

# Stephen A Nicholas

Production Designer

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A Production Designer with over 30 years' experience across high-end television drama, feature film, and studio productions. Extensive experience leading art departments on internationally recognised productions across the UK, Europe, Africa, and the US. Work spans fantasy, science fiction, contemporary drama, period, comedy, and documentary. Highly experienced in both studio and location-based production design, with a strong focus on visual storytelling, world-building, and delivering high production value across a range of budgets. Experienced in green screen, motion control, and CGI-integrated environments.

Also active as a mentor and trainer, supporting apprentices and emerging talent within the art department.

## Selected Film / Specials and HETV Drama Credits

### 'TOTTENHAM RULES' currently in prep

Feature Film

London 2026

Company: Tottenham Rules Productions Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**  
Director: Akin Kongi  
Producer: Akin Kongi, Bode Odetoye  
Exec Producer: Nicholas Weinstock  
Featuring: TBC

### 'ZOOPT'

1 X 15-minute Drama Series Pilot

Cardiff 2025

Company: 5 Acts Productions ITV / BBC

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

### 'BOARDERS 3'

6 X 45-minute Drama Series

Bristol 2025

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

### 'BOARDERS 2'

6 X 45-minute Drama Series

Bristol 2024

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

**Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Programme 2026**

**Catalyst Awards Nomination for Best TV Show 2026**

**RTS West of England Award WINNER for Best Scripted Content 2025**

**RTS Programme Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2025**

**Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Programme 2025**

### 'CRONGTON'

10 X 25-minute Drama Series

Leeds 2024

Company: New Pictures Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**  
Directors: Ethosheia Hylton  
Producer: Joanna Hanley  
Exec Producer: Willow Grylls, Imogen O'Sullivan, Elaine Pyke  
Featuring: Samson Agboola, Nielle Springer, Noa Cox, Lisa Allen, Kelle Bryan

**BAFTA Television Award WINNER for Best Children's Scripted Programme 2026**

**Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Children's Programme 2026**

**ROSE D'OR Award Nomination for Best Children and Youth Series 2025**

**Venice TV Award WINNER for Best Children and Youth Series 2025**

**National Film Awards Nomination for Best TV Drama Series 2025**

### 'BOARDERS 1'

6 X 45-minute Drama Series

Bristol 2023

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**

**C21 International Drama Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Drama Series 2024**

**Edinburgh TV Festival Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2024**

**Venice TV Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2024**

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### 'PLEBS - SOLDIERS OF ROME'

1 X 90-minute Feature / TV Film Special  
Bulgaria/Cardiff 2022  
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

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

### 'GALWAD'

1 X 90-minute Feature / TV Film Special  
Cardiff/Blaenau Ffestiniog 2022  
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

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

### 'A MILLION DAYS'

1 X 90-minute Feature Film  
South Wales 2021  
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

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

### 'THE TRICK'

1 X 90-minute BBC Feature / TV Film  
Cardiff/Norfolk/London 2021  
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 Drama Series  
South Wales 2020  
Company: Vox Tan Ltd

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

### 'KEEPING FAITH' Series III

6 X 60-minute Thriller Drama Series  
South Wales 2020  
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 2020  
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 2019  
Company: BBC Studios

Title: **Production Designer**  
Producer: Owen Bell  
Director: Ian Fitzgibbon  
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**

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### 'CONCRETE PLANS'

Contemporary Thriller Feature Film

Mid Wales 2019

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 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*

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

## Selected Documentary / Factual / Promo Credits

### 'BURIED' broadcast 2026 (post)

3 x 60-minute Documentary series

Cardiff 2026

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

### 'WOMAN'S SIX NATIONS PROMO'

1 x 30 second Promo

Cardiff 2025

Company: BBC Cymru/Wales

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

### 'RADIO WALES PROMO'

1 x 30 second Promo

Cardiff 2025

Company: BBC Cymru/Wales

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

### 'THE MURDER OF JILL DANDO'

60-minute Documentary special

London/South Wales 2018

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*

## Selected Supervising Art Director Credits

### 'DOCTOR WHO' Series I – VI & Specials

78 x 45 minutes and 10 x 1-hour specials

UK, Dubai, Utah, Spain, USA 2005-2012

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 Hurran, 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")*

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

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

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

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

*BAFTA Cymru Award WINNER for Best Drama Series*

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## Selected Supervising Art Director Credits cont....

