

# **BEN SALISBURY**

## **COMPOSER**

Ivor Novello winning and Emmy nominated composer Ben Salisbury is one of the country's leading film and TV composers, with recent credits including Alex Garland's Oscar winning film **Ex Machina** and upcoming feature **Annihilation**, Ben Wheatley's 2017 feature **Free Fire** (starring Oscar winning actress Brie Larson), **Beyonce: Life is But a Dream**, and Netflix's **Black Mirror**.

Equally as well known for his exquisite orchestral writing, and a prolific name, too, in the highly influential Bristol band scene (he is a member of the bands **Drokk** with Geoff Barrow and **Dolman** with Scott Henty), Ben has proved time again that he's a supremely talented, multi-faceted composer, able to adapt to the demands of any project.

Ben won a 2016 Ivor Novello Award for his score to **Ex Machina**. His nominations include a an EMMY for his 007-influenced music for **The Wildlife On One**, and an ASCAP and 2 World Soundtrack Awards nominations, also for **Ex Machina**. He won Best Music Video Award at The Missoula International Wildlife Film Festival for his score for Natural Tracks; and further awards for **Natural World-Transylvania** at the Montana International Wildlife Film Festival and for **Nature's Great Events** at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival.

Ben has scored over 50 natural history films – including the last 3 of David Attenborough's 'Life ...' series: **Life In The Undergrowth**, the 2008 BAFTA winning series **Life In Cold Blood**, and **The Life of Mammals**, which Sir David himself has described as '*one of the best scores there has been on any programme I have narrated.*' As part of the celebrations for the re-opening of Bristol's Colston Hall in 2009, Ben's music for **Nature's Great Events**, co-composed with Barnaby Taylor, was performed by the BBC Concert Orchestra, introduced and compered by David Attenborough, and received outstanding reviews in the media. Other natural history credits include **Ocean Giants**, **Nature's Great Events**, **The Nature of Britain**, **Congo** and the Making Waves strand of 8 'behind the scenes' programmes that accompanied the award winning **The Blue Planet** series.

Deeply rooted in the renowned Bristol band scene, Ben, as co-writer and arranger, was an integral part of **Malachai's** highly praised 2nd album, **Return To The Ugly Side**. His critically acclaimed writing partnership with Portishead's Geoff Barrow (with whom he co-scored **Ex Machina** and **Free Fire**) resulted in the release of their 2012 album, **DROKK: Music Inspired By Mega-City One**, described by The Quietus as '*jaw dropping... one of the heaviest and most intensely atmospheric records of the year*'. Ben also co-wrote and arranged tracks for **The Beekeepers** debut album, **Apiculture**, and was the string arranger on the **Boca 45** album **Vertigo Sounds**. Most recently he worked alongside Portishead's Adrian Utley and Geoff Barrow on a new album by Joe Volk, **Happenings and Killings**, released in 2016 on Glitterhouse Records, and has released a co-written album with Malachia's Scott Henty under the name **Dolman**, praised by Crack magazine as an '*impressive exercise in sonic muscle flexing*'.

## FILM

### **ANNIHILATION**

(co-composed with Geoff Barrow)

Paramount Pictures

Director: Alex Garland

Producer: Andrew MacDonald, Allon Reich

Starring: Jennifer Jason Leigh, Natalie

Portman, Tessa Thomson, Oscar Isaac

### **FREE FIRE**

(co-composed with Geoff Barrow)

Rook Films

Director: Ben Wheatley

Producer: Andrew Starke

Starring: Brie Larson, Cillian Murphy, Armie

Hammer

### **EX MACHINA**

(co-composed with Geoff Barrow)

