

MARK RUSSELL

COMPOSER

Mark Russell has composed the scores for multiple film and television projects including **John Lennon: Murder Without Trial** (co-scored with David Schweitzer), the BBC's **Biff & Chip** season 1 & 2, three series of **Free Rein** for Lime Pictures, **The Worst Witch** series 1-4 co-produced by the BBC, ZDF and Netflix, two series of Disney's **The Evermoor Chronicles**, **Castles In The Sky**, a BBC film starring Eddie Izzard and Laura Fraser, the BBC mini-series **Rocket's Island**, series 6 & 7 of the BBC's **Inspector George Gently**, and Series 10 to 19 of the long running hit genealogy documentary **Who Do You Think You Are**.

Mark created a wonderfully inventive and dynamic score for the high concept conspiracy thriller feature, **Event 15** from Ipso Facto Films, as well as Kindle Entertainment's very popular, **The Life and Adventures of Nick Nickleby** for the BBC. He composed a beautifully touching score for the BBC's **Best Of Men**, (for which he was nominated for an **RTS Award for Best Music**), which told the incredible story of the founding of the Paralympics - starring Eddie Marsan, Rob Brydon and Niamh Cusack. Mark's score for the hugely successful Kindle Entertainment series **Leonardo**, gained him a nomination for best TV music at the **Ivor Novello Awards** and won him the award for **Best Music at the Kidscreen New York Awards**.

Mark's first drama work included his BAFTA nominated score to the hugely popular ITV series **Cold Feet**. His music for the Fine Line Movie **Saving Grace** (a US Top Ten Hit) brought him attention on both sides of the Atlantic, and his soundtracks for two big budget Movies, **Summer Things**, starring Charlotte Rampling and **L'ex Femme de Ma Vie** (including a title song with Jane Birkin) introduced him into the rarified world of French Film. He's an extremely experienced dramatic composer equally at home with the Orchestra or with cutting edge electronics and samples. He works from his purpose-built studio in Oxford.

Mark was a boy chorister at St Paul's Cathedral and went on to read music at York University. As a session keyboard player he toured the world with *Tanita Tikaram*, *Julia Fordham* and the Chinese flautist, *Guo Yue*. After composing for many film and TV Commercials, Mark went on to score documentaries and dramas, including **Spiderman** for Radio 1 in collaboration with Queen guitarist *Brian May*.

Mark scored 3 series of **Kingdom** for Parallel Pictures/ITV, starring Stephen Fry as a Norfolk solicitor. Further projects include **Reunited** for BBC1 and **Love At First Sight**, a short film starring John Hurt and Phyllida Law. Mark most recently completed scoring **March Of The Dinosaurs**, an epic CGI feature from Wide-Eyed Entertainment, the makers of **Walking With Dinosaurs**, and **Leonardo** for Kindle Entertainment/CBBC.

For the summer of 2007, Mark relocated to Los Angeles to work with Rupert Gregson-Williams on Jerry Seinfeld's Dreamworks animation, **Bee Movie**. He then went onto score Andrew Lang's award-winning feature, **Sons Of Cuba**.

Aside from composing, Mark has written an acclaimed book '*Film Music*' (published by Rotovision), and for 17 years co-presented BBC Radio 3's cult eclectic weekly music show '*Mixing It*'. The show reflected his wide musical interests; everything from Medieval to the latest electronic/jazz/rock sounds.

FEATURE FILM

EVENT 15

Ipsa Facto Films
Director: Matthew Thompson
Producers: Christine Alderson, Thomas Sterchi, Lars Wiebe
Starring: Jennifer Morrison, James Frain,

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Spellbound Films
Director: Michael Davies
Producer: Sandra Gorel
Starring: John Hurt, Phyllida Law
*****Winner Best Short Film: Soho Rushes Festival 2011*****
*****Winner Best Short Film: RTS Awards 2011*****

SONS OF CUBA

Trinamite Productions / Windfall Films
Director: Andrew Lang
Producers: Andrew Lang, Laura Giles, Francine Heywood

WHAT'S VIRGIN MEAN?

