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DIRECTOR – LOCATION MANAGER – PRODUCTION MANAGER

Nigel P. Harris is an award-winning director with over 35 years of industry experience and strong, broad production knowledge. Nigel has directed more than 300 hours of multi-award-winning global content, from documentary to complicated scripted with visual effects. Many of these shows are now respected classics such as *Rosie & Jim*, *Tots TV*, *Brum*, *Twirlywoos*, and *Teletubbies*, inspiring generations of children and young people worldwide. Most recently Nigel led the Location team as Location Manager on Series 1&2 of Phoenix Rise for BBC Children's Productions (launches March 21st 2023 on BBC iPlayer)

Well respected globally within the TV Industry, Nigel is a vocal ambassador for the creative industries and sits on the advisory committee for Create Central, the Creative Industry body for the West Midlands.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Directing	27+ years directing single and multi-camera scripted content on location and in studio, working closely with actors and presenters on both traditional scripted content as well as complicated mixed media with greenscreen and augmented reality using animation and backplates. My technical knowledge & creative ability is backed up by a confident and fun-loving approachable nature.
Production	35+ years broad experience in film and television production line-producing, production managing, scripting and script editing, creative formatting, scheduling, co-ordinating, budgeting, production planning, edit-producing, grade-producing live-action, digital animation & stop-frame. Creating and managing large budgets, hiring crew, booking locations, contracting & legal, H&S, sourcing and hiring equipment, putting hi-end teams together whilst being technically pro-active and innovative with creative and cost-saving solutions.
Team Leadership	Proven leadership in multiple situations, whether it's a large studio or location based productions, live-action filming in the UK and overseas with multiple technology partners, actors, animation, & complicated post-production pipelines.

TRAINING

- Ron Howard masterclass in Directing
 - Directing Actors for the big screen (Raindance)
 - BBC Multicamera (Evesham)
 - Directing for the big screen (Raindance)
 - Drama Directing for film & tv (Patrick Tucker)
 - Directing the 35mm shoot – Simon Hunter (Raindance)
 - Mike Figgis Masterclass – Digital Cinematography (Raindance)
 - Filming on DV – the Rosenbluum approach – an appreciation
 - Jack Gold Masterclass – Directing Actors for the Cinema
 - Robert McKee: Comedy writing
 - Jos Houben – basic mask & comedy performance workshop
 - Adobe Premier editing (2017)
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MEMBERSHIPS

- Create Central (Advisory Board member)
 - Directors UK
 - BECTU
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AWARDS

- RTS NORTH WEST Best Programme-Craft 2018 – (Director) Twirlywoos (Ragdoll Productions/M&S)
- RTS NORTH WEST Best animation / puppetry 2017 – Twirlywoos (Ragdoll Productions/Mackinnon & Saunders)
- RTS NORTH WEST Best Children’s pre-school programme 2016 – (Director) Twirlywoos (Ragdoll Productions/M&S)
- RTS MIDLANDS Best fictional TV programme 1995 – Twirlywoos (Ragdoll Productions/Mackinnon & Saunders)
- INDIE AWARD Best children’s programme 1999 – Teletubbies (Ragdoll Productions)
- BAFTA award – Teletubbies (Ragdoll Productions)
- BAFTA award – Tots TV – Snowy Adventure (Ragdoll Productions)
- VHE / Entertainment UK Award of Excellence for Directing 1997 (Nigel P. Harris)
- RTS Award – Teletubbies (Ragdoll Productions)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LOCATION MANAGER

“Phoenix Rise” – a flagship new drama for Children’s Productions Ltd, filmed on location in Coventry April – Dec 2022.

DIRECTOR

Urban Jungle / Urban Jungle 2.0 - an immersive storytelling experience producing a range of geolocated ‘busker-type’ content using augmented reality (AR) technology, experienced via mobile devices in locations around Coventry City Centre for Coventry City for Culture 2021.

CPL / Tropic Skincare

Multicamera Director on the live 45minute show for Tropic Skincare. 2022 update show.

