

ADRIAN PENNINK

Some of the broadcast documentaries I have directed, produced and exec. produced

Pizza Under Fire

Feature documentary that follows a group of volunteers as they travel to cook pizzas in the war-torn villages of Eastern and Southern Ukraine. And the stories of the villagers they meet. Director/camera. 2024-25. **Winner Best Documentary at Taunus Film Festival, Austin Arts Festival, Five Continents Film Festival and AARF Sydney.**

Wildlife Warriors

Feature documentary for Sky Documentaries/Sky Atlantic about an English biologist who became Environment Minister in Gabon. Originator, Producer and Exec. Producer. 2022/2024. **Nominee Climate Award Edinburgh TV Festival.**

Yoghurt Utopia

Feature documentary about a yoghurt factory run by mental patients in Spain. Part-financed by Sundance Film Fund. Exec. Producer. On the Waterbear platform.

Kissinger

Feature documentary for Nat Geo and Channel 4s True Stories. Based on a year's exclusive filming and interviews with Dr Henry Kissinger. Director. **Winner NY International Film Festival Best Documentary.** "This is a very fine film. Deep and very thoughtful. The archival footage is extraordinary." **Werner Herzog.**

Son San

Feature documentary about Cambodian history through the eyes of 84 year old ex-Prime Minister Son San. Filmed in Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. For NHK.

Networld

3 x 1 hour series for PBS about the history, science and political impact of Social networks. Series Director 2020.

China: Triumph and Turmoil

3 x 1 hour series about the history of China for Channel 4. Series Director.

Civilization

6 x 1 hour series about the history of Western Civilization. A Chimerica Media production for Channel 4 and PBS. Series Director.

The Ascent of Money

International Emmy Best Documentary winner. A history of money for PBS and Channel 4. Series Director.

The Pity of War	90 minute gfx/documentary about the First World War for BBC. Director.
Clash of Worlds	A 3 x 1 hour series about the contemporary resonance of the conflict between the British Empire and Islam for BBC. Series Director. <i>Nominee Sandford St Martin Award.</i>
The War of the World	Series Director on this 6 x 1 hour history series about the root causes of conflict in the 20 th century for Channel 4 and PBS. <i>Grierson and RTS Awards Nominee.</i>
Empire	Two programmes - the story of how Africa was colonized – of a 6 x 1 hour history of the British empire. Director for Channel 4.
Horizon 2001-2003	Eight films directed and produced for the BBC's flagship series. <i>Winner of the 2001 Bafta for Best Factual Series.</i>
<i>Including:</i>	
The Hunt for an AIDS Vaccine.	Six scientists and a 20 year search for an AIDS Vaccine for BBC Horizon. <i>Grierson Award Nominee</i>
The Mystery of the Persian Mummy	Horizon/Nova documentary about a fake mummy, a murder and an extraordinary art fraud. <i>The highest rated Horizon in the past 30 years.</i>
The Diamond Deception	A BBC/ Nova documentary about the Russian scientists who learned how to make synthetic diamonds virtually undetectable from natural diamonds.....and the response from De Beers.
Is GM Safe?	Horizon about the myths and science of genetically modified food. A Nova co-pro. <i>Prix Leonardo.</i>
The Valley of Life or Death	Men from uncircumcised tribes are four to eight times more likely to die from Aids. Filmed in Kenya, Zambia and South Africa. A Discovery co-pro with Horizon. <i>Freddie Award. Nominee Best Science Documentary Emmy.</i>
Flight 587	Exclusive access to the investigation into the crash of this Airbus shortly after taking off in New York.
Elephants or Ivory	How to solve Africa's elephant problem. Filmed in Kenya Zimbabwe and South Africa. A Discovery co-pro with Horizon. <i>Two awards at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Festival.</i>

Cambodia	Two-part series for NHK. Investigative undercover films made with NGO Global Witness about the Khmer Rouge/Cambodian/Thai government cabal responsible for destroying Cambodia's forests.
A Forgotten War	A 3 x 1 hour documentary series about the desert war between Morocco and the Polisario Front. Filmed in Spain, USA, Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania. For Spanish and French TV. One hour broadcast as BBC Correspondent.
Malangatana	56 minute documentary about the Mozambican painter for BBC Arts.
SABC	40 minute documentary about the South African broadcaster in the run up to South Africa's first free elections. For BBC Arts.
Executive Outcomes	45 minute documentary filmed with the South African mercenaries fighting in Sierra Leone. For NHK.
Identikit Africa	45 minute documentary about war and conflict resolution in Africa for NHK.
Superpowers	A Channel 4 documentary that follows PSYCOP, the organization that debunks claims of paranormal phenomena.
Duel	BBC Timewatch about the last fatal duel in Scotland. Exec. Producer for Noblesgate Productions.
The Bridge	A film about the men and women who paint the Forth of Forth railway bridge hanging from ropes in all weathers. Exec. Producer for Channel 4.
The Ripper Hoax	The story of a man who eluded the police for 27 years. Exec. Producer for Channel 4. <i>Winner RTS Regional Best Documentary Award.</i>

Other affiliations

Director Chimerica Media Ltd

Languages: French, Spanish and Portuguese (conversational).

Bafta member; member of Directors UK

Photography exhibitions at Home House 2015 and the Brompton Gallery, London 2023

UN Election Observer, Mozambique, 1994.