

# MARK RUSSELL

## COMPOSER

Mark's recent projects include three series of **Free Rein** for Lime Pictures, **The Worst Witch** series 1-3 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 17 of the long running hit genealogy documentary **Who Do You Think You Are**. Prior to this 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. Mark composed a beautifully touching score for the BBC's **Best Of Men**, (for which he was nominated for an **RTS Award for Best Music 2012**), 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 2012's **Ivor Novello Awards** and won him the award for **Best Music at the Kidscreen New York 2012 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

Ipso 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 DRAMA

### THE WORST WITCH

(Series 1-3)

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

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| <b>WONDERFUL YOU</b>          | Hartwood/ITV<br>7 x 60<br>Director: Matt Lipsey<br>Producers: Beryl Vertue, Elaine Cameron<br>Starring: Greg Wise      |
| <b>THE PRINCE OF ATLANTIS</b> | BBC Children's TV/Ravensburger TV/Canal Plus<br>Computer animation series 26 x 30<br>Producer: Theresa Plummer-Andrews |
| <b>IS IT LEGAL</b>            | Hartwood TV/ITV<br>Producer: Beryl Vertue<br>Starring Imelda Staunton  |
| <b>MEN BEHAVING BADLY</b>     | Hartwood TV<br>Producer: Beryl Vertue  |
| <b>THE PETER PRINCIPLE</b>    | Hat Trick TV/BBC<br>Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell<br>Starring: Jim Broadbent                                  |
| <b>THE BILL</b>               | 1997 – 2002 - Theme Music & Stings<br>Producer: Richard Haniford   |
| <b>STYLE CHALLENGE</b>        | BBC1   |

## DOCUMENTARIES

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| <b>WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE</b><br>(series 10 - 17) | Wall To Wall/BBC<br>Director: Tom McArthy, Leo Burley, Elizabeth Dobson,<br>Sarah Feltes, Mary Cranitch<br>Producer: Jonathan Hewes, Alex Graham, Colette Flight |
| <b>OFFICERS &amp; GENTLEMEN</b>                     | Hartwood TV/BBC<br>Director: Michael Davies<br>Producer: Beryl Vertue  |
| <b>THE RED BARON</b>                                | Hartwood TV/BBC<br>Director: Michael Davies<br>Producer: Beryl Vertue  |
| <b>GOING TO CHELSEA</b>                             | Hartwood TV/BBC<br>Director: Michael Davies<br>Producer: Beryl Vertue  |
| <b>IN LOVE WITH ELIZABETH</b>                       | Hartwood TV/BBC<br>Director: Michael Davies<br>Producer: Beryl Vertue  |
| <b>WILD DOGS</b>                                    | BBC Bristol - Wildlife Showcase  |
| <b>QED – CHALLENGING CHILDREN</b>                   | 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