

# **Heather Walsh** Producer/Director/Edit Producer

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TM: Talent Manager Profile Accomplished and creative Producer - Producer/Director - Edit Producer with more than 16 years of editorial

experience working on specialist factual, biographical, observational and feature documentaries. I have a great eye for a good story and a passion for ensuring films are engaging, entertaining and remain faithful to the truth. Highly adaptable with a wide array of experience in production and post production. Regarded as a safe pair of hands to see projects across the finish line.

# **Experience and Skills**

- Producing/Directing: Research and production of research documents, beat sheets, treatments and scripts for documentaries across a number of subject areas including: aerospace, astronomy, aviation, oceanography, royalty, military, oceanography, celebrity, politics and sport. Direction of camera crews in observational filming and sit-down interviews as well as the direction of talent in narration record sessions.
- Logistics: Management of teams filming across the UK and overseas, including the organisation of schedules, transportation, accommodation, staffing, equipment, permits and visas for filming in China, Russia, Antarctica, Qatar, Canada, USA and across Europe.
- Communication: Extensive experience working with talent, the general public and leading experts in their field, including conducting telephone, remote video and in person interviews which requires a great degree of social awareness and emotional intelligence.
- Post Production: Edit producing, production of edit and final post production scripts, fact checking, compliance, archival research and clearance, GFX and music management as well as management of final post processes.
- Health & Safety: Implementation of safe working practices through the production of risk assessments and security protocols as well as health and safety management on location.
- Team Management: Management of teams, hosting of team meetings and liaison with commissioning executives.
- Budgeting & Scheduling: Design and management of budgets and production schedules for single and co-funded projects.
- Legal: Handling contractual agreements for crew recruitment, on-screen contributors, locations for filming and thirdparty material agreements.

# Selected Recent Projects

# Clutch - (8 x 50') Edit Producer (Ep 2) - Apr - Aug 2024

- Fast turnaround, access-driven sports documentary series following the events of the 2024 NBA Playoffs.
  - Edit produced episode 2 of the series utilising archival and filmed footage to create a strong and engaging narrative while responding to the evolving events of the playoffs.

### United: The State of America - (3 x 50') Producer/Director (Ep 3) & Edit Producer (Ep 2 & 3) - Jul 2022 - Oct 2023

Exec Producer: Greg Sanderson Political documentary series that examines why the United States of America is so polarised.

- Edit produced episodes 2 and 3 of the series, utilising more than 200 hours of footage that had been shot over the course of two years by a number of different directors who were no longer on the project.
- Researched and rewrote Ep3 to adapt the episode to the evolving story and meet Executive Producer requests.
- Filmed a number of interviews for both episode 2 and 3.
- Managed the Edit team, Archive Producer and Researcher during post-production and additional filming.
- Ensured all episodes were fact checked, legally compliant and in line with the production company's moral values.

### One Team, One Dream (6 x 40') Fulwell73/DAZN & Disney+ Finishing Edit Producer & Online Producer (All Eps) – Jan - May 2022 Exec Producers: Ben Turner/Leo Pearlman

Observational documentary series following Chelsea Women's Football Club as they fight to become the best team in Europe.

- Reversioned episodes to meet the requirements of the broadcaster's acquisition.
- Wrote, co-directed and edit produced the final segment of the series to bring the series up to date following the pandemic, which included working with the series' composer to create a new soundtrack for the final section of the series.
- Managed editorial aspects of final post (grade, online, final mix and delivery).
- Ensured all episodes were legally compliant and in line with the production company's moral values.

# Backboard Ltd/ESPN & Disney+ Exec Producer: Ben Turner

Fulwell73/TBC

# All or Nothing: Juventus (8 x 40') Online Producer (All Eps) - July - Oct 2021

Observational documentary series that goes behind the scenes of one of the world's biggest and most successful football clubs.

- Hired to smooth relations between the commissioning exec and production to implement final post notes and changes. including offline changes as required right up to final delivery.
- Ensured all episodes were legally compliant and in line with the production company's moral values.
- Produced match graphics with VFX company, ensuring factual accuracy and oversaw the editorial aspects of final post and managed editorial aspects of final post (grade, online, final mix and delivery).

# Among the Stars (6 x 40') Online Producer (All Eps) - Apr - July 2021

Documentary series following a team of NASA astronauts as they prepare for a mission to unlock the secrets of the universe.

- Worked with the series edit producer, a team of edit assistants and the post production facility to shepherd this six-part series through the final weeks of offline and managed editorial aspects of final post (grade, online, final mix and delivery).
- Ensured all episodes were legally compliant and in line with the production company's moral values.

# Hostile (Feature Doc) Script Editor - Oct 2020 - Jan 2021

Feature documentary investigating the challenges immigrants face under the Conservative Party's hostile environment policy.

• Story and script consultant

# The Secret History of Writing (3 x 60')

# Narration Record Director & Post Production Producer (All Eps) - Sept 2020

Presenter-led historical documentary series that looks at the origins of the written word and how writing has changed the world since its invention.

- Directed commentary record sessions for all three episodes.
- Managed post-production schedule and liaised with post facility to take series through final post on to delivery.

# Artist to Icon (10 x 42') Producer/Director (All Eps) - Jul - Dec 2019

Biographical series using first-person testimony from those in the world of film, music and television to reveal the remarkable life stories of ten of the entertainment industry's most iconic figures.

- Directed all ten episodes of the series. Researched stories and outlines for all episodes, cast contributors for episodes 1 -9 and interviewed more than 70 contributors.
- Managed Series Archival Producer/Ep 10 Assistant Producer
- Liaised with edit team and gave offline feedback while filming.

# Moon Shot: The Forgotten Films (1 x 120') Associate Producer & Edit Producer - Dec 2018- Jun 2019

Feature-length television special created from archival film and audio interviews to celebrate the 50" anniversary of man's first-ever landing on the Moon.

