

# David Schweitzer

## COMPOSER

Possessing a hugely unique and inventive way with composition and song writing, David is an award-winning composer who has scored more than 100 film and television projects. These range from feature films, through animated kids shows to landmark documentary series. He is just as comfortable writing a full orchestral score as he is creating a lo-fi textural piece. Being an accomplished multi-instrumentalist (piano, guitars & bass, clarinet & sax, voice), David is always able to bring real and organic elements into his scores.

Ever since he started composing, David has shown an unusual degree of musical eclecticism. As a teenager, he wrote an hour-long Requiem Mass for choir and orchestra (mostly during GSCE maths lessons), while at the same time being the guitarist and songwriter in a pop band with a cult local following.

David read Music at New College, Oxford, where he played in bands and continued to write orchestral music at the same time as experimenting with electro-acoustics. After scoring his first short film, *Inside Out Man* (the **winner of Best Film at Kino 1999**), he decided to pursue music for picture at the National Film and Television School, where he received a diploma in Screen Music.

While at film school, David worked on a wide range of short films, including many animations. He worked several times with documentary maker, Emily James, writing music and lyrics for a number of 'musical documentaries', including *Wag the Dogma*, *A Brief History of Cuba in D minor*, and *The Luckiest Nut in the World*, all of which went on to win awards. In these projects, David combined humorous lyrics and quirky (but very catchy) tunes, with serious factual subject matter. This unique juxtaposition also led to the commissioning of *ArtSongs*, a CD of songs about art commissioned by the Tate Gallery, as well as a series of songs for BBC's Newsnight in the run-up to the 2005 General Election.

David created epic scores for the feature films, *Day of Wrath* (a historical drama starring Christopher Lambert) and *Silence Becomes You* (a thriller starring Alicia Silverstone and Sienna Guillory), using a combination of real orchestra and samples. He also recently scored the 2015 BBC-Two Russell Howard Comedy film, *A Gurt Lush Christmas*.

In the last five years David has cemented his reputation in two areas in particular: he has created intricate and unique soundtracks for a number of landmark BBC documentary series, including *Wonders of Life* (with Brian Cox), *Richard Hammond's Invisible Worlds*, *Inside the Human Body* and *Britain from Above* (with Andrew Marr). All these scores have combined epic orchestral themes with electronic and frequently experimental styles.

With the other half of his musical brain, David has become one of the go-to composers to create strong memorable songs and scores for animation. After working on the music for *Charlie & Lola* (which, unusually for a kids' show, **won Best Original Score at the RTS Craft Awards in 2007**), David wrote the soundtracks for *The Cat in Hat Knows A Lot About That!* (a hit show around the world, the title theme of which was also **nominated for an Emmy**), two series of *Mike the Knight* (a global success for Hit Entertainment), Cbeebies' *Q Pootle 5*, and a series of *Angry Birds Toons*, based on the global app phenomenon *Angry Birds* for Rovio Entertainment.

David is currently working on the latest series of the hugely popular childrens animated show *Bob The Builder*, a new animated series for Blue Zoo, Nickelodeon and Aardman called *Digby Dragon*, a second series of the popular Cbeebies show *Q Pootle 5*, *Toggle*, a new series of programmes from award winning animation studio Beakus, and a short film directed by actress Bonnie Wright (Harry Potter).