Spellbound Films / Michael Davies Films
Director: Michael Davies
Producer: Sandra Gorel

BEE MOVIE

(Composer - Additional Music)

Dreamworks / Paramount Pictures
Director: Steve Hickner, Simon J Smith
Producer: Jerry Seinfeld, Christina Steinberg
Starring: Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger

L'EX-FEMME DE MA VIE

Warner Bros France/Ice 3
Director: Josiane Balasko
Producer: Josiane Balasko, Louis Becker
Starring: Thierry Lhermitte, Karin Viard, Josiane Balasko

SAVING GRACE

Fine Line
Director: Nigel Cole
Producer: Mark Crowdy
Starring: Brenda Blethyn, Craig Ferguson, Martin Clunes
****Sundance Film Festival Winner 2000****

EMBRASSEZ QUI VOUS VOUDREZ (SUMMER THINGS)

UGC/Dan Films
Director: Michel Blanc
Producer: Yves Marmion, Julie Baynes
Starring: Charlotte Rampling, Michel Blanc, Carole Bouquet, Karin Viard

TELEVISION

JOHN LENNON: MURDER WITHOUT A TRIAL (Co-scored with David Schweitzer)

72 Films/ Apple TV+
Directors: Rob Coldstream, Nick Holt
Producers: Simon Bunney, Louis Lee Ray

BIFF & CHIP (Series 1 & 2)

CBBC
Director: Dick Campbell
Executive Producer: Sam Ferguson

THE WORST WITCH (Series 1-4)	BBC / ZDF / Netflix Creators: Vicki Lutas, Anna McCleery Producer: Angelo Abela
FREE REIN (Series 1-3)	Lime Pictures Director: Brian Grant Producer: Lucy Martin
THE EVERMOOR CHRONICLES	Disney Directors: Chris Cottam, Jordan Hogg, Rebecca Rycroft, Graeme Harper, Steve Hughes, Paul Cotter, Patrick Harkins, Sarah Walker Producer: Tim Compton
CASTLES IN THE SKY	Black Camel Pictures / Hero Productions / BBC Directors: Gillies Mackinnon Producer: Simon Wheeler Starring: Eddie Izzard, Laura Frazer, Julian Rhind-Tutt, David Hayman
ROCKET'S ISLAND	Isle Of Man Films / Lime Pictures / BBC Directors: Dirk Campbell Producer: Lucy Martin
INSPECTOR GEORGE GENTLY Series 6 and 7	BBC / Company Pictures Director: Ben Bolt, Tim Whitby Producer: Matthew Bird, Peter Norris Starring: Martin Shaw
BEST OF MEN	Whitby Davison Prods / BBC Directors: Tim Whitby Producer: Harriet Davison Starring: Eddie Marsan, Rob Brydon, Niamh Cusack
LEONARDO Series I & II	Kindle Entertainment / CBBC Directors: Beryl Richards, Luke Watson Producer: Bernard Kricheski Executive Producers: Anne Brogan, Melanie Stokes, Sue Nott Starring: Alistair McGowan **Ivor Novello Award Nomination: Best TV Music** **Kidscreen New York 2012: Best Music**
THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF NICK NICKLEBY	Kindle Entertainment / BBC Directors: David Innes Edwards Producer: Susan Breen Starring: Andrew Simpson, Adrian Dunbar
MARCH OF THE DINOSAURS	Wide-Eyed Entertainment Director: Matthew Thompson Executive Producer: Jasper James
REUNITED	BBC Director: Simon Delaney Producers: Rosemary McGowan, Mike Bullen
CORONATION STREET: OUT OF AFRICA	ITV Director: Duncan Foster Producer: Gavin Blyth Executive Producer: Kieran Roberts

BAD MOTHER'S HANDBOOK

Ruby Films
Director: Robin Sheppard
Producer: Alison Own, Harry Oulton
Starring: Catherine Tate, Anna Read

BONKERS

Line Pictures / ITV
Director: Juliet May, Jim Doyle, Ron Evans
Producer: Hugh Warren
Starring: Liza Tarbuck

KINGDOM

Series 1, 2 &3

Parallel Productions / ITV
Director: Robin Sheppard, Metin Husseyin, Sandy Johnson
Producer: Georgina Lowe, Simon Wheeler
Starring: Stephen Fry, Hermione Norris, Tony Slattery, Celia Imrie

ANGEL CAKE

Celador Productions
Director: Simon Delaney
Producer: Stephen Garwood
Starring: Sarah Lancashire, Rita Tushingham

ALL ABOUT GEORGE

Granada
Director: Euros Lyn, Jeremy Webb
Producer: Lucy Bedford
Starring Rik Mayall

CHERISHED

BBC
Director: Robin Sheppard
Producer: Polly Hill
Starring: Timothy Spall, Sarah Lancashire

MURDER CITY

Series 1 & 2

Granada
10 x 90
Directors: Richard Spence, Ian Knox, Sam Miller
Producers: Francis Hopkinson, Mark Hudson
Starring: Amanda Donahoe, Kris Marshall

DONOVAN

Series 1 & 2

Granada
5 x 90
Directors: Simon Delaney, Keiran Donnelly
Producer: Spencer Campbell
Starring: Tom Conti, Samantha Bond

