

STEVE SMITH Biography

Freelance Director & Sustainable Production Consultant

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Steve Smith is a BAFTA award winning single and multi-camera director specialising in factual, comedy and entertainment programmes. Working as series director he has taken the creative lead on numerous projects to help create some of the UK's most popular television programmes. He has worked on a wide range of projects across a number of genres from factual, cookery, science and reality to game-shows and quizzes. Steve is particularly experienced at shooting live music - and has directed music performances from some of the biggest music stars in the world (**U2, Lady GaGa, Coldplay, Bruno Mars, Girls Aloud, Kylie Minogue, Ke\$ha, Robbie Williams, Usher, Ed Sheran, Rita Ora, Taylor Swift**).

He started his television career as an editor, before moving into production and training as a studio director at the BBC in Manchester. He has considerable experience in taking projects from the ideas stage through to pilot and onto successful, returning series. Recent projects include; **The Graham Norton Show, Bake Off - An Extra Slice, The John Bishop Show, The National Lottery Win Your Wish List, Edinburgh Nights with Sue Perkins**.

In addition to directing skills he has also produced and executive produced shows including the **Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Duet Impossible and Lorraine Pascal's Last Minute Christmas**.

In October 2013 Steve joined the board of **Directors UK** - the professional association of directors with almost 6,000 members. He is a Vice-Chair on the board and chairs the Multi-Camera & Entertainment Directors committee where he is committed to promoting the work of directing and passionate about helping train the next generation.

Steve also works as a sustainable production consultant and is a **BAFTA "Albert Ambassador"** promoting sustainability within the television industry. He has recently guided The Graham Norton Show through the albert+ environment management system that everyone working in the media is being encouraged to adopt. TGNS has just been awarded the highest three-star rating as a sustainable production - one of the first prime-time entertainment shows to achieve this status.

In 2010 Steve became a **BAFTA Youth Mentor** and also works as an ambassador for the Public Service Broadcasting Trust advising on their ITV Fixers project.

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Directing Skills

- Multi-Camera Directing / Series Director / Studio Director / Single Camera Directing
- Scriptwriting, Scheduling, Budgeting, Edit Directing
- Extensive live TV experience, working under pressure to tight deadlines.
- Offering creative leadership to large teams
- Directing the public, actors, comedians, journalists, musicians, dancers & children.
- Supervising and taking the creative lead with design teams (set, graphics & costume).
- Writing programme proposals & programme budgets
- Setting up complex, big-budget major entertainment studio and ON based shows
- Staff training and mentoring.

Recent Director or Series Director Credits

The Graham Norton Show (24 x 50 mins - So Television for BBC1)

The John Bishop Show (8 x 49 mins - Lola Television for BBC1)

Bake Off - An Extra Slice (10 x 30 mins - Love Productions for BBC2)

The National Lottery Win Your Wish List (10 x 59 mins - Victory Television for BBC1)

Edinburgh Nights Live with Sue Perkins (3 x 30 mins - BBC Scotland for BBC2)

Rob Brydon's Guess List (1 x 60 min - Hat Trick Productions for Sky 1 HD)

Food Glorious Food (9 x 59 mins - Optomen TV & Syco for ITV1)

Dara O'Briain's Scienc Club (6 x 59 mins - BBC Science for BBC2)

Lorraine's Last Minute Christmas (Running Bare Pictures for BBC2)

The Graham Norton Show (So Television for BBC1)

A League of Their Own (CPL Productions for Sky 1HD)

Paul O'Grady Live (Olga Productions for ITV1)

The Rob Brydon Show (Talkback Thames for BBC2)

Alan Carr Chatty Man (Open Mike Productions for C4)

Chris Moyles' Quiz Night (Magnum Media for C4)

The Hairy Bikers Cook Off (BBC Factual Entertainment for BBC2)

The Ruth Jones Specials (Tidy Productions for BBC2 / BBC Wales)

Odd One In (Zeppatron for ITV1)

All Star Mr & Mrs (CPL for ITV1)

Gordon Ramsey's F Word (Series 1&2) (Optomen for C4)

The Friday Night Project (Princess Productions for C4)

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