 x 60 mins top-rating "best of" shows for ITV2. Directing "talking head" celebrities. Script writing
	EDIT PRODUCER: BIG BARK TV (Executive Producer: Anya Sitaram) (Sept '12 to Oct '12) The Home of Fabulous Cakes
	EDIT PRODUCER: THAMES / SYCO (Series Producer: Tim Dean) (August '12 to Sept '12) The Xtra Factor
	TRAVELLING CONSULTING PRODUCER: FREMANTLEMEDIA (Executive Producer: Sean Kneale) (May '12 to June '12) X-Factor China * Travelling Producer overseeing production at audition, boot camp and judges home visits for Enlight Media, China
	SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER: THAMES / SYCO (Executive Producer: Sam Donnelly) (March '12 to May '12) Britain's Got More Talent Funniest Moments / All Singing & Dancing / Kids & Pets Unleashed / All Stars * Compiling 4 x 60 mins "best of" shows for ITV2. Directing Stephen Mulhern in-vision links. Script Writing
	SELF-SHOOTING PRODUCER / DIRECTOR & EDIT PRODUCER: OBJECTIVE PRODUCTIONS (Series Producer: Shannon Delwiche) (July '11 to Nov '11) Tool Academy Series 2 * Lead Self-Shooting P/D on hit reality series. Overseeing single & Multi Cam (up to 6 cam) shoots on Canon XF305
	PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Matt Calais) (August '11 to Sept '11) Come Dine With Me: Extra Spicy * Produced DVD of the hit Ch4 show. Clearing & compiling best clips of the series. Script writing for Dave Lamb.
	SELF-SHOOTING PRODUCER / DIRECTOR / EDITOR: OK! TV ONLINE / EXPRESS ONLINE (Head of Digital Media: Geoff Marsh) ('08 to Nov '13) OK! Magazine / Express Online / Northern & Shell / Mevio * Shooting & FCP editing red-carpet content on a fast turnaround for the OK! / Daily Express / Mevio websites
	LOCATION PRODUCER / DIRECTOR FEATURES: ITV STUDIOS (Head of Features: Anne-Marie Leahy) (June '11 to July '11) Daybreak
	PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Executive Producer: Misbah Alvi) (April '11 to May '11) William & Kate: The Royal Wedding * Studio producer for the worldwide, 4 hour live event airing in 30 countries to an audience of 22 million viewers ** Writing script, managing running order, co-ordinating talent, guests, O.B links and satellite feeds
	LOCATION PRODUCER / DIRECTOR: ITV STUDIOS (Series Producer: Tom Gould) (March '11 to April '11) Britain's Best Dish Series 5
	CONSULTANT PRODUCER: ITV STUDIOS (Head of Development: Joe Mace)

(Jan '11)

Surprise Surprise!

* Travelling Producer overseeing production of the wish fulfilment format to Shandong TV, China

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & DIRECTOR:



(Feb '07 to Oct '10)

WEDDING TV / WEDDING TV ASIA (Co-Executive Producer: Tony Prince)

Celebrity Brides Unveiled, Brides on a Bus, The Great Cake Bake, WAGs World, Celebrity Hens & Stags, The Shaadi Show etc.

* Multi skilled Self Shooting / Editing Dept. Head overseeing 200 hours of high volume/low budget content per year.

** Best Specialist Channel: Broadcast Digital Awards (2008) / Best Daytime Channel: FreeSat Awards (2009)

SHOWRUNNER / SERIES PRODUCER



(July '02 to May '06)

LWT (Executive Producers: Bob Massie, Stewart Morris, Janet McBride)

All the best from Denis Norden, It'll Be Alright on the Night 16, 18, 19, 20, 50 Years of ITV & All Star Special

Denis Norden's Norden's 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th & Christmas Laughter File

* I produced Denis Norden for the last 4 years of his TV career pulling in up to 10 million viewers / 40% share.