ROSE & MALONEY

Series 1

Company Pictures
6 x 60
Directors: Ferdinand Fairfax, Roger Gartland, Andrew Grieve
Producer: Catherine Wearing
Starring: Sarah Lancashire, Phil Davis

BETWEEN THE SHEETS

Yorkshire TV
6 x 60
Directors: Robin Sheppard, Jane Prowse
Producers: Yvonne Francas, Kay Mellor
Starring: Brenda Blethyn, Alun Armstrong, Julie Graham

THE RETURN

Sally Head Productions/ITV
1 x 90
Director: Dermot Boyd
Producer: Keith Thompson
Starring: Julie Walter

EUSTACE BROS

Series 2

BBC

6 x 60

Directors: David Innes-Edwards, Rob Evans

Producer: Polly Hill

Starring: Neil Morrissey, Ralf Little

COLD FEET

5 Series

Granada/ITV

27 x 60 & 5 x 90

Directors: Declan Lowney, Mark Mylod, Nigel Cole,

Tom Hooper, Tom Vaughan, Pete Travis, Simon

Delaney, John Jones, Tim Whitby, Ciaran Donnelly

Tim Sullivan

Producers: Christine Langan, Spencer Campbell

Andy Harries

Starring: Helen Baxendale, James Nesbitt, Faye Ripley

****2001 BAFTA Nomination******PLAYING THE FIELD**

3 series

Tiger Aspect/BBC

20 x 60

Directors: Dermot Boyd, David Innes-Edwards,

Alrick Riley

Producers: Kathleen Hutchison, Liz Steele,

Greg Brenman

LUCKY JIM

Working Title TV, ITV, WGBH Boston/Universal TV

Director: Robin Sheppard

Producer: Sanne Craddick

Starring: Stephen Tomkinson, Keely Hawes, Robert

Hardy, Dennis Lawson

FAT FRIENDS

Series 2

Tiger Aspect/Yorkshire TV

7 x 60

Directors: Dan Zeff, Audrey Cook, Tanya Diez

Producers: Yvonne Francas, Kay Mellor

Starring: Alison Steadman

PASSION KILLERS

Granada TV/ITV

Director: David Evans

Producer: Christine Langan

Starring: Ben Miller

WONDERFUL YOU

Hartwood/ITV

7 x 60

Director: Matt Lipsey

Producers: Beryl Vertue, Elaine Cameron

Starring: Greg Wise

THE PRINCE OF ATLANTIS

BBC Children's TV/Ravensburger TV/Canal Plus

Computer animation series 26 x 30

Producer: Theresa Plummer-Andrews

IS IT LEGAL

Hartwood TV/ITV

Producer: Beryl Vertue

Starring: Imelda Staunton

MEN BEHAVING BADLY

Hartwood TV

Producer: Beryl Vertue

THE PETER PRINCIPLE

Hat Trick TV/BBC

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell

Starring: Jim Broadbent

THE BILL

1997 – 2002 - Theme Music & Stings
Producer: Richard Haniford

STYLE CHALLENGE

BBC1

DOCUMENTARIES

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE
(series 10 - 19)

Wall To Wall/BBC
Director: Tom McCarthy, Leo Burley, Elizabeth Dobson,
Sarah Feltes, Mary Cranitch
Producer: Jonathan Hewes, Alex Graham, Colette Flight

OFFICERS & GENTLEMEN

Hartwood TV/BBC
Director: Michael Davies
Producer: Beryl Vertue

THE RED BARON

Hartwood TV/BBC
Director: Michael Davies
Producer: Beryl Vertue

GOING TO CHELSEA

Hartwood TV/BBC
Director: Michael Davies
Producer: Beryl Vertue

IN LOVE WITH ELIZABETH

Hartwood TV/BBC
Director: Michael Davies
Producer: Beryl Vertue

WILD DOGS

BBC Bristol - Wildlife Showcase

QED – CHALLENGING CHILDREN

BBC

**DISPATCHES:
THE MARCHIONESS TRAGEDY**

Channel 4

A HORSE'S WORLD

Wall To Wall TV/Channel 4

MUSIC FOR THE MILLENIUM

Channel 4
Producer: Mike Lerner

SECRET BUILDINGS

Channel 4
Producer: Mike Lerner

FRAGILE EARTH – EXXON VALDEZ

Channel 4

RADIO DRAMA

BATMAN

65 part Audio Film also on BBC CD/Cassette

SUPERMAN

65 part Audio Film also on BBC CD/Cassette

SPIDERMAN

50 part Audio Film also on BBC CD/Cassette
(composed with Brian May)

INDEPENDENCE DAY

60 min drama for Radio 1 ('The Mark Goodier Show')
Written and directed by Dirk Maggs