

# Simon Dinsell

## Curriculum Vitae

Executive Producer & Series Director

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OF FILM AND TELEVISION ARTS



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**Multiple BAFTA, Royal Television Society and Broadcast Awards Winner.**

### Highlights:

**BAFTA and Royal Television Society Award** for DERREN BROWN: The Experiments.

**Royal Television Society Award** & Best Entertainment Programme at the **Broadcast Awards**:  
Dynamo: Impossible.

**BAFTA** Craft Award: Apocalypse.

**BAFTA** Creative Digital Award: The Science of Sleep.

UK **Broadcast Award** for Best Entertainment: The Events.

C4's **Stand Up to Cancer** wins **Royal Television Society**: Best Live Event Award. The donation films,  
produced & directed by Simon, help to raise over 26 million for Cancer Research UK.

*“The first thing to say about Stand Up To Cancer is that it featured some of the most beautiful  
and affecting films you’ll see on TV.” – Ally Ross, The Sun.*

### Profile:

Producer & director working across the disciplines of Factual, Music & Entertainment. Just as happy self  
shooting a documentary on a cancer ward as he is directing Coldplay at Radio City Music Hall.

His talent behind the camera extends from intimate features to complex prime time shows and he has great  
gift at connecting with top tier talent including Gwyneth Paltrow, Kylie Minogue, Mark Gatiss, Mick Jagger,  
Keith Richards, Davina McCall and Gary Lineker to name a few.

Simon has produced & directed for all the major streamers, channels and networks across the world.

*“Thanks for your book of photography from the series. It’s beautiful, like the Netflix show.  
Really appreciate your attention to detail. The shows are amazing.”*

*- Arthur Smith, A Smith & Co.*

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## **Recent work:**

### **REMASTERED**

Channel Four  
Executive Producer

'Who Do You Think You Are?' meets 'Desert Island Disks', this autobiographical music documentary follows three vital moments in 'A Lister's' lives that chart their success and the tracks that underscored those moments.

Staring **Idris Elba, Phoebe Waller Bridge** and **Stephen Graham** to name a few.

### **DMC**

NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES  
Executive Producer/Director

Member of the English elite aristocracy, heir to the Coutts banking fortune and magician, DMC travels the world in search of adventure, danger and magic.

Filmed in LA, Miami, Cape Town, Delhi and the UK.

### **DERREN BROWN**

Channel Four  
Producer/Director.

### **BAFTA, Royal Television Society Award and Broadcast Award Winning Series.**

Apocalypse unleashes Derren Brown's most audacious plan yet - to convince one person that the planet has been devastated by a catastrophic meteorite strike, that the infected now roam the land and he is one of a mere handful of survivors.

Our 'survivor' is someone who takes life for granted and has yet to truly value what he has. The adventure that awaits him is meticulously crafted to give him the ultimate wake-up call and teach him valuable life-lessons. Will he rise to the challenge?

### **DYNAMO: IMPOSSIBLE**

Sky One  
Producer/director.

### **Royal Television Society and Broadcast Award Winning Series.**

Shot in Miami, L.A., across Europe and throughout the UK, I was responsible for all creative and technical aspects of the show. The series has been a huge success, taking Dynamo from Internet obscurity to becoming a household name and the channel garnered its highest rated show ever. Dynamo is now playing in stadiums around the world.

### **TIME CRASHERS**

Channel Four  
Series director.

In C4's new prime time blockbuster ten Celebrities are sent back in time to experience a fully immersive life in six different eras from the Iron Age through to Victorian England.

With a cast of 120 and a crew of 140, the show mixes Drama and Structured reality, and shot throughout the country.

### **I SURVIVED A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE**

BBC One  
Series director.

A reality game show set six months in to a zombie outbreak where a group of survivors have to take refuge in an abandoned shopping centre. Survivors just need to avoid the zombies, but the slightest touch will result in death. Anyone still alive after seven days will be rescued by an army helicopter.

## **CHINESE ENTERTAINMENT OLYMPICS**

Shanghai Media Group  
Executive Producer

8 x 1 hour episodes for Shanghai Media Group. Filmed in 12 different locations across China, from Tibet to Beijing this remarkable magic show was a first for Chinese TV.

I was responsible for every aspect of the series from directing the creative team, overseeing the R&D and managing the Chinese Government production departments. Not to mention managing some of the biggest talent in China including Fan Bing Bing & Jay Chou. When the finale broadcast on Christmas Eve over 400 Million tuned in!

## **RED BULL MINDGAMERS**

Red Bull TV  
Executive Producer

7000 people from 24 countries battled it out in the most difficult 'escape rooms' ever devised. My job was to produce the 20 units covering the action across the world while creating the live finale based in Budapest. In addition, I was responsible for the online content and flanking material.

## **THE PHONE**

Channel Four  
Producer.

The UK version that evolved out of the huge international success of the original format. Shooting on landmark buildings and locations across the UK it was my job to re-design the format from the initial opening sequences, the challenges, tasks and a completely new live finale staged at the top of Europe highest building, The Shard.

Shot in just one day and using 70 cameras, 30 crew and 2 helicopters we followed the action as it happened in real time.

## **BBQ Champ**

ITV  
Series director.

A team of ten contenders from across the country compete against each other to become the first BBQ Champ and while Myleene Klass hosts the series, Man vs Food star Adam Richman judges, alongside British chef and restaurateur Mark Blatchford.

Each week, contenders prove themselves in challenges that will sort the BBQ champs from the BBQ chumps. From creating mouth watering BBQ masterpieces to reinventing culinary classics. Each contestant will have to try their best to win Adam and Mark's approval.

## **HIT THE ROAD JACK**

BBC One  
Series director.

Stand-up sensation Jack Whitehall stars in his first prime-time role, headlining his own entertainment series. The series follows Jack as he packs his bags and goes on a comedy tour of the country to find the best that Britain has to offer, joined along the way by celebrities and comedians who hail from each week's featured city.

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