

Stephen A Nicholas

Production Designer

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Stephen is an experienced Production Designer with over thirty years in film and television. After completing college and gaining a Higher National Certificate in Building Studies, he moved into the creative industries, beginning his career in 1996 building sets for Welsh broadcaster **S4C**. Working his way through every level of the art department, he developed a comprehensive understanding of design, construction, materials, and on-set logistics. Highly skilled in budgeting, scheduling, and crewing, Stephen leads large art and construction teams on complex productions. A meticulous designer with a strong eye for detail, he collaborates closely with Director and DOP as well as external suppliers, such as Armourers, Special FX, and Visual Effects teams to deliver ambitious studio and location sets that meet both creative and technical demands. He has worked internationally in Bulgaria, the Isle of Man, South Africa, Dubai, Romania, and Croatia, so is also used to working with foreign crew. Alongside screen work, he has designed sets for nationwide BBC events and actively mentors trainees and apprentices, combining creative vision with practical expertise and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Recent Credits

'Zooport' pilot

1 X 15-minute Drama Series Pilot
Cardiff
Company: 5 Acts Productions ITV

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Darragh Mortell
Line Producer: Emma Morley
Exec Producer: David P Davis, Paul Frost
Featuring: Jim Caesar, Carly-Sophia Davies, Darren Evans, Sam C Wilson

'Buried' broadcast 2026 (shooting)

3 x 60-minute Documentary series
Cardiff
Company: Wall to Wall Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Mags Gavan
Producer: Jaclyn Parry
Exec Producer: Michael Fraser
Featuring: Michael Sheen, Dan Ashby, Lucy Taylor

'BOARDERS 3' broadcast 2026

6 X 45-minute Drama Series
Bristol
Company: Studio Lambert Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Directors: Yero Timi-Biu, Satya Bhabha
Producer: Ali MacPhail
Exec Producer: Daniel Lawrence Taylor, Susan Hogg, Maddie Sinclair
Featuring: Josh Tedeku, Jodie Campbell, Myles Kamwendo, Sekou Diaby, Aruna Jalloh

'Women's Six Nations Promo 2025'

1 x 30 second Promo
Cardiff
Company: BBC Cymru/Wales

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Marc Real
Producer: Tim Lewis
Featuring: Hannah Jones, Keira Bevan, Alex Callender

'NORTHANGER ABBEY' currently in prep

Motion Picture
Bristol/Twickenham
Company: APX Group (US)

Title: **Senior Art Director (Studio)**
Prod Designer: Darryl Hammer
Director: David Alan Ruben
Producer: Roy Buttton, Jordi REDIU, Jonathan Tossetti, David Alan Ruben.
Featuring: TBC

'Radio Wales Promo 2025'

1 x 30 second Promo
Cardiff
Company: BBC Cymru/Wales

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Marc Real
Producer: Tim Lewis
Featuring: Connor Allen

'BOARDERS 2

6 X 45-minute Drama Series
Bristol
Company: Studio Lambert Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Directors: Joelle Mae David, Sam Masud
Producer: Ali MacPhail
Exec Producer: Daniel Lawrence Taylor, Susan Hogg, Maddie Sinclair
Featuring: Josh Tedeku, Jodie Campbell, Myles Kamwendo, Sekou Diaby, Aruna Jalloh

Catalyst Awards Nomination for Best TV Show 2026
Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Programme 2026
RTS Programme Award WINNER for Best Breakthrough Talent 2025 – Josh Tedeku
RTS West of England Award WINNER for Best Scripted Content 2025
RTS Programme Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2025
RTS West of England Awards Nomination for outstanding on-screen Talent 2025 – Myles Kamwendo
Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Programme 2025

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'CRONGTON'

10 X 25-minute Drama Series
Leeds
Company: New Pictures Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Directors: Ethosheia Hylton
Producer: Joanna Hanley
Exec Producer: Willow Grylls, Imogen O'Sullivan, Elaine Pyke
Featuring: Lisa Allen, Darryl Lane

Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Children's Programme 2026
ROSE D'OR Award Nomination for Best Children and Youth Series 2025
Venice TV Awards WINNER for Best Children and Youth Series 2025
National Film Awards Nomination for Best TV Drama Series 2025
National Film Awards Nomination for Best Actor in a TV Series 2025
National Film Awards Nomination for Best Actress in a TV Series 2025
National Film Awards Nomination for Best Supporting Actor in a TV Series 2025
National Film Awards Nomination for Best Supporting Actress in a TV Series 2025

'BOARDERS 1'

6 X 45-minute Drama Series
Bristol
Company: Studio Lambert Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Directors: Ethosheia Hylton, Sam Masud
Producer: Ali MacPhail
Exec Producer: Daniel Lawrence Taylor, Susan Hogg, Maddie Sinclair
Featuring: Josh Tedeku, Jodie Campbell, Myles Kamwendo,

Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Programme 2026
Venice TV Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2024
Talk Telly Awards Nomination for Best Breakthrough Talent 2024 – Josh Tedeku
Edinburgh TV Festival Awards Nomination for Best Breakthrough Talent 2024 – Josh Tedeku
Edinburgh TV Festival Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2024
C21 International Drama Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Drama Series 2024

'PLEBS - SOLDIERS OF ROME'

1 X 90-minute Feature Special
Bulgaria/Cardiff
Company: Rise Films Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Sam Leifer
Producer: Teddy Leifer, Sam Leifer, Kate Bullions
Exec Producer: Caroline Leddy
Featuring: Ryan Sampson, Tom Rosenthal, Jon Pointing, Tom Basden, Joe Thomas

RTS Television Award Nomination for Best writer 2023
Broadcast Tech Innovation Award Nomination for Excellence in Audio Post-Production 2023

'GALWAD'

1 X 90-minute Feature Special
Cardiff/Blaenau Ffestiniog
Company: Mad As Birds Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Eric Styles
Producer: Alex Ashworth
Exec Producer: Claire Doherty
Featuring: Nitin Ganatra, Alexandria Riley, Matthew Aubrey

ROSE D'OR Award Nomination for Best Multi-Platform series 2023
SXSW Innovation Award Nomination for Best Immersive Production 2023

'A MILLION DAYS'

1 X 90-minute Feature Film
South Wales
Company: Peardrop Productions Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Mitch Jenkins
Producer: Michael Dobbin, Eva Lewucha, Christopher Hamilton, Charles Meunier
Exec Producer: Derek Linield
Featuring: Hermione Corfield, Simon Merrells, Kemi-Bo Jacobs

Discovery Screen Award Nomination 2024
Melies d'argent Award Nomination for Best Science Fiction Film 2023

'THE TRICK'

1 X 90-minute BBC Film
Cardiff/Norfolk/London
Company: Vox Pictures Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Pip Broughton
Producer: Adrian Bate
Exec Producer: Owen Sheers
Featuring: Jerome Flynn, Jason Watkins, Victoria Hamilton, Adrian Edmondson

BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination for Best Feature / TV Film 2022
RTS Cymru Award Nomination for Best Drama 2022

'FFLAM'

6 X 30-minute Thriller Series
South Wales
Company: Vox Tan Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Judith Dine
Producer: Pip Broughton, Llyr Morus
Exec Producer: Adrian Bate
Featuring: Richard Harrington, Gwyneth Keyworth, Mali Ann Rees, Pinar Ogun

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'KEEPING FAITH' Series III

6 X 60-minute Thriller Series
South Wales
Company: Vox Pictures Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Pip Broughton / Judith Dine
Producer: Pip Broughton, Llyr Morus
Exec Producer: Adrian Bate, Maggie Russell, Eve Myles
Featuring: Eve Myles, Bradley Freegard, Mark Lewis Jones, Hannah Daniel

BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination for Best Television Drama 2021

'CYSWLLT / LIFELINES'

3 X 30-minute Lockdown Drama Series
South Wales
Company: Vox Pictures Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Pip Broughton
Producer: Llyr Morus
Exec Producer: Adrian Bate
Featuring: Mark Lewis Jones, Hannah Daniel, Catrin Stewart, Aneirin Hughes

Celtic Media Award Nomination for best Short Drama category 2021

'THE TUCKERS'

6 X 30-minute Comedy/Drama Series
South Wales
Company: BBC Studios

Title: **Production Designer**
Producer: Owen Bell
Exec Producer: Mark Munro, Steve Speirs
Featuring: Steve Speirs, Alexandria Riley, Lynn Hunter, Robert Pugh, Ben McGregor, Joshua McCord

BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination for Best Entertainment Programme

'CONCRETE PLANS'

Contemporary Thriller Feature Film
Mid Wales
Company: Perfectmotion/Fractured Films Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Will Jewell
Producer: Rob Alexander, Kathy Speirs, Cheryl Davies
Exec Producer: Ian Davies
Featuring: Steve Speirs, William Thomas, Amber Rose Revah, Kevin Guthrie,

Grand Jury Prize for Best Feature Film UK at the Seattle Film Festival

Grand Jury Prize for Best Director Feature Film UK William Jewell, at the Seattle Film Festival

Best Ensemble in a Feature Film UK (world competition) at the Seattle Film Festival

Best Actress Feature Film UK (International Competition) Amber Rose Revah, at the Seattle Film Festival