CPL / Tropic Skincare

Multicamera Director on the live 3hour show for Tropic Skincare with Susie Ma and Carlton Connell with a live LED zoom wall with hundreds of participants as per Saturday Night Takeaway. Transmitted live on Vimeo to 10k+ viewers

CPL / Domino’s Pizza Awards

Multicamera Director on TWO live 3hour awards shows in two days for Domino’s pizza. Vernon Kay presenting one show and Paddy McGuinness presenting the other.

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS

“Twirlywoos”. Director on 25 Episodes across Series 1-4 Directing live action with animated characters interacting with VFX plate shots.

WISH FILMS / CITV

“Jim Jam & Sunny”. 85 of 260 x 11 minute Eps studio show with skin characters – the last big CITV commission.

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / CITV

“Blips” - Single camera live-action location slapstick comedy. With heavy VFX and animation.

LION TELEVISION / ITV

“Animal Roadshow” - 20 x 60mins eps live-action location show for a family audience, completed in 16 filming days. Presented by Richard Arnold & Julia Bradbury

BBC1 / CBBC

“50/50” Series 8 - 15 x 30 minute Eps. 6 camera studio live-action gameshow with 100 contestants per show. Presented by Angellica Bell.

CBBC

“Xchange” - Live 30 minute shows from BBC TVC London with live bands, guests & competitions, 5 days a week for several years.

TELL TALE PRODUCTIONS / CITV

“Fun Song Factory” - 26 Episodes with 5 presenters including Aston Merrygold, live-action with skin character and puppets. Multicamera filmed at Elstree Studios.

BBC / CBBC

“Newsround” and “on air” - Live studio director / vision mixer on regular news bulletins for several years

CITV LIVE OUTPUT

2hours live daily output across 5 years live from CITV Birmingham.
From the CITV studios in Birmingham, channel Network Director many shows across 5 years.
Presented by Stephen Mulhern and others.

BBC1 / CBBC

"50/50" Series 7 - 14 x 30 minute live-action Programmes.
Presenter Angellica Bell. 6 Camera gameshow.

BBC / CBBC

"The Saturday Show Extra" - Live Director on 3 hours of pure madness on a Saturday morning. Live bands, games, competitions & VT's.

BBC1

Documentary insert films for The Saturday Show, with the band "Blue"

BBC1

Music documentary following the band "Blue", the strand was called "Breakers" and shown on The Saturday Show

BBC1 – INSERT DIRECTOR

"Live & Kicking" – Directed Insert Films for the Saturday morning show, including the final VT featuring all past presenters with the characters Sage and Onion.

BBC2

"Face to face" - Director on single camera live-action scripted drama called "The Chat Room" over 3 Episodes.
Main character had Downs Syndrome.

BBC1

"Children in need" - Inverness live OB Director with Simon Biagi presenting, and Charles Kennedy.

BBC SCOTLAND FOR BBC2 / CBBC

"Bits and Bobs" - 50 x Eps. 2 Camera pre-school programme with puppets on location & studio

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / BBC

"Brum" - Silent comedy filmed on location in Birmingham.
Writer and Director on 5 Episodes. Also created and Directed the famous opening title sequence.

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / VCI / CITV

"Rosie & Jim Music Party" 1 x 50" feature length film, filmed as 4 camera OB.

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / CITV

"Rosie & Jim" Series 4-8, Directed 39 Episodes (at least)

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / BBC

"Teletubbies" - Main programme Director on 35 Episodes. 2 Camera OB setup.
Also Directed the BBC Teletubbies Christmas Promo, plus 11 Promo's for Worldwide usage.

BRITISH WATERWAYS / VCI

"Stay Safe By Water" - Water Safety video with Rosie & Jim

RCI (RESORT CONDOMINIUMS INTERNATIONAL) – PRODUCER & DIRECTOR

30 minute film advertising RCI using locations in California, Florida, Tenerife, Lanzarote, Spain, Portugal, Austria & England.

