

# 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. His music can be heard on Sally Wainwright's acclaimed series **Happy Valley** (BBC/Netflix), **Our Girl** (BBC One), **Good Karma Hospital** (ITV), **Ridley** (ITV), the documentary film **The Wonderful: Stories from the Space Station**, and 78 episodes of **Thunderbirds Are Go** (ITV/Pukeko) which he co-composed with his brother Nick Foster.

Further major credits include three seasons of Russell T Davies's cult BBC sci-fi show **Torchwood**, which earned Ben 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, Jay-Z, 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, Haxan Cloak, Will Gregory, Mica Levi and Marc Streitenfeld and he arranged and conducted the music for 110 episodes of **Doctor Who**.

Ben regularly collaborates with David Arnold, most recently, conducting, orchestrating and providing additional music for the second series of **Good Omens** for Amazon.

Another frequent collaborator is composer/producer Giles Martin, and their most recent project was working with Sir Paul McCartney on the string arrangement for the last Beatles song '**Now And Then**'. Other projects with Giles include arranging the songs of Elton John for Dexter Fletcher's film **Rocketman**, and an Orchestral touring show for Disney entitled **Sound of Magic**.

Ben has a long-standing relationship with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, and most recently he has been conducting them in concert and in the studio recording the music of Hans Zimmer/Bleeding Fingers for Prehistoric Planet and Frozen Planet 2.

Ben has conducted many of the major orchestras around the world, including London Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Royal Northern Sinfonia, City Of Prague Philharmonic, Tenerife Symphony Orchestra, Budapest Symphony Orchestra, Hollywood Studio Symphony, London Session Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of London, São Paulo Symphony Orchestra, Santiago de Chile Philharmonic Orchestra, Mexico City Philharmonic Orchestra, Western Australia Symphony Orchestra, Brisbane Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the Hallé, BBC Philharmonic, CBSO, BBC Concert Orchestra, BBC Scottish Symphony 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 and regularly recording in studios around the world. 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

## **RIDLEY**

(Series 1 & 2)

ITV/ West Road Pictures

Directors: Bryan Higgins, Paul Gay, Noreen Kershaw

Producer: Juliet Charlesworth

Starring: Adrian Dunbar, Bronagh Waugh, Terence Maynard

## **HAPPY VALLEY**

(Series 1-3)

Red Production Company / BBC

Directors: Sally Wainwright, Euros Lyn, Tim Fywell, Neasa Hardiman

Producers: Karen Lewis, Juliet Charlesworth

Starring: Sarah Lancashire

## **THE GOOD KARMA HOSPITAL**

(Series 1-4)

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

## **THE WONDERFUL: STORIES FROM THE SPACE STATION**

Dog Star Films/ Universal Pictures

Director: Clare Lewins

Producers: George Chignell

Starring: George Abbey, Kevin Bowersox, Samantha Cristoforetti

## **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

<b>BANANA</b>	Red Production Company / E4 Directors: Lewis Arnold, Al Mackay, Luke Snellin Producer: Emily Feller Starring: Fisayo Akinade, Freddie Fox
<b>TOFU</b>	Red Production Company / E4 Director: Benjamin Cook Producer: Michaela Fereday
<b>HIDDEN KINGDOMS</b>	BBC Directors: Simon Bell, Gavin Maxwell, Verity White Producers: Emma Jones, Simon Bell, Verity White Starring: Stephen Fry <b>**2015 IFMCA Award Nomination – Best Original Score**</b>
<b>THE LAST WITCH</b>	Red Production Company / Sky Living Director: Robin Sheppard Producer: Karen Lewis Starring: Anne Reid
<b>NOBLE</b>	Destiny Films Director: Stephen Bradley Producer: Melanie Gore-Grimes Starring: Deidre O’Kane, Sarah Greene, Brendan Coyle
<b>LE PEUPLE MINIATURE</b>	BBC Earth Directors: Gavin Maxwell, Verity White Producer: Simon Bell Starring: Stephen Fry, Cécile de France
<b>DERREN BROWN: FEAR AND FAITH</b>	Objective Productions / Channel 4 Director: Simon Dinsell Producer: Derren Brown
<b>DERREN BROWN: APOCALYPSE</b>	Channel 4 Television Corp Director: Simon Dinsell Producer: Derren Brown
<b>SHIRLEY</b>	Prospect Cymru / BBC 2 Director: Colin Teague Producer: Katherine Lannon Starring: Ruth Negga, Lesley Sharp
<b>GIRL NUMBER 9</b>	Elstree Film & Television Studios Directors: James Moran, Dan Turner Producers: Martin G. Baker, Pete Coogan Starring: Gareth David-Lloyd, Tracy Ann Oberman
<b>TORCHWOOD</b>	BBC Wales Creator: Russell T. Davis Producers: Richard Stokes, Kelly A. Manners, Peter Bennett Starring: John Barrowman, Eve Myles, Kai Owen <b>**2010 BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination – Best Original Music Soundtrack**</b> <b>**2008 BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination – Best Original Music Soundtrack **</b> <b>**2007 BAFTA Cymru Award Nomination – Best Original Music Soundtrack **</b>
<b>TORCHWOOD: INSIDE THE HUB</b>	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)

**THE BOOK OF CLARENCE**

Sony Pictures  
Director: Jeymes Samuel

**NOW AND THEN**  
The last Beatles song

String arrangement with Sir Paul McCartney & Giles Martin

**GREATEST DAYS**

Sony Pictures  
Director: Coky Giedroyc

**BEAU IS AFRAID**

A24  
Director: Ari Aster

**BLONDE**

Plan B Entertainment/ Netflix  
Director: Andrew Dominik

**FROZEN PLANET II**

BBC  
Directors: Alex Lanchester, Jane Atkins

**PREHISTORIC PLANET**

Apple TV+  
Directors: Andrew R. Jones, Adam Valdez

**THE KING'S MAN**

20<sup>th</sup> Century Studios/ Disney  
Director: Matthew Vaughan

**THE HARDER THEY FALL**

Netflix  
Director: Jeymes Samuel

**AD ASTRA**

New Regency Productions/ 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox  
Director: James Gray

**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