

# JAMES SILSBURY

## PRODUCER || + LOCATION SCOUT

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### QUALIFICATIONS

- CAA A2 Open Drone Operator
- Basic editing
- Advanced First Aid (Lowland Rescue)
- BOSIET & HEUT Trained (requires refresher)
- RYA Powerboat 2
- Lowland Rescue Search Technician
- PADI Diver (requires refresh)

### EDUCATION

University of Salford  
BAhons Television & Radio  
1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours

### REFERENCES

Available on request

#### SUMMARY

After starting in the 'shiny-floor' world of entertainment as a Runner, Researcher and then AFM on large-scale live shows such as the Brit Awards, Dancing on Ice and other live and as-live broadcast events, I decided I'd like to pivot and combine my love of television with my passion for exploration and travel. I am now a well-established and experienced Producer in high-end action, expedition and engineering programmes, filming all across the world in some of the most inhospitable and logistically challenging locations anyone would be crazy enough to send a film crew!

#### MOST RECENT PRODUCER CREDITS

##### **NUTOPIA || POLE TO POLE || Producer**

March 2022 – Present

- Specialist Factual 'Mega-Doc' format fronted by Hollywood actor Will Smith. Episode Lead Producer, working directly alongside SP, responsible for working up editorial content and logistical requirements for Bhutan and North Pole episodes, as well as location producing for additional episodes.

##### **BBC || TOP GEAR || Producer**

Feb 2021 – March 2022

- Responsible for fully executing several films per series, including standout Eddie Kidd tribute. Work up ideas from development through to filming, including project builds and foreign road-trips such as Norway, Iceland and the UAE.

##### **VOLTAGE TV || HOT PURSUITS (w/t) || Development Producer**

January 2021

- Development Producer working up feasibility, gameplay and budget for an off-road expedition & car-competition format to be filmed in Chile

##### **RAW TV || FREDDY DODGE:MINE RESCUE || Edit Producer**

October – November 2020

- Cutting and scripting a new 6x1hr format