PRODUCER / LINE PRODUCER / SERIES PRODUCER

SURVIVORS PRODUCTIONS – EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

With the help of the BFI YACF we co-developed a UK-regional teen drama with Mal Young and Daran Little.

“Twirlywoos” for CBeebies / DHX Media – Production Manager & Line Producer
100 x 11minute Eps. Live action and stop frame animation

BBC SCOTLAND - SERIES PRODUCER

“Carrie & David’s Popshop!”

30 x 20 minute Eps with Carrie & David Grant. Live-action multicamera studio show with location inserts

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / CITV – LINE PRODUCER

“Tots TV”

I completely set up & Produced 8 Episodes filmed in Australia in Sydney, Uluru & Port Stephens Australia.

“Tots Big Treasure adventure”

Line Producer on the 60 minute Feature Film “Big Treasure Adventure” filmed onboard The Bounty, & other locations throughout NSW & Australia.

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / CARLTON TV – LINE PRODUCER

“Tots TV Christmas Special - Snowy Adventure”

Line Producer on the BAFTA award winning Episodes & video special filmed in Rovaniemi, Finland.

RAGDOLL PRODUCTIONS / CARLTON TV - LINE PRODUCER

“Tots TV in California”

Line Producer and Showcaller on 6 Episodes in Los Angeles and California, including an Episode filmed alongside “Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman”.

ASSISTANT PRODUCER

CBBC – ASSISTANT PRODUCER

“Xchange” - Responsible for writing the morning show script, editing VT A/B roll’s, looking after & briefing celebrities / guests, and Producing from the floor on 2 live shows per week. Various blocks in between other projects whenever I had availability.

BBC / CBBC – ASSISTANT PRODUCER

“The Saturday Show” (London)

Responsible for creating all VT input, A/B Rolls, and transferring the show to Glasgow

BBC1 – ASSISTANT PRODUCER & VT DIRECTOR

“Live & Kicking”

Responsible for creating all VT input, A/B Rolls for L&K during its final run in Glasgow

LOCATION MANAGER

BBC1 – LOCATION MANAGER (DRAMA)

“Backup” 1995 – 1997: Police drama filmed around the West Midlands for BBC Pebble Mill Drama. (2 Series)

UNIT MANAGER

BBC – UNIT MANAGER 1994-6

Worked for Janet Street Porter in Youth & Entertainment Features,

Mario Dubios in Manchester - managing the budget on a show called “Home Truths”

with Steve Wright and then “That’s Showbusiness” with Mike Smith at BBC Manchester (Oxford Road studios)

Also worked as Assistant Producer on “The Travel Show”.

CAMERA ASSISTANT / RUNNER (1987 – 1994)

FREELANCE CAMERA ASSISTANT

Worked mainly with the cameraman Derek Gruszeckj

MTM / GOLDCREST FILMS – RUNNER (LONDON)

“Remington Steele”

Starring Pierce Brosnan, Julian Glover and Jeff Rawle. 1 Episode “Steele Searching: Part 1”

MTM / GOLDCREST FILMS – RUNNER (LONDON / NORWAY)

“92 Grosvenor Street”

Starring Hal Holbrook, David McCallum, Patricia Hodge, Ian Lavender. Filming in London and Norway

ENIGMA PRODUCTIONS – RUNNER (unpaid)

“Knights & Emeralds” Produced by David Puttnam

Starring Warren Mitchell, Beverley Hills, Nadim Sawalha, Tracie Bennett.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I am currently on the Advisory Board of *Create Central* in the strategic development of the creative industries in the regions, specifically Birmingham and the West Midlands, with an ambition of changing the regional diversity landscape on and off screen.

I enjoy finding creative ways of storytelling and producing the best quality programming with high production values, whilst fully embracing the limitations of time and budget.

I am married to David and have been together for 22 years. We live in Malvern / Birmingham with Snoopy the rescue Springer Spaniel.