



Bernard Walton

Curriculum Vitae

Director | Writer | Producer | Executive Producer | Creative Director | Consultant

Bernard is a creator of award-winning nature films for 30 years. His career has been with the famous BBC Natural History Unit and for the last 10 years has been running his own independent production company. Now he is available for freelance work. He is passionate about quality and excellence in all aspects of production.

Bernard is skilled in writing treatments and scripts; directing camera on location and studio, working with presenters, actors; filming in foreign countries and hostile locations. He keeps himself up-to-date with the latest technology, including under water filming (PADI Dive Master), using drones, self-shooting, micro and macro photography, CGI and animation. Experienced in budgeting, financing, co-production and distribution deals. He loves working within teams.

Key Productions

2015 **Producer**, “**Women of Set Purpose**” Feature Film. A Wild Swan Production

2014 **Associate Producer**, “**York - Historic Capital of the North**” with Michael Portillo one-hour documentary. Unicorn Films

2012-13 **Creator/Executive Producer**, “**Elephant King**” a co-production with Terra Mater (Red Bull Media) and 2013 for Smithsonian Networks (USA)

***Fall 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Award Environment Nature Award.**

2010-11 **Creator/Executive Producer**, BBC TWO Natural World Special: “**Miracle in The Marshes of Iraq**” and as “**Braving Iraq**” PBS/WNET

***Best in Category Award at the International Wildlife Film Festival - Best Conservation and Environmental Issue and Merit for Conservation Message for the BBC version *Miracle in the Marshes of Iraq*.**

***2011 Gold World Medal in the Environment and Ecology category at the New York Festival's International Film and Television Awards**

***2011 CINE Golden Eagle Award Environment and Natural Sciences Award**

***Finalist WILDSCREEN 2012**

2008-10 **Creator/Executive Producer/Series Producer** 13 x half-hour programmes “**Gorilla School**” ANIMAL PLANET, narrated by **Kevin Spacey**

***IWFF, Merit of Honor for Conservation Message "Gorilla School" 2010**

2007-08 **Creator/Executive Producer** on “**The Bearman**” FIVE, and “**A Man Among Bears**” NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL, ITV GLOBAL

2006-07 **Creator/Executive Producer/Director** of “**The Wolfman**” FIVE and “**A Man Among Wolves**” NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL, ITV GLOBAL

*** 2008 Finalist at Wildscreen**

2007 **Executive Producer** “**Farming Matters**” with *Jonathan Dimbleby* & “**Rural Matters**” HORSE & COUNTRY TV.

Creator and Series Producer of BBC ONE primetime series

2004 3 x “**Time Machine**” BBC ONE/DISCOVERY CHANNEL

2002 4 x “**Talking With Animals**” with *Charlotte Uhlenbroek* BBC ONE/DISCOVERY CHANNEL

2000 3 x “**Cousins**” with *Charlotte Uhlenbroek* BBC ONE/DISCOVERY CHANNEL

Finalist WILDSCREEN 2002

1983 – 2000 Originator and director/producer of over 10 **WILDLIFE ON ONES** with *Sir David Attenborough*, 2 x Wildlife SPECIALS (BBC1) and 4 x NATURAL WORLD (BBC 2).

P/D of BBC productions i.e., Director “**Tomorrow's World**” (BBC1), P/D Nature (BBC TWO) P/D “**Survivors**” (BBC ONE) P/D OB“**UK Safari**” (BBC ONE), P/D Wild Britain (BBC ONE), P/D on Wildtrack (BBC ONE)

Personal History

2004 Founded **Aqua Vita Films Ltd**

1983 Joined **BBC Television** as a Television Production Trainee.

1982 PhD in Physiology at **Trinity College Dublin** (TCD),

1977 Honours Degree in Natural Sciences (specialising in Zoology) at **TCD**

Also: Writer of the book *Time Machine* (BBC) in 2004 and writer of various newspaper and magazine articles. Photographer.

Other Awards

COUSINS (BBC ONE) 3 x 50 Finalist at WILDSCREEN 2002

Nature “Masked of the Mandrill” Semi-finalist The Animal Behavior Society Annual Film Festival, USA, 1997
BBC/WNET

Wildlife on One “Clowns of The Air” BBC/National Geographic Television Winner of Grand Prix du Festival, International Festival de l’Oiseau, France 1994

Member of British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) and Royal Television Society (RTS)

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