

David Schweitzer

COMPOSER

Possessing a hugely unique and inventive way with composition and songwriting, 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 and drama 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 GCSE maths lessons), while at the same time being the guitarist and songwriter in a pop band with a cult local following.

David studied 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 film, he went to the National Film and Television School, where he studied Screen Music, working on a wide range of projects. He collaborated several times with the director Emily James, writing music and lyrics for a number of award-winning musical documentaries, including *Wag the Dogma*, *A Brief History of Cuba in D minor*, and *The Luckiest Nut in the World*. In these projects, David combined humorous lyrics and 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.

In the last ten years 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* (winner of **Best Original Score at the RTS Craft Awards in 2007**), David wrote the soundtracks for *The Cat in Hat Knows A Lot About That!* (the title theme of which was **nominated for an Emmy**), *Mike the Knight*, *Angry Birds*, *Q Pootle 5*, *Miffy*, *Bob The Builder*, *Digby Dragon*, *Olobob Top* and *Aliens Love Underpants*.

David wrote 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) and Russell Howard's film, *A Gert Lush Christmas*. He has also 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 orchestral themes with electronic and frequently experimental styles.

Over the past year, as well as his continuing work on animation scores, David has been working in TV drama, writing additional music for *The White Princess* (for John Lunn) and *Victoria* (for Ruth Barrett). Under the moniker of **In Analysis**, and using his collection of vintage synthesizers, he has also released a concept album of songs about mothers, based on stories people have written in anonymously.

SELECTED TV & FILM

VICTORIA (additional music)	Mammoth Screen Director: Daniel O'Hara, Jim Loach Producers: Paul Frift
BOB THE BUILDER: MEGA MACHINES	HIT Entertainment Director: Stuart Evans Producers: Kylie Ellis
DIGBY DRAGON	Blue Zoo Productions / Nickelodeon UK / Aardman Director: Arnfinn Moseng
BOB THE BUILDER (series 19 & 20)	HIT Entertainment Director: Stuart Evans Producers: Fred De Bradeny, Kylie Ellis
TOGGLE	Beakus Animation Director/Producer: Steve Smith
ANGRY BIRDS: STELLA	Rovio Entertainment Directors: Eric Guaglione, Kari Juusonen, Meruan Salim, Ami Lindholm, Avgousta Zourelidi Producer: Ulla Junell
A GURT LUSH CHRISTMAS	Avalon Motion Pictures Director: Al Campbell Producer: Mark E. Iddon Starring: Russell Howard, Neil Morrissey, Sophie Thompson, Greg Davies
MIFFY'S ADVENTURES BIG AND SMALL (series 1 & 2)	Blue Zoo Productions Directors: Helen Arntsen, Adam Shaw
Q POOTLE 5: POOTLE ALL THE WAY!	Q Pootle 5 Productions Director: Arnfinn Moseng, Adam Shaw Producers: Ben Butterworth & Nick Butterworth
ANGRY BIRDS: TOONS	Rovio Entertainment Producers: Soren Fleng, Johanna Raman
WONDERS OF LIFE	BBC Directors: Gideon Bradshaw, Michael Lachman, Stephen Cooter, Paul Olding Producer: James Van Der Pool, Exec Producer: Andrew Cohen, Presenter: Brian Cox
SUPERSIZED EARTH	BBC Director: Rob Liddell, Nat Sharman, Nigel Walk Producers: Simon Finch Exec Producer: Helen Thomas Presenter: Dallas Campbell

MIKE THE KNIGHT Hit / Corus
Hit Entertainment / Nelvana

Q POOTLE 5 Producers: Jo Jordan, Denise Green
Snapper Productions / Blue Zoo
Director: Adam Shaw
Producers: Ben Butterworth & Nick Butterworth

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...