

WILL BAKER

1st Assistant Director

Manchester Based

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Professional Summary

1st AD with a background in Comedy and Continuing Drama. Well accustomed to working both on location and in multi-camera studios. I'm calm under pressure and like to drive a shoot by forming good relationships and creating a professional yet pleasant atmosphere. I'm adaptable as to the needs of a Director and other departments, thorough across prep and a problem solver when issues arise.

Television

Death In Paradise 13 - Block 4

1st Assistant Director - Red Planet Pictures | July 2023 - October 2023

Producer - Joanna Hanley | Director - Tracey Larcombe | Line Producer - Sam Ferguson

Silent Witness 27 - Block 3

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | March 2023 - June 2023

Producer - Jayne Chard | Director - Jennie Paddon | Line Producer - Sue Mather

The Kemps: True Yule

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | March 2023

Producer - Francis Gilson | Director - Rhys Thomas

Boat Story (2nd Unit)

1st Assistant Director - Two Brothers Pictures | Jan 2023

Producer - Matthew Bird | Director - Jack & Harry Williams | Line Producer - Nadia Jaynes

EastEnders

Production Manager - BBC Studios | November 2022 - January 2023

Line Producer - Dee Hellier | Director - Lance Kneeshaw

A Whole Lifetime with Jamie Demetriou

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios for Netflix | August 2022 - October 2022

Producer - Olly Cambridge | Director - Andrew Gaynord | Line Producer - Andy Bennions

Silent Witness 26 - Block 3

1st Assistant Director - BBC Grafton House Productions | May - July 2022

Producer - Josh Dynevor | Director - Bindu De Stoppani | Line Producer - Sue Mather

EastEnders

Production Manager - BBC Studios | April - May 2022

Line Producer - Dee Hellier | Director - Mickey Jones

LADHOOD - Series 3

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | January 2022 - April 2022

Producer - Joe Nunnery | Director - Ruth Pickett | Line Producer - Andy Bennions

Am I Being Unreasonable? (Dailies Cover)

1st Assistant Director - Boffola Pictures | December 2021

Producer - Pippa Brown | Director - Jonny Campbell | Line Producer - Fran Mable

Inside No 9 - Series 7

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | August - October 2021

Producer - Kim Crowther | Directors - Louise Hooper / Al Campbell / Kieron J Walsh

Death In Paradise - Series 11, Block 2

1st Assistant Director - Red Planet Pictures | June - August 2021

Producer - Candida Julian-Jones | Director - Ben Kellett | Line Producer - Jon Zarych

LADHOOD - Series 2

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | March 2021 - May 2021 (pre-schedule Jan' 2021)

Producer - Joe Nunnery | Director - Jonathan Schey | Line Producer - Andy Bennions

Emmerdale

1st Assistant Director - ITV Studios | April 2020 - March 2021 (*Staff position*)

- Returned to ITV to help resume production and establish filming protocols under Covid-19.

Producer - Jane Hudson | Director - Ian Bevitt/Duncan Foster/Various | PM - Nader Mabadi

GiggleQuiz - Series 2

1st Assistant Director - BBC Children's | January - March 2020 (Curtailed due to lockdown)

Producer - Philip Cooper | Director - Geoff Coward | Production Manager - Justine Hatcher

Silent Witness - Series 23 (2nd Unit)

1st Assistant Director - BBC Grafton House Productions | October 2019

Line Producer - Menzies Kennedy | Producer/2nd Unit Director- Lawrence Till

LADHOOD - Series 1

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | August 2019 - September 2019

Production Exec - Eirwen Davies | Director - Jonathan Schey | Line Producer - Andy Bennions

EastEnders "Autumn Launch"

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | July - August 2019

Line Producer - Sue Mather | Director - Karl Neilson | Production Manager - Una Saplamides

EastEnders

1st Assistant Director - BBC Studios | May - July 2019

Line Producer - Sue Mather | Director - Rick Platt/Indra Bose | Production Manager - Dee Hellier

Emmerdale

1st Assistant Director - ITV Studios | October 2016 - May 2019 (*Staff position*)

Production Manager - Nader Mabadi | Director - Various | Crew Manager - Jean Heeley

Additional Information

- ITV - IOSH Managing Production Safely certified
- BBC - Managing Production Safely course completed
- Movie Magic Scheduling proficient
- BBC Working with Children Advanced course completed
- Competent Risk Assessor
- ITV & Screen Skills Covid-19 safety trained
- BA Hons Film & Television Production 2:1 - York St John University

References available on request