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I am an editorial and arts driven storyteller, versed in all aspects of documentary and commercial production with diverse experience across broadcast, digital & social platforms. I have worked for channels such as VICE, VOGUE, GQ, WIRED, Boilerroom, BBC & Nat Geo; for brands such as Gucci & Google, as well as institutions such as The Museum of London. My expertise also spans development of both short and longer form documentary and more recently podcast: specialising in investigating untold stories and constructing engaging narratives. Confidently jumping between genres and covering complex & sensitive, political and cultural topics.

SELECTED PRODUCTION ROLES

Condé Nast Global April - November 2023	AD + GQ x Maserati - <i>La Città Creativa : Palermo, Sicily</i> A cinematic exploration of the inspirational spaces and people of the Sicilian city Palermo	Dir. Marco Viganò	Sicily
	Architectual Digest + Conde Nast Traveller : <i>Unexpected Saudi</i> 2 x photo-travelogue films across new destinations - AIUla with <i>Zezi Ifore</i> + Taif with <i>Hayat Osamah</i>	Dir. Amirah Tadjin	KSA
	Turespaña x VOGUE + Conde Nast Traveller : Multi-film campaign across three regions of Northern Spain. Host-led travel documentary film series across Galicia, Asturias + The Basque country.	Dir. Modesta Dziautaite	Spain
Anti-Anti October 22 - April 23	Documentary series following the discoveries of one of the world's largest ever archeological missions 9 x 4-8 min expert-led, vfx heavy films presenting the cutting edge technology and discoveries.	Dir. Michelle Coomber	KSA
Little Dot Studios March - July 22	Farfetch <i>My Rituals with Dr Barbara Sturm</i>. Paris doc-style shoot with the leading skincare doctor. Personal Threads (Podcast series) + Afternoon Tea for Two (Video series) Producer of twelve pieces of editorial and talent-led content for Royal Ascot + Ascot Racecourse including varied talent such as Paul O'Grady, David Gandy, Alice Temperley, Katie Piper & Nicola Adams.		Paris
Condé Nast Global - CNX March - December 2021	WIRED x VOGUE In Partnership with Porsche <i>The Art of Drive</i> Creative Producer leading a first of its kind editorially-led platform of content featuring global thoughtleaders and cultural luminaries. Opening with grammy-award winning musician St Vincent exploring how reinvention is integral to her creative process. Across development, talent, and all prod and post communications with both Porsche and agency Drum. Through video series, in-depth interviews and events to create ' <i>The Art of Drive</i> ' knowledge sharing platform.	ECD: Rebecca Mason + CD: Modesta Dziautaite	LA, London, Berlin, Stuttgart
VICE x SKY Pulse Films Feb-May 2020	VICE x Gangs of London 2 x 4-8 minute films. Producing two collaborative documentaries to coincide with the launch of a new Sky / HBO x Pulse Films organised crime drama series: Transforming the creative + execution during lockdown from host led dos to 1 x animation + 1 x archive led. VICE Guide to : The Real Gangs of London is an animated expert-led investigative doc tying in with the themes of the series exploring the mechanics & future of organised crime & corruption. McMafia author Misha Glenny & Moneyland's Oliver Bullough. VICE Talks Film: The Art of Battle is a behind the scenes & access heavy look at the amazing stunts & battle choreography in 'Gangs of London' . Guided by IVs with series director Gavin Evans, actor Sope Dirisu and world leading stunt team	Dir. Yemi Bamiro	