- Researched stories, secured access to Apollo astronauts, conducted pre-filming interviews.
- Produced and managed recording schedules, sourced recording locations across the United States and was the onlocation sound recordist for all interviews.
- Edit Producer for the second offline edit and ensured entire film was fact-checked and legally compliant.

### Mercury 13 (Feature Doc) Co-Director, Producer & Edit Producer - Oct 2016 - Dec 2017

Premiering at the San Francisco Film Festival, this feature documentary tells the story of 13 women who could have become the first humans to walk on the moon had it not been for the social order of the time.

- Directed a number of shoots.
- Researched story, cast contributors and conducted pre-filming interviews with all interviewees.
- Cast voiceover actors for archival drama sequences.
- Produced air-to-air and underwater sequences working with the flight team and Flight Director, underwater specialists, Production Manager and insurance companies on filming activities and the production of risk assessments
- Produced and managed filming schedule and logistics, while working with Production Manager to maintain budget.
- Sound recordist across all filming.
- Sourced all archival footage over the course of the production and produced graphical elements with the VFX company.
- Took the film through the offline edit, ensured legal compliance and managed the final post workflow with the post facility.

# Galeforce Films/Limited Cinematic Release **Director: Sonita Gale**

### Touchdown Films/Ovation Exec Producer: John Osborne

DOX Productions/BBC 4

Exec Producer: David Sington

# Arrow International Media/Discovery Channel

# **Director: Duncan Copp**

Co-Director/Exec Producer: David Sington

Fine Point Films/Netflix

# Fulwell73/Amazon Prime Italy Exec Producer: Ben Turner

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Fulwell73/Disney+

# Survival in the Skies (4 x 60') Producer (Eps 2, 3 & 4) – Mar - May 2015 & Aug - Oct 2015

Science/history series featuring four innovations that allow man to travel higher and faster than we could ever have imagined.

- Researched stories, cast contributors and conducted pre-filming interviews with all interviewees.
- Directed a number of interviews for the Parachute episode & Sound Recordist across entire series.
- Produced and managed filming schedule and logistics, while working with Production Manager to maintain budget.

### Licence to Krill (1 x 90'/1 x 50') Producer & Edit Producer - Jun 2012 - Aug 2014

Hostile (Feature doc) - Script Editor - Oct 2020 - Jan 2021

DOX Productions & Films a Cinq/Arte & PBS NOVA Exec/Director: David Sington

This multi-award-winning feature-length, part-observational documentary shot in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean investigates the decline of a keystone species and uncovers a bigger story that extends beyond the boundaries of the seventh continent.

- Researched and produced story, resulting in the final film being completely different to original commission.
- Secured access to film aboard the Alfred Wegener Institute's Antarctic icebreaking vessel during a 10-week science research voyage and at the British Antarctic Survey's research base in Rothera, Antarctica.
- Produced and managed filming schedule and logistics, while working with Production Manager to maintain budget.
- Sound recordist across all filming.
- Took ARTE version to rough cut in offline edit. Ensured the film was factually correct, legally compliant and in line with the production company's moral values while managing the final post workflow for both versions.

# Full project history can be viewed on TALENT MANAGER

# Awards and Nominations

Official Selection, Raindance Film Festival, 2021

Mercury 13 (Feature doc) - Co-Director & Producer - Oct 2016 - Dec 2017
Fine Point Films/Netflix

Nominated for Best use of archive footage award, FOCAL International, 2019. Nominated for ABCNews VideoSource Archive
Award, IDA Documentary Awards, 2018. Official Selection, San Francisco Int'l Film Festival 2018 & Official Selection, HotDocs 2018

Licence to Krill (1 x 90'/1 x 50') - Producer - Jun 2012 - Aug 2014
DOX Productions & Films a Cinq/Arte & PBS

Winner duPont Columbia Award, 2017. Winner 'Best Environmental Film' NY Wild Film Festival, 2016. Winner 'Best Science and Nature Programme' Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, 2015
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<b>Inside the Milky Way (1 x 90') – Assoc. Producer - Sept 2009 - Jun 2010</b> Finalist Best Documentary Film, Vedere la Scienza Festival, Madrid, 2010	DOX Productions/National Geographic
<b>The Flaw (Feature doc) – Assoc. Producer - Jun - Sept 2009</b> Shortlisted for Best World Cinema Documentary, Sundance Film Festival, 2011	Studio Lambert/Film 4
Henry VIII: Mind of a Tyrant (4 x 60') - Assoc. Producer (All Eps) - Jul 2008 - Apr Shortlisted for Best Historical Series, The Grierson Awards, 2009	2009 Red House DOX/Channel 4

Moon Machines (6 x 60') - Assoc. Producer (All Eps) - Jul 2007 – Jun 2008 Winner, Grand Remi - Houston Film and Video Production Awards, 2008.

## **Qualifications & Courses**

2020 - Introduction to Psychotherapy and Counselling, The Counselling Foundation

- 2020 Coronavirus Basic Awareness on Production, ScreenSkills
- 2018 Edit Directing, DV Talent
- 2014 PADI Divemaster
- 2013 Location Sound Recording, National Film and Television School
- 2007 Researching for Television, BBC
- 1995 Full Driving Licence

## Interests

I love to travel and have done so independently across the Americas, Australasia, SE Asia and Africa. I'm a keen scuba diver with a PADI Divemaster qualification and have a strong interest in environmental issues. In 2016 I spent 6 months volunteering for a marine conservation agency in Madagascar, so I'm always keen to get involved in climate and travel related projects.

### Arrow Media/Smithsonian Channel Series Producer: Chris Riley

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DOX Productions/Discovery Science