

Ben Foster

COMPOSER

Ben Foster is a four-times BAFTA-nominated composer with extensive credits in major productions across a variety of genres.

Lauded for his distinctive and emotive voice, and strong melodic instincts, he has become known for producing powerful and character-driven soundtracks, ranging from intimate textural sound-worlds to full-scale orchestral scores.

Ben recently worked with David Arnold on Amazon/ BBC One's hugely acclaimed **Good Omens**, providing additional music for the series, and arranged the songs of Elton John for Dexter Fletcher's film **Rocketman**, working with frequent collaborator, producer Giles Martin.

He has composed over 200 episodes of scripted television. His music can be heard on Sally Wainwright's acclaimed series **Happy Valley** (BBC/Netflix), **Our Girl** (BBC One), three seasons of **Good Karma Hospital** (ITV), and 78 episodes of **Thunderbirds Are Go** (ITV/Pukeko) which he co-composed with his brother Nick Foster.

Previous major credits include three seasons of Russell T Davies's cult BBC sci-fi show **Torchwood**, which earned him 3 BAFTA nominations for best original score, **Hidden Kingdoms** for the BBC Natural History Unit, for which he was nominated for an International Film Music Critics award, and **Shirley** for BBC2, starring Ruth Negga, which won a BAFTA for Best Television Drama.

Other television work includes current themes for **Young Musician Of The Year**, **Question Time**, **Cardiff Singer of the World** and **Still Game**, all for the BBC.

Ben is highly regarded as an orchestral arranger and conductor, frequently working on projects with iconic artists such as Paul McCartney, Elton John, Nick Cave and Warren Ellis, Peter Gabriel, Michael Bublé, and with producers Giles Martin, Bill Ross and David Foster.

He has also worked extensively as an arranger and conductor for Film working with internationally renowned composers such as John Williams, Jóhann Jóhannsson, Will Gregory, Mica Levi and Marc Streitenfeld. He also arranged and conducted the music for 110 episodes of **Doctor Who**.

Ben has conducted many of the major orchestras around the world, including London Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the Hallé, BBC Philharmonic, BBC Concert Orchestra and the BBC Big Band, performing at venues including the Royal Albert Hall, Sydney Opera House, the Hollywood Bowl and Radio City Music Hall, NYC. He has also conducted at the BBC Proms on five occasions.

Ben is a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music, where he was awarded the Lutosławski prize for composition. He works from his studio at Air Lyndhurst in Hampstead, London.

FILM AND TELEVISION

THE GOOD KARMA HOSPITAL
(series 1-3)

Tiger Aspect / ITV
Directors: Bill Eagles, Lisa Clarke, Alex Winckler, Philip John, Jon Wright, John McKay
Producers: Stephen Smallwood, John Chapman, Jeremy Gwilt
Starring: Amanda Redman, James Floyd, Amrita Acharia, Neil Morrissey

THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO

ITV Studios / Amazon Studios
Directors: Multiple
Producer: Sharon Lark

****2017 Music+Sound Award Nomination – Best Original Composition****
****2016 BAFTA Award Nomination – Best Original Music****

GOOD OMENS
(additional music)

Amazon Studios
Director: Douglas Mackinnon
Producers: Tim Bradley, Phil Collinson, Josh Dynevor, Paul Frift
Starring: David Tennent, Michael Sheen

OUR GIRL
(series 1-4)

BBC Drama Productions
Directors: Multiple
Producers: Lizzie Rushbridger, Tim Whitby, Ken Horn, Eric Coulter
Starring: Michelle Keegan, Ben Aldridge

BOUNTY HUNTERS

Sky One
Director: William Sinclair
Producers: Charlie Leach, Pippa Brown
Starring: Jack Whitehall, Rosie Perez

SCOTT AND BAILEY
(series 1-5)

Red Production Company / BBC
Creators: Sally Wainwright, Diane Taylor
Producers: Juliet Charlesworth, Yvonne Francas
Starring: Suranna Jones, Lesley Sharp

HAPPY VALLEY

Red Production Company / BBC
Directors: Sally Wainwright, Euros Lyn, Tim Fywell, Neasa Hardiman
Producers: Karen Lewis, Juliet Charlesworth
Starring: Sarah Lancashire

BANANA

Red Production Company / E4
Directors: Lewis Arnold, Al Mackay, Luke Snellin
Producer: Emily Feller
Starring: Fisayo Akinade, Freddie Fox

TOFU

Red Production Company / E4
Director: Benjamin Cook
Producer: Michaela Fereday

HIDDEN KINGDOMS	BBC Directors: Simon Bell, Gavin Maxwell, Verity White Producers: Emma Jones, Simon Bell, Verity White Starring: Stephen Fry **2015 IFMCA Award Nomination – Best Original Score**
THE LAST WITCH	Red Production Company / Sky Living Director: Robin Sheppard Producer: Karen Lewis Starring: Anne Reid
NOBLE	Destiny Films Director: Stephen Bradley Producer: Melanie Gore-Grimes Starring: Deidre O’Kane, Sarah Greene, Brendan Coyle
LE PEUPLE MINIATURE	BBC Earth Directors: Gavin Maxwell, Verity White Producer: Simon Bell Starring: Stephen Fry, Cécile de France
DERREN BROWN: FEAR AND FAITH	Objective Productions / Channel 4 Director: Simon Dinsell Producer: Derren Brown
DERREN BROWN: APOCALYPSE	Channel 4 Television Corp Director: Simon Dinsell Producer: Derren Brown
SHIRLEY	Prospect Cymru / BBC 2 Director: Colin Teague Producer: Katherine Lannon Starring: Ruth Negga, Lesley Sharp
GIRL NUMBER 9	Elstree Film & Television Studios Directors: James Moran, Dan Turner Producers: Martin G. Baker, Pete Coogan Starring: Gareth David-Lloyd, Tracy Ann Oberman
TORCHWOOD	BBC Wales Creator: Russell T. Davis Producers: Richard Stokes, Kelly A. Manners, Peter Bennett Starring: John Barrowman, Eve Myles, Kai Owen **2010 BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination – Best Original Music Soundtrack** **2008 BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination – Best Original Music Soundtrack ** **2007 BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination – Best Original Music Soundtrack **
TORCHWOOD: INSIDE THE HUB	BBC Worldwide Americas Writers: Michiko Byers, Andrew Jackson Producers: Michiko Byers, Peter Bennett
MIST: SHEEPDOG TALES	Borough Valley / Five Directors: David Kennard, Richard Overall Producers: Lucie Wenigerová, David Kennard Starring: Derek Jacobi, Mel Giedroyc

ORCHESTRATING/CONDUCTING/ARRANGING (selected)

MIDSOMMAR	B-Reel Films / A24 Director: Ari Aster
GOOD OMENS	Amazon Studios Director: Douglas Mackinnon
ROCKETMAN	Marv Films / Paramount Pictures Director: Dexter Fletcher
JACKIE	Fox Searchlight Pictures Director: Pablo Larraín
WIND RIVER	Acacia Filmed Entertainment / Lionsgate Director: Taylor Sheridan
POLTERGEIST	Twentieth Century Fox Director: Gil Kenan
DOCTOR WHO (110 episodes)	BBC Directors: Multiple
THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING	Working Title Films / Focus Features Director: James Marsh
FAR FROM MEN	One World Films Director: David Oelhoffen
PRISONERS	Alcon Entertainment / Warner Bros Director: Denis Villeneuve
PROMETHUES	Twentieth Century Fox Director: Ridley Scott
THE GREY	Open Road Films Director: Joe Carnahan
INCENDIES	Micro-scope / Sony Pictures Classics Director: Denis Villeneuve
ROBIN HOOD	Universal Pictures Director: Ridley Scott