<b>'SHERLOCK' Pilot</b> <i>3 X 1-hour Drama special</i> South Wales 2008 Company: Hartswood Films / BBC Wales	Title: Designer: Director: Producer: Featuring:	<b>Supervising Art Director</b> Edward Thomas Coky Giedroyc Sue Vurtue Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman, Una Stubbs
<b>'SARAH JANE ADVENTURES' Special</b> <i>45 minutes Drama special</i> South Wales 2010 Company: BBC Wales	Title: Designer: Director: Producer: Featuring:	<b>Chief Supervising Art Director</b> Edward Thomas Colin Teague Susie Liggat Elizabeth Sladen, David Tennant <i>RTS Television Award Nomination for Best Children's Drama 2008</i>
<b>'TORCHWOOD' Series I – III</b> <i>26 x 50 minutes + 5 x 1-hour specials</i> South Wales 2006-2011 Company: BBC Wales	Title: Designer: Directors: Producer: Featuring:	<b>Chief Supervising Art Director</b> Edward Thomas Andy Goddard, Euros Lynn, James Strong, Alice Troughton Peter Bennett, Richard Stokes John Barrowman, Eve Myles, Kai Owen, Gareth David-Lloyd <i>BAFTA Cymru Award WINNER for Best Design ("Everything Changes")</i> <i>BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination for Best Design ("Adrift")</i>
<b>'THE MAGIC DOOR'</b> <i>Feature Film</i> Gloucester / UK 2007 Company: Bear Island Productions	Title: Designer: Director: Producer: Featuring:	<b>Supervising Art Director</b> Edward Thomas Paul Matthews Pasty Chesney Jenny Agutter, Pasty Kensit, Anthony Head
<b>'BLOOD OF BEASTS'</b> <i>Feature Film</i> South Wales 2003 Company: Krimson Knight Productions	Title: Designer: Director: Producer: Featuring:	<b>Supervising Art Director</b> Burie Van-zul David Lister Pasty Chesney Jane March, Justin Whalin, William Gregory Lee
<b>'HOODLUM AND SON'</b> <i>Feature Film</i> South Africa 2002 Company: Tanmarsh Communications	Title: Designer: Director: Producer: Featuring:	<b>Supervising Art Director</b> Burie Van-zul Ashley Way Elizabeth Matthews Mia Sara, Ted King, Ron Perlman

## Selection of Other Feature Film Credits

<b>Project</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>
<b>'ASKARI' 2001</b>	Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'BERSERKER' 2000</b>	Standby Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
<b>'MEEKSVILLE GHOST' 2000</b>	Standby Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'DAZZLE' 2000</b>	Standby Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
<b>'A LIGHT IN THE VALLEY' 2000</b>	Assistant Designer	Feature Drama	Cardiff	BBC Wales
<b>'THE SOURCERERS APPRENTICE' 1999</b>	Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'HOODED ANGELS' 1999</b>	Art Director	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
<b>'PETS' 1999</b>	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'AFRICA' 1998</b>	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
<b>'MERLIN' 1998</b>	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Tanmarsh Communications
<b>'THE LITTLE UNICORN' 1998</b>	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'THE LAST LEPRECHAUN' 1998</b>	Standby Props	Feature Film	South Africa	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'DEADLY INSTINCTS/BREEDERS' 1997</b>	Forward Dresser	Feature Film	Isle of Mann	Peakviewing Transatlantic
<b>'DARKNESS FALLS' 1997</b>	Forward Dresser	Feature Film	Isle of Mann	Obsession Films

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## Selected Brand and Event Design Credits 2012 - 2018

<b>Project</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Genre</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Company</b>
'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

## 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