Best Supporting Actor Feature Film UK (International Competition) Steve Speirs, at the Seattle Film Festival

'THE MURDER OF JILL DANDO'

60-minute Documentary special
London/South Wales
Company: BBC Studios

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Marcus Plowright
Producer: Georgina Lee
Exec Producer: Joe Mather
Featuring: Nick Ross, Jenny Bond, Moira Stuart, Michael Buerk

BAFTA Cymru Nomination for Best Single Documentary

'DOCTOR WHO' Series I – VI & Specials

78 x 45 minutes and 10 x 1-hour specials
UK, Dubai, Utah, Spain, USA
Company: BBC Wales

Title: **Supervising Art Director**
Designers: Edward Thomas, Tristan Peatfield, Michael Pickwood
Directors: Keith Boak, Joe Ahearne, Euros Lyn, Dan Zef, Brian Grant, James Hawes, Graham Harper, Jame Strong, Colin Teague, Hettie Macdonald, Andrew Gunn, Douglas Mackinnon, Alice Troughton, Adam Smith, Jonny Campbell, Ashley Way, Nick Hurren, Jeremy Webb, Peter Hoar, Toby Haynes, Juian Simpson, Richard Clark, Richard Senior
Exec Producers: Russell T Davies, Julie Gardner, Piers Wenger, Beth Willis, Steven Moffat, Caroline Skinner
Producers: Phil Collinson, Tracie Simpson, Peter Bennett, Marcus Wilson, Sanna Wohlenberg, Nikki Wilson
Featuring: Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant, Matt Smith, Billy Piper, Catherine Tate, Fremma Agyeman, Karen Gillan

BAFTA Cymru Award WINNER for Best Design ("The Waters of Mars")

RTS Nomination for Best Production Design ("The Pandorica Opens")

BAFTA Cymru Nomination for Best Design ("Voyage of the Damned")

BAFTA Cymru Nomination for Best Design ("The Girl in the Fireplace")

BAFTA Cymru Nomination for Best Design ("Christmas Special")

BAFTA Cymru Award WINNER for Best Drama Series

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'SHERLOCK' - pilot

3 X 1-hour Drama specials

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Company: Hartswood Films Ltd/BBC Wales

Title: **Supervising Art Director**

Designer: Edward Thomas

Director: Coky Giedroyc

Producer: Sue Vurtue

Featuring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman, Una Stubbs

'SARAH JANE ADVENTURES' Special

45 minutes Drama special

South Wales

Company: BBC Wales

Title: **Chief Supervising Art Director**

Designer: Edward Thomas

Producer: Susie Liggat

Featuring: Elizabeth Sladen, David Tennant

RTS Television Award Nomination for Best Children's Drama 2008

'TORCHWOOD' Series I – III

13 x 50 minutes + 5 x 1-hour specials

South Wales

Company: BBC Wales

Title: **Chief Supervising Art Director**

Designers: Edward Thomas

Producer: Peter Bennett, Richard Stokes

Featuring: John Barrowman, Eve Myles, Kai Owen, Gareth David-Lloyd

BAFTA Cymru Award WINNER for Best Design ("Everything Changes")

BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination for Best Design ("Adrift")

Brand and Event Design

Project	Position	Genre	Location	Company
'DOCTOR WHO S10 CHRISTMAS SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	Science Museum London	BBC One
'THE FINALE COUNTDOWN CONCERT'	Art Director	Event	Millennium Centre Wales	BBC Wales BAFTA
'DOCTOR WHO S9 SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	Cineworld Cardiff	BBC Wales
'MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	Cardiff/London	BBC Wales
'DOCTOR WHO S8 LAUNCH/WORLD TOUR'	Art Director	Event	ExCel London	BBC WW
'DOCTOR WHO CELEBRATION'	Design Consultant	Event	Buckingham Palace London	BBC Wales
'DOCTOR WHO AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE'	Art Director	Event	Cardiff Bay	BBC Wales
'ROATH LOCK STUDIOS ROYAL VISIT'	Art Director	Event	BFI London	BBC WW
'DOCTOR WHO S7 CHRISTMAS SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	Elstree Studios London	BBC One
'DOCTOR WHO THE NEXT DOCTOR LIVE SHOW'	Art Director	Event		

Nationality

Welsh / British

Countries Worked

Africa, Bulgaria, Croatia, Dubai, Isle of Man, Ireland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, UK, United Emirates, USA

Health and Safety Courses

Risk management of productions course	Expires February 2029
Tackling bullying & harassment at work course	Expires February 2029
Anti Bribery and corruption course	Expires February 2029
All3Media company handbook course	Expires February 2029
Data security course	Expires February 2029
Workstation Ergonomics Awareness course	Expires February 2029

References

References on request