

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

'ZOOPORT'

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' broadcast 2026

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

'NORTHANGER ABBEY' currently in prep

Feature Film
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

'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

Catalyst Awards Nomination for Best TV Show 2026

Broadcast Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Programme 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: Lisa Allen, Darryl Lane

BAFTA Television Awards Nomination 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 Awards 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

Venice TV Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2024

Edinburgh TV Festival Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Series 2024

C21 International Drama Awards Nomination for Best Comedy Drama 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

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 / 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

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 2021
Company: Peardrop Productions Ltd

Title: **Production Designer**
Director: Mitch Jenkins
Producer: Michael Dobbin, Eva Lewucha, Christopher Hamilton, Charles Meunier
Exec Producer: Derek Liniel
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 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
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 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

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")

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 special

South Wales 2008

Company: Hartswood Films / 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 2010

Company: BBC Wales

Title: **Chief Supervising Art Director**
Designer: Edward Thomas
Director: Colin Teague
Producer: Susie Liggat
Featuring: Elizabeth Sladen, David Tennant

RTS Television Award Nomination for Best Children's Drama 2008

'TORCHWOOD' Series I – III

26 x 50 minutes + 5 x 1-hour specials

South Wales 2006-2011

Company: BBC Wales

Title: **Chief Supervising Art Director**
Designer: Edward Thomas
Directors: Andy Goddard, Euros Lynn, James Strong, Alice Troughton
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")

'THE MAGIC DOOR'

Feature Film

Gloucester / UK 2007

Company: Bear Island Productions

Title: **Supervising Art Director**
Designer: Edward Thomas
Director: Paul Matthews
Producer: Pasty Chesney
Featuring: Jenny Agutter, Pasty Kensit, Anthony Head

'BLOOD OF BEASTS'

Feature Film

South Wales 2003

Company: Krimson Knight Productions

Title: **Supervising Art Director**
Designer: Burie Van-zul
Director: David Lister
Producer: Pasty Chesney
Featuring: Jane March, Justin Whalin, William Gregory Lee

'HOODLUM AND SON'

Feature Film

South Africa 2002

Company: Tanmarsh Communications

Title: **Supervising Art Director**
Designer: Burie Van-zul
Director: Ashley Way
Producer: Elizabeth Matthews
Featuring: Mia Sara, Ted King, Ron Perlman

Selection of Other Feature Film Credits

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

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Selected Brand and Event Design Credits 2012 - 2018

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

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