

Stephen A Nicholas

Production Designer

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Stephen is an experienced Production Designer with over thirty years in film, television, and live events. Beginning his career building sets for S4C in 1996, he progressed through each role, gaining expertise in design, construction, budgeting, scheduling, and team leadership. His recent Production Designer credits include *Boarders 1, 2 & 3*, *Crongton*, *Galwad*, *Plebs: Soldiers of Rome*, *The Trick*, *Keeping Faith III*, *The Tuckers*, and *The Murder of Jill Dando*, while his Supervising Art Director work spans *Northanger Abbey*, over ninety episodes of *Doctor Who*, nineteen episodes of *Torchwood*, the *Sherlock* pilot, and numerous international feature films. Comfortable on location or in studio, Stephen collaborates closely with CGI, VFX, and specialist teams. A versatile designer across genres, he is also a verified mentor, actively supporting apprentices and trainee schemes, combining creativity, technical expertise, and dedication to excellence.

Recent Credits

'Zooport' pilot 1 X 15-minute Drama Series Pilot Cardiff Company: 5 Acts Productions ITV	Title: Director: Line Producer: Exec Producer: Featuring:	Production Designer Darragh Mortell Emma Morley David P Davis, Paul Frost 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: Director: Producer: Exec Producer: Featuring:	Production Designer Mags Gavan Jaclyn Parry Michael Fraser Michael Sheen, Dan Ashby, Lucy Taylor
'BOARDERS 3' broadcast 2026 6 X 45-minute Drama Series Bristol Company: Studio Lambert Ltd	Title: Directors: Producer: Exec Producer: Featuring:	Production Designer Yero Timi-Biu, Satya Bhabha Ali MacPhail Daniel Lawrence Taylor, Susan Hogg, Maddie Sinclair 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: Director: Producer: Featuring:	Production Designer Marc Real Tim Lewis Hannah Jones, Keira Bevan, Alex Callender
'NORTHANGER ABBEY' currently in prep Motion Picture Bristol/Twickenham Company: APX Group (US)	Title: Prod Designer: Director: Producer: Featuring:	Senior Art Director (Studio) Darryl Hammer David Alan Ruben Roy Buttton, Jordi Rediu, Jonathan Tossetti, David Alan Ruben. TBC
'Radio Wales Promo 2025' 1 x 30 second Promo Cardiff Company: BBC Cymru/Wales	Title: Director: Producer: Featuring:	Production Designer Marc Real Tim Lewis Connor Allen
'BOARDERS 2 6 X 45-minute Drama Series Bristol Company: Studio Lambert Ltd	Title: Directors: Producer: Exec Producer: Featuring:	Production Designer Joelle Mae David, Sam Masud Ali MacPhail Daniel Lawrence Taylor, Susan Hogg, Maddie Sinclair 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 Linfield
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 Seafire Film Festival

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

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

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

Best Supporting Actor Feature Film UK (International Competition) Steve Speirs, at the Seafire 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 Pickwoad

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 Hurran, Jeremy Webb, Peter Hoar,

Toby Haynes, Julian 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, Freema 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
South Wales
Company: Hartswood Films Ltd/BBC Wales

Title: **Supervising Art Director**

Designer: Edward Thomas
Director: Coky Giedroyc
Producer: Sue Virtue
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")

Other Feature Film Credits

Project	Position	Genre	Location	Company
'THE MAGIC DOOR'	Supervising Art Director	Feature Film	Gloucester/UK	Bear Island Productions
'BLOOD OF BEASTS'	Supervising Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Krimson Knight Productions
'HOODLUM AND SON'	Supervising Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
'BERSERKER'	Standby Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
'MEEKSVILLE GHOST'	Standby Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'DAZZLE'	Standby Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
'ASKARI'	Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'THE SORCERERS APPRENTICE'	Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'HOODED ANGELS'	Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
'PETS'	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'AFRICA'	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
'MERLIN'	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
'THE LITTLE UNICORN'	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'THE LAST LEPRECHAUN'	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'DEADLY INSTINCTS/BREEDERS'	Forward Dresser	Feature Film	Isle of Mann	Peakviewing Transatlantic
'DARKNESS FALLS'	Forward Dresser	Feature Film	Isle of Mann	Obsession Films
'A LIGHT IN THE VALLEY' 1996	Assistant Designer	Feature Drama	Cardiff	BBC Wales

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	BBC Wales
'DOCTOR WHO S9 SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	Wales	BAFTA
'MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	Cineworld Cardiff	BBC Wales
'DOCTOR WHO S8 LAUNCH/WORLD TOUR'	Art Director	Event	Cardiff/London	BBC Wales
'DOCTOR WHO CELEBRATION'	Design Consultant	Event	ExCel London	BBC WW
'DOCTOR WHO AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE'	Art Director	Event	Buckingham Palace London	BBC Wales
'ROATH LOCK STUDIOS ROYAL VISIT'	Art Director	Event	Cardiff	BBC Wales
'DOCTOR WHO S7 CHRISTMAS SCREENING'	Art Director	Event	BFI London	BBC WW
'DOCTOR WHO THE NEXT DOCTOR LIVE SHOW'	Art Director	Event	Elstree Studios London	BBC One

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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