## SELECTED TV & FILM

<b>DIGBY DRAGON</b>	Blue Zoo Productions / Nickelodeon UK / Aardman Director: Arnfinn Moseng
<b>BOB THE BUILDER</b> (series 19 & 20)	HIT Entertainment Director: Stuart Evans Producers: Fred De Bradeny, Kylie Ellis
<b>TOGGLE</b>	Beakus Animation Director/Producer: Steve Smith
<b>ANGRY BIRDS: STELLA</b>	Rovio Entertainment Directors: Eric Guaglione, Kari Juusonen, Meruan Salim, Ami Lindholm, Avgousta Zourelidi Producer: Ulla Junell
<b>A GURT LUSH CHRISTMAS</b>	Avalon Motion Pictures Director: Al Campbell Producer: Mark E. Iddon Starring: Russell Howard, Neil Morrissey, Sophie Thompson, Greg Davies
<b>MIFFY'S ADVENTURES BIG AND SMALL</b>	Blue Zoo Productions Directors: Helen Arntsen, Adam Shaw
<b>Q POOTLE 5: POOTLE ALL THE WAY!</b>	Q Pootle 5 Productions Director: Arnfinn Moseng, Adam Shaw Producers: Ben Butterworth & Nick Butterworth
<b>ANGRY BIRDS: TOONS</b>	Rovio Entertainment Producers: Soren Fleng, Johanna Raman
<b>WONDERS OF LIFE</b>	BBC Directors: Gideon Bradshaw, Michael Lachman, Stephen Cooter, Paul Olding Producer: James Van Der Pool, Exec Producer: Andrew Cohen, Presenter: Brian Cox
<b>SUPERSIZED EARTH</b>	BBC Director: Rob Liddell, Nat Sharman, Nigel Walk Producers: Simon Finch Exec Producer: Helen Thomas Presenter: Dallas Campbell
<b>MIKE THE KNIGHT</b>	Hit / Corus Hit Entertainment / Nelvana Producers: Jo Jordan, Denise Green Snapper Productions / Blue Zoo Director: Adam Shaw Producers: Ben Butterworth & Nick Butterworth
<b>Q POOTLE 5</b>	

**INSIDE THE HUMAN BODY**

BBC  
Directors: Annabel Gillings, Gideon Bradshaw, Nat Sharman, Rob Liddell  
Producer: Alice Hape  
Exec Producer: Andrew Cohen  
Presenter: Michael Mosley

**ME AND MY MONSTERS**

Tiger Aspect, The Jim Henson Company, Sticky Pictures  
Director: Mark Barnard, Peter Cudlipp, Lynn Hegarty, Marcus Cole, Martin Dennis  
Producers: Justine Flynn, Peter Coogan

**THE CAT IN THE HAT KNOWS  
A LOT ABOUT THAT**

Collingwood O'Hare / Treehouse / PBS  
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Director: Tony Collingwood  
Producer: Helen Stroud  
Starring: Martin Short

*\*The #1 Pre-school show in the US and Canada in 2011\**  
*\*Title theme nominated for Daytime Emmy for 'Outstanding Original Song' 2011\**  
*\*Title theme winner of Synopsis Media Awards, 'Best Song for a TV Series' 2012*

**RICHARD HAMMOND'S INVISIBLE WORLDS**

BBC  
Director: Dan Clifton, Gavin Maxwell, Matthew Wortman  
Producers: Simon Finch, Gary Hunter, Anne Laking  
Starring: Richard Hammond

**AMERICA REVEALED**

Lion TV  
Director: Sabin Streeter, Jesse Sweet, Nic Young, Jack Youngelson  
Producers: Amy Goodman Kass

**THE TAKING OF PRINCE HARRY**

Juniper Productions / BBC  
Director: Alexander Marengo  
Producers: Alexander Marengo

**MOTHER OF MANY**

ArthurCox  
Director: Luisa Pretolani  
Producers: Vikki Scott, Mark Wolfe  
Starring: Selma Blair, Richard Dreyfuss

**\* BAFTA Winner for Best Animated Short, 2010\***

**BRITAIN FROM ABOVE**

Lion TV / BBC  
Director: Chris Mitchell, Mark Radice, Nic Young  
Producers: Lucy Van Beek, Cassian Harrison, Nick Catliff  
Presenter: Andrew Marr

**\* Runner-up: Best Music, Bulldog Televisual Awards 2009**  
**\*Best non-fiction programme, International Digital Emmys 2009**  
**\* Nominated for Best Documentary Series, Broadcast Awards 2009\*\*\***

**COMRADES**

Simtar Productions  
Director: Poppy Simpson, Dagmar Tartarczyk  
Producers: Callen Hodgkiss, Poppy Simpson

**\* Nominated for First Appearance award at IDFA, 2008\***

**CHARLIE AND LOLA** Tiger Aspect Prods  
 Director: Kitty Taylor  
 Producers: Claudia Lloyd  
*\* Series 2: Winner - Best Original Score 2007 Royal Television Society Awards\**  
*\* Series 2 & 3: Winner of BAFTA for Best Pre-School Series 2007 & 2008\**  
*\*Series 3: BAFTA for Best Animation 2008. \**  
*Series 2: Winner - Best Children's Programme 2007 Broadcast Awards\**

