

# Stephen A Nicholas

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I'm an experienced Production Designer and Supervising Art Director with twenty three years experience in Film and Television, my latest Production Designer credits include 'Keeping Faith III' (Drama Series), 'Cyswllt' (A Lockdown Drama Series, shot during the pandemic in 2020) 'The Tuckers' (Comedy Drama) 'Concrete Plans' (Feature Film), 'The Murder of Jill Dando' (Drama Documentary). My Supervising Art Director credits include over ninety episodes of Doctor Who', nineteen episodes of 'Torchwood', the 'Sherlock' pilot, several episodes of 'The Sarah Jane Adventures' and many Feature Films in various countries around the world, from the Isle of Mann, South Africa, Romania and Croatia. I'm a very passionate Designer and give a hundred percent to each and every project, work hard to achieve the highest of standards whatever the budget. I have also Designed sets for various events nationwide while Studio Managing for the BBC and am also a verified trainer and mentor and continue to support apprentices and trainee schemes through various development programs to this day.

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## Recent Credits

### **'Keeping Faith Series III'** (currently in production)

*6 X 60-minute Drama Series*

January 2021

South Wales

Company: Vox Pictures

Title

Director

Producer

Exec Producer

Featuring

Production Designer

Pip Broughton / Judith Dine

Pip Broughton, Llyr Morus

Adrian Bate, Maggie Russell, Eve Myles

Eve Myles, Bradley Freegard, Mark Lewis Jones, Hannah Daniel

### **'Cyswllt / Lifelines'**

*3 X 30-minute Lockdown Drama Series*

April 2020

South Wales

Company: Vox Pictures

Title

Director

Producer

Exec Producer

Featuring

Production Designer

Pip Broughton

Llyr Morus

Adrian Bate

Mark Lewis Jones, Hannah Daniel, Catrin Stewart, Aneirin Hughes

### **'The Tuckers'**

*6 X 30-minute Comedy/Drama Series*

June 2019

South Wales

Company: BBC Studios

Title

Director

Producer

Exec Producer

Featuring

Production Designer

Ian Fitzgibbon

Owen Bell

Mark Munro, Steve Speirs

Steve Speirs, Alexandria Riley, Lynn Hunter, Robert Pugh

### **'Concrete Plans'**

*Contemporary Thriller Feature Film*

March 2019

Company: Perfectmotion/Fractured Films

Mid Wales

Title

Director

Producer

Exec Producer

Featuring

Production Designer

Will Jewell

Rob Alexander/Kathy Speirs

Ian Davies

Steve Speirs, William Thomas, Amber Rose Revah, Kevin Guthrie, Charley Palmer Rothwel, Chris Reilly

### **'The Murder of Jill Dando'**

*60-minute Documentary special*

December 2018

London/South Wales

Company: BBC Studios

Title

Director

Producer

Exec Producer

Featuring

Production Designer

Marcus Plowright

Georgina Lee

Joe Mather

Nick Ross, Jenny Bond, Moira Stuart, Michael Buerk

### **'The Finale Countdown Concert'**

*Event Design*

July 2017

Company: BBC Wales

Title

Location

Producers

Featuring

Production Designer

Cardiff

Brian Minchin, Steven Moffat

Pearl Mackie, Steven Moffat.

### **'Live Lesson - Doctor Who & the micro:bit'**

*Set Design for Live Children's Show*

March 2017

Company BBC London

Title

Location

Producers

Featuring

Production Designer

Manchester

Brian Minchin, Steven Moffat

Peter Capaldi, Iain Sterling, Julian Hardy

### **'BAFTA Cymru Doctor Who 9 Screenings'**

*Event Design*

2016 in Cardiff

Title

Company

Producers

Art Director

BAFTA Cymru/Wales

Brian Minchin, Patrick Ness

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## **‘Doctor Who at Buckingham Palace’**

*Event Design*

2013

Company: BBC Wales

Title

Location

Producers

Featuring

Art Director

Buckingham Palace London

Brian Minchin, Steven Moffat

Matt Smith, Tom Baker, John Hurt, Peter Davison, Jenna Coleman

## **‘Roath Lock Studios Royal Visit’**

*Event Design*

2013

Company: BBC Wales

Title

Location

Producer

Featuring

Art Director

Cardiff Bay

Faith Penhale

Matt Smith, Jenna Coleman

## **‘Doctor Who Series I – VI & Specials’**

*45 minutes and 1-hour Drama specials*

Company: BBC Wales

2004 – 2011

UK, Dubai, Utah, USA

Title

Designers

Exec Producers

Producers

Featuring

Supervising Art Director

Edward Thomas, Tristan Peatfield, Michael Pickwood

Russell T Davies, Julie Gardner, Piers Wenger, Beth Willis, Steven Moffat, Caroline Skinner

Phil Collinson, Tracie Simpson, Peter Bennett, Marcus Wilson, Sanna Wohlenberg, Nikki Wilson

Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant, Matt Smith, Billy Piper, Catherine Tate, Fremma Agyeman, Karen Gillan