Lonelyleap BBC WORLDWIDE Aug-Oct 2019	FedEx : Made On Earth - 5 x TVCs / 60 sec films. Producing international docu-commercial series for BBC Worldwide broadcast and digital distribution to accompany a partnered documentary series on modern global trade. Shooting in Dubai, Italy, Kenya, Taiwan + Colombia.	Dir. Charlie Targett-Adams	Dubai, London, Florence, Kenya, Taiwan, Columbia
Condé Nast Britain WIRED UK BRITISH VOGUE Oct 2018-April 2019	Commissioning Producer WIRED UK + British GQ Partnerships WIRED x FUTURE CITIES Hong Kong & / Dubai Partnership with Pictet Development + Production of 2 x 1 hr long documentaries exploring tech and innovation ecosystems of the 2 x cities. WIRED + GQ x Design for Life Partnership with BRAUN Dir. Liam St. Pierre 2 x Films : Tokyo, Japan w/ 3D designer Oki Sato + San Francisco, USA w/ Fitbit and Technology Designer Gadi Amit.		Hong Kong, Dubai, Tokyo, San Francisco
Lonelyleap GOOGLE Aug-Oct 2018	GOOGLE Brand Lab x The Fight Against Piracy Produced a fast turn around, compliance and logistically demanding video with global execs and other pivotal staff, in tricky access global locations; inc. The Stade de France, The Royal Albert Hall, & Leicester Square	Dir. Simon Waldron	Paris, London, San Francisco
Little Dot Studios April-July 2018	Engineering with Real Life Heroes with Letitia Wright #MakeTheFuture Shell Casting, development and production of the 4 x next gen female STEM talent profile films that fed into the hero film with <i>Black Panther</i> actress Letitia Wright. Following on to produce an obs-doc style follow up film at the live event.	EP Fleur Flekkes	
WIRED UK Sept 2017 - Feb 2018	WIRED x Museum of London Partnership Film - SUPERDIVERSITY (1x15min Film) A documentary looking at the links between migration and innovation in the capital's burgeoning tech startup scene. Featuring key industry figures + profiling the diverse innovations of 3 x foreign born tech entrepreneurs.		
CONDE NAST UK GUCCI VOGUE GQ WIRED June 2016 -Aug 2017	BRITISH VOGUE, GQ & WIRED UK In-house AP > Supervising Producer Working across the establishment of the three CN video channels on initial concept through to post of editorial content & documentary series, as well as branded content. Working directly with Head of Creative Strategy & Commissioning Director. GUCCI & GQ Present - The Performers I-V. A inspiration collaboration with global creative talents across five markets. British Vogue What on Earth is Wellness? A multi-part LA health and wellness series with actress/model Camille Rowe. WIRED UK - Future Cities Holy Land : Startup Nations - Series exploring tech innovation in Israel & Palestine. British GQ - States of Mind An presenter-led series exploring Men's Mental Health in the 21st Century.		USA, Israel + Palestine, Italy, Mexico.
VICE Channel 4 + VICELAND Series April-Dec 2015	SERIES 6x60min 'States of Undress' AP Responsible for development, story sourcing, investigative journalism, narrative, and shoot set-up across multiple episodes - including Russia, China & The DRC. As well as prep for numerous potential episodes - inc. Kazakhstan, South Africa, Romania, Fiji, Iran and India. Covering extremely wide subject matter weaved into a complex narrative - such as socio-economics, politics, feminism, human rights and involving sensitive access and investigative journalism SERIES 8x30min 'Normal' AP Documentary series 'Normal' that aims to define and understand what it means to be disabled in the 21st century. Development covering complex and sensitive subject matter involving science, technology anthropology and psychology. Topics covered subjects including deaf identity, albinism, transhumanism, exorcisms, access to sex and disabled wannabes.	SP: Yasemin Rashit Show Runner: Charlet Duboc SP: Lucy King Head of Video: Al Brown	Russia, Palestine, China, Venezuela, Pakistan, The DRC, South Africa.

Independent Sep - Oct 2020	Acali 2020 5 x Music Videos / Visual EP Series of five launch films for a new band 'Acali' designed to visually weave into one visual album to coincide with the band's first EP launch. Shot on location in the UK + Lisbon, and the South of Portugal.	Dir. Whitney Conti
Solidago Productions August - Shot.	Solidago Narrative Short Film Solidago is a short about a young woman who escapes to a late 60s all-female community, to birth a child outside of marriage. As her body changes, the commune reveals more of its otherworldly customs.	Dir. Jerusha West

STORY, CASTING & DEVELOPMENT

Saatchi & Saatchi Jan 2020	Development Producer World Holocaust Forum + Memorial Documentary 30 mins Initial development and narrative research for a documentary following the 2020 5th World Holocaust Forum leading into exploring the growing rise of anti-Semitism across the globe.	Director : Ross Bolidai
Knucklehead.tv BBC Storyworks Nov-Dec 2019	Story / Development Producer 'Game-changers' BBC Storyworks x Dubai World Expo 2020 Brought on to spearhead the research and development for a BBC Storyworks ambitious series of global documentaries following groundbreaking unconventional collaborations to coincide with the Dubai World Expo 2020.	
VICE July-Aug 2019	Bollywood's Bad Habit VICE + Change Incorporated Dir. Ross Bolidai & Producer Khaled Gad Development & casting for 2 x 30 min. documentaries around Bollywood & Nollywood & their UK fan-bases.	
BOILERROOM.TV July-Aug 2019	BoilerRoom x Ballantines Music Forum Madrid Developing themes and talent for the partnerships' Madrid music forum around 'Reclaiming Reggaeton & Transcending Language Barriers' looking at female reclamation and new music culture in feminist reggaeton.	
NOWNESS July 2019	Burberry Partnership series - Talent Research & Outreach for a partnership film series featuring female talent that subverts and redefines our association of what it means to be British.	
SOMESUCH & CO. May-June 2018	ZoZo Be Unique. Be Equal. Casting Producer - Global casting and research subcultures for leading Japanese fashion e-commerce brand. From Nepalese punks to Palestinian drifters.	
SALT.TV May-June 2018	The Clean Breathing Institute x Air Pollution Sourcing and developing impactful London-based stories of collaborative community progress in the field of air pollution.	
BOILERROOM.TV Sept-Dec 2017	Editorial & Documentary Development - Partnerships - Events, Conferences and Film Series Including Ballantines X True Music in Cameroon, Angola, SA & Kenya. BUD X India - Electronic Music.	
VICE + June-Aug 2017	VICE x Ford Fiesta - 'The Science of Sound' (3x5min) AP Three artist collab films featuring leading electro musicians (Joe Goddard & Nao) exploring the science behind the emotive power of music. Developing themes and securing academic talent 'Collective Euphoria', 'Escapism' & and 'Neural Nostalgia'	Dir. Nick Walters & SP. Emma Yuille
SOMESUCH & CO. May-June 2017	Editorial / Documentary Development Various longer form projects M2M, FADER & Other editorial digital platforms Working closely with the Head of Development across projects on their editorial + development slate. Head of Development : Jennifer Byrne	
	Casting Producer Carling #madelocal - Nationwide Documentary Campaign Dir. Rollo Jackson Complex and niche casting of unique, diverse communities and surprising hobbies across the UK	

TV ASSISTANT PRODUCER + RESEARCH

Sprout Pictures Dec 2015 - Jan 2016	BBC WORLDWIDE - Prison Life Initial research and development for a documentary series centred on the birth, deaths & marriages + the realities of prison life in some of the UK's maximum security prisons for BBC Worldwide.	EP : Gina Carter & Stephen Fry
Firecracker Films March - April 2016	Government Youth Apprenticeship TVC + Digital Campaign 'Get In, Go Far' A high profile cross-platform Government campaign to raise the profile of apprenticeships. Development, treatments & production of intimate doc films at UK wide locations such as Sellafield Nuclear Plant & BBC Broadcasting H.	Dir: Ben Reid & Andrea Eisenhart
Special Edition Films Jan - April 2016	DEV : BBC - ITV - Channel 4 - Channel 5 - Sky Documentary, factual & factual-entertainment development slate for both UK and US projects. Writing treatments, obtaining access, shooting, creating and cutting sizzle tapes and tasters.	CD : Ravinder Chahal Head of Factual : Laura Ellings
RedHouse TV June 2014- Jan 2015	CHANNEL 4 'Inside Out Homes' Ambitious blue-chip architecture + design series inc development from initial conception, finding talent and shooting and editing reces with prospective architectural renovation clients for Channel approval.	SP : Emily Kennedy MD/Exec : John Silver
Open Mike Productions June 2013	CHANNEL 4 'Jon Richardson Grows Up' Casting Researcher. Specific casting such as birthing couples and billionaires, and complex access such as hospitals for an entertainment-doc series following comedian Jon Richardson's coming of age road trip.	Series Producer : Jude Parker
Sky Vision June 2014	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL - PBS 'The Lost Diary of Dr. Livingstone' Working with manuscripts, newspapers and field experts, supporting both the documentary & drama shoots in Africa and simultaneously supporting the edit sourcing archive footage and stills.	Dir. / Producer: Melissa Akdogan
Banyak Films April 2013	Al JAZEERA - Cure + Earth Rise Research, development & access for 'The Cure' and 'Earth Rise' presenter-led medium form documentaries for Al Jazeera English broadcast News channel 20 min segments.	Director / Producer team : Anson & Hugh Hartford

EDUCATION

2010
2015-2008
2004-2005
1997-2004

MA PHOTOGRAPHY L.C.C. University of Arts London
BA (Hons) GRAPHIC ARTS - FIRST CLASS Leeds Metropolitan University
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A LEVELS : ART A, GEOGRAPHY A, PHYSICS C, AS MATHS B The Billericay School