**TOMMY ZOOM** BBC  
 Directors: Graeme Hattrick, Roger McIntosh  
 Producers: Stephen Cannon, Helen Baker

**JAMIE'S CHEF** Fresh One  
 Fresh One Productions  
 Director: Nick Packer, Laurence Williamson  
 Producers: Emma Palmer-Watts  
 Starring: Jamie Oliver

**ASYLUM** Production House  
 Director: Jenni Linko  
 Producers: Liisa Akimof

**DAY OF WRATH** Azucar Ents  
 Director: Adrian Rudomin  
 Producers: Ashley Sidaway, Kornel Sipos, Sam Sleiman,  
 Starring: Christopher Lambert, Brian Blessed, Phyllida Law  
*\* Best Documentary at Lubeck Film Festival, Germany 2007\**

**FLIGHTY** Director: Leigh Hodgkinson  
 Writer: Leigh Hodgkinson  
 Producers: Leigh Hodgkinson  
*\* Winner of DePict Short Film Competition, 2006\**

**SILENCE BECOMES YOU** Baltic Film Group  
 Director: Stephanie Sinclair  
 Producers: Karl Richards  
 Starring: Alicia Silverstone

**THE INTIMACY OF STRANGERS** NFT  
 Director: Eva Weber  
 Producers: Samantha Zarzosa  
*\* Best Short Documentary (Big Sky Film Festival); President's Award (Full Frame FF); Best Documentary (Balchik FF)\**

**SUNNY INTERVALS & SHOWERS** VBB Productions  
 Director: Jonathan Goodman Levitt  
 Producers: Jonathan Goodman Levitt  
*\* Nominated for Grierson Award at BritDoc, 2007. Critics' choice in Guardian, Observer, Telegraph, Sunday Times & Time Out.\**

**LITTLE SCARS** NFTS  
 Director: Jan Bauer  
 Producers: Teresa Mulqueen  
*\* Best Non-Factual Student Film, Royal Television Society Awards 2004\**

**THE COMPUTER VIRUS**

Future Shorts  
Director: Jesse Chambers  
Producers: Lola Cary

**\* Best Comedy, ICA Awards 2004; Screened at Cannes Film Festival, 2004\***

**MOO(N)**

Slinky Pictures  
Director: Leigh Hodgkinson  
Producers: Maria Manton  
Starring: Tom Hillerbrand, Robert Llewellyn, Matt

Lucas

**\* Nominated for Best Film at the Cutting Edge, and Best Sound in the British Animation Awards 2004\***

**THE LUCKIEST NUT IN THE WORLD**

Fulcrum TV  
Director: Emily James  
Producers: Emily James

**\*'Pick of the day' in Guardian, Telegraph, Independent, Sunday Times, Observer & Time Out.\***

**Best Short Film at Full Frame Documentary Festival, North Carolina, 2003\***

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF CUBA  
IN D MINOR**

NFTS  
Director: Emily James  
Producers: Martino Sclavi  
Starring: Russell Brand

**\* Documentary award, Crested Bute Film Festival, 2001; Best Editing at Rhode Island International Film Festival, 2001\***

**BABYSITTING**

NFTS  
Director: Jan Bauer  
Producer: Phil Gates

**Best Short Film, Kinofilm Festival (Manchester), 2002\***

**WAG THE DOGMA**

Director: Emily James  
Producer: Martino Sclavi

**\* Awarded Kodak/Celect Student film of the year, 2000 Best Documentary - Atlanta Festival, 2001\***

**INSIDE OUT MAN**

Director: Jesse Chambers  
Producers: Lola Cary

**Awarded Best Short Film, Kinofilm Festival (Manchester), 1999\***

**COMMERCIALS** include – Aviva, BBC, O2, Lloyds TSB, Unilever, Bombay Sapphire, Royal Navy, Gala, Hellmans, Weetabix, Thai Airlines, Norton Finance, Freeview...