DNA Films / Universal Pictures / Film4

Director: Alex Garland

Producers: Andrew MacDonald, Allon Reich

Starring: Domhnall Gleeson, Alicia Vikander,

Oscar Isaac

**\*\*Winner 2016 Ivor Novello Award: Best Original Film Score\*\***

**\*\*World Soundtrack Award nomination: Public Choice Award\*\***

**\*\*World Soundtrack Award nomination: Discovery Of The Year Award\*\***

**\*\*ASCAP Composers' Choice Award nomination: Film Score OF The Year\*\***

### **BEYONCE: LIFE IS BUT A DREAM**

ICM Patners

Director: Ed Burke, Beyoncé Knowles

Producer: Bill Kirstein

Starring: Beyoncé Knowles

### **THE TOOTH FAERIE**

Shufti Films

Director: Nick Mackie

Producer: Abigail Davies

### **THE DREAMER**

Sundance Films

Director: Miguel Sapochnik

Producer: Ivor Powell

## TELEVISION

**BLACK MIRROR (series 3, ep. 5)** – Netflix – Dir. Jakob Verbruggen

**ATTENBOROUGH'S PARADISE BIRDS** – BBC 2 – Dir. Miles Barton

**THE NATURAL WORLD - Superpowered Owls** – BBC2 – Dir. Lucy Smith

**SKY NEWS** – Various promo idents – Sky – Dir. Nicole Poppi

**ATTENBOROUGH: 60 YEARS IN THE WILD (series of 3)** – BBC2 – Dir. Miles Barton

**OCEAN GIANTS (series of 3)** – BBC1 – Dir. Mark Brownlow

**WHO'S BRITAIN IS IT ANYWAY** – BBC1 – Dir. Joe Vale

**INSIDE THE PERFECT PREDATOR** – BBC1 – Dir. Mark Brownlow

**SPACE (drama)**- Central TV – Dir. Sndrew Wheeler

**NATURE'S GREAT EVENTS (series of 6)** – BBC1 – Dir. Karen Bass

*(co-composed with Barnaby Taylor)*

**THE PARKY (animated short)** – BBC3 – Dirs. Tia Perkins & Jamie Pardo

**LIFE IN COLD BLOOD (series of 6)** – BBC1 – Dir. Miles Barton

*(co-composed with David Poore)*

**GOING HOME (drama)** – Shooting Gallery / Channel 4 – Dir. Miquel Sapochnik

**THE NATURE OF BRITAIN** (series of 8) – BBC1 – Dir. Stephen Moss  
*(co-composed with David Poore)*  
**JEREMY CLARKSON'S CAR YEARS** – BBC2 – Dir. David Pearson  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Cork: Forest in a Bottle** – BBC2 – Dir. Paul Morrisson  
**HELL AND BACK** (drama) – Central TV – Dir. Andrew Wheeler  
**LIFE IN THE UNDERGROWTH** (series of 6)– BBC1 – Dir. Mike Salisbury  
*(co-composed with David Poore)*  
**PICTURE THIS - Revenge of the Killer Mutant Parents** – BBC2 – series ed. Peter Symes  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Night & Day** – BBC1 – Dirs. Amanda Barrett & Owen Newton  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Elephant Cave** – BBC2 – Dir. Vanessa Berlowitz  
**FANTASY ROOMS** – Bazal/BBC2 – Dirs. Linda Maher & Kristain Digby  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Islands of Fire** – BBC2 – Dir. Jo Sarsby  
**MUSIC MONSTER** (drama) – Nickleodeon – Dir. Tia Perkins  
**THE LIFE OF MAMMALS** (series of 10) – BBC1 – Dir. Mike Salisbury  
*(co-composed with Dan Jones)*  
**HOME STORIES** – BBC2 – Dir. David Pearson  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - A Wild Dog's Story** – BBC2 – Dir. Mike Holding  
**BLUE PLANET - MAKING WAVES** (series of 8) – BBC1 – Dir. Alistair Fothergill  
**HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?** – VH1/442 – Dir. Bob Mills  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Hotel Helicon** – BBC2 – Dir. Phil Savoy  
**WILDLIFE ON ONE - Thunderball** – BBC1 – Dir. Tania Dorrity  
**WESSEX WATER** 2 commercials – Dir. Marlon Griffin  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Transylvania** – BBC2 – Dir. Justine Evans  
**GRIZZLY WILDLIFE SPECIAL** – BBC1 – Dirs. Jeff & Sue Turner  
**HOMEBASE SPONSORSHIP FOR BETTER HOMES** – 422 – Dir. Chris Vass  
**CONGO** (series of 3) – BBC2 – Dir. Brian Leith  
**GORILLA ACADEMY** – BBC1 – Dir. Brian Lieth  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Millennium Oak** – BBC2 – Dir. Mark Flowers  
**SHADOWS OF THE SUN** – BBC2 – Dir. Neil Lucas  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - In The Company of Bears** – BBC2 – Dirs. Jeff & Sue Turner  
**PYGMY ANIMALS** – BBC/Discovery – Dir. Richard Chambers  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Tough Ducks** – BBC2 – Dir. Mary Colwell  
**NATURAL TRACKS** (series of 12) – BBC2 – Dir. Jerry Short  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - The Fatal Flower** – BBC2 – Dir. Mark Flowers  
**WILDLIFE ON ONE - Birds in Black** - BBC1 – Dirs. Jeff & Sue Turner  
**THE NATURAL WORLD - Africa's Forgotten Elephants** – BBC2 – Dir. Brian Leith

## ALBUMS / BANDS

**DOLMAN** – DOLMAN (co-written with Scott Hendy – Inflexion Point  
**DROKK: MUSIC INSPIRED BY MEGA CITY ONE** (co-written with Geoff Barrow) – Invada  
**THE BEEKEEPERS** – APICULTURE (as co-writer and string arranger) – Jalepeno  
**MALACHAI** – RETURN TO THE UGLY SIDE (as co-writer and string arranger) – Domino  
**MALACHAI** – THE UGLY SIDE OF LOVE (as string arranger) – Domino  
**BOCA 45** – VERTIGO SOUNDS (as string arranger) – Grand Central  
**THE BEEKEEPERS** – BEE FUNK EP (as co-writer and string arranger) – Jalepeno  
**PORTISHEAD** – THIRD (as backing vocalist)  
**FILM SCORE VOLUME 1** (composer) – Standard Music Library  
**FILM SCORE VOLUME 3** (composer) – Standard Music Library