## **‘Sherlock’**

*3 X 1-hour Drama specials*

2008 South Wales

Company: Hartswood Films/BBC Wales

Title

Designer

Producer

Featuring

Supervising Art Director

Edward Thomas

Sue Vurtue

Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman, Una Stubbs

## **‘Sarah Jane Adventures Special’**

*45 minutes Drama special*

2006 South Wales

Company: BBC Wales

Title

Designer

Producer

Featuring

Chief Supervising Art Director

Edward Thomas

Susie Liggat

Elizabeth Sladen, David Tennant

## **‘Torchwood series I – III’**

*3 x 1-hour Drama specials*

2005 – 2008 South Wales

Company: BBC Wales

Title

Designers

Producer

Featuring

Chief Supervising Art Director

Edward Thomas, Julian Luxton

Peter Bennett, Richard Stokes

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

## **‘The Magic Door’**

*Action Adventure Fantasy Feature Film*

2004

United Kingdom

Company: Crimson Knight Productions

Title

Director

Producer

Designer

Featuring

Supervising Art Director

Paul Matthews

Patsy Chesney

Edward Thomas

Patsy Kensit, Jenny Agutter, Anthony Head

## **‘Askari’**

*Family Adventure Feature Film*

2001

South Africa

Company: Peakviewing Transatlantic

Title

Director

Producer

Designer

Featuring

Art Director

David Lister

Paul Matthews

Dennis Kightley

Marlee Matlin, C. Thomas Howell, Amanda Fuller

## **‘The Sorcerer’s Apprentice’**

*Family Fantasy Feature Film*

2000

South Africa

Company: Peakviewing Transatlantic

Title

Director

Producer

Designer

Featuring

Art Director

David Lister

Paul Matthews

Dennis Kightley

Robert Davi, Kelly LeBrock, Gideon Amery

## **‘Hooded Angels’**

*Action - Western 1865-1874 Feature Film*

1999

South Africa

Company: Tanmarsh Communications

Title

Director

Producer

Designer

Featuring

Art Director

Paul Matthews

Elizabeth Matthews

Edward Thomas

Gary Busey, Steven Bauer, Amanda Donahoe.

## **‘A Light in the Valley’**

*Action - Western 1865-1874 Feature Film*

1998

South Wales

Company: BBC Wales

Title

Director

Producer

Exec Producer

Featuring

Production Designer

Michael Bogdanov

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Phil George, Victor Glynn

Richard Harrington, Nia Roberts, Dorien Thomas

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## Studio Management (2015 – 2018)

Worked as a Studio Manager at the BBC's Roath Lock Studios in Cardiff Bay, managing the operations of the nine studios and backlot sets for Doctor Who, Casualty and Pobol Y Cwm. Working to the Head of Production, I was responsible for overseeing the smooth operation and Health and Safety processes for all productions shooting at the BBC Roath Lock Studios, I was also responsible for creating budgets and managing various projects at Roath Lock Studios, I line managed project teams and with my Design background, I was asked to Design/Art Direct sets for specific public service events for the site. In addition to this I was the Business Continuity Deputy for Roath Lock working directly to the Head of Production and also the sustainability ambassador for the site which included recycling of assets and sets for the BBC.

## Production Asset/Project Management (2012 – 2015)

I worked as a Production Asset/Project Manager relocating the Drama production assets from the Upper Boat Studio storage areas to the newly built Drama Studio facility at Roath Lock in Cardiff Bay, employing a large team of people to pack, label and log the assets before the move to the new facility, as part of this project I was also responsible for creating an in-house database so that all BBC productions could to share assets across the business which could be accessed through the BBC's internal network. As part of this role, I was also responsible for supplying and tracking production assets to BBC Worldwide and other external partners for global exhibitions and live events, whether it was a digital drawing for a magazine or a practical TARDIS prop for an event.

## Project Management (2011 – 2012)

I have project managed many projects over the years, from setting up the first construction workshop for Doctor Who to the design process of the Upper Boat six Studio complex for BBC Wales which housed the ever growing 'Doctor Who' show, as well as 'Torchwood', 'The Sarah Jane Adventures' and the 'Sherlock' series. I was asked to project manage the decommission of the Upper Boat Studio site and to manage the move to the new purpose build 175,000 square foot Drama Studio Hub for the BBC which would be the home of 'Doctor Who', 'Upstairs Downstairs', 'Casualty' and 'Pobol Y Cwm', relocating 22,000 square foot of props store, costume stores, prosthetics stores, electrical store and the props fabrication workshop, on top of this I was asked to decommission the TARDIS interior set into flat pack form for BBC Worldwide's creative events team.

## Training and Mentoring

I have trained as a verified trainer and have been training art departments in the Safe Design and Set Construction courses over the past seven years while being at the BBC; I have also trained as a mentor and have mentored many BBC art department apprentices and trainees while working as a Supervising Art Director and a Studio Manager.

## Skills

Experienced in Visual Effects and Computer Generated Imagery  
Draftsmanship Skills, practical and Computer Aided Design  
P.C. Literate (Adobe Photoshop CS2, Microsoft office etc.)  
Fluent in Welsh (Language & Written work)  
Art Department Budgeting and Scheduling  
Art Department Management

Verified Mentor  
Verified Trainer  
Full Driver's License  
Qualified Craftsman  
Full Motorcycle License

## Health and Safety Courses

Safe Management of Events – expires 2020 BBC  
CDM Construction Design Management BBC  
Design Risk Management Part 1 and 2 BBC  
Data Protection and Cyber Security BBC  
Safe design and Set Construction BBC  
Asbestos Awareness Course BBC  
Train the Trainer Course BBC

Fair Trading BBC  
Anti-bribery BBC  
Data Protection BBC  
Production Safety BBC  
Mentoring Workshop BBC  
Working with Children BBC

## Countries Worked In

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

## References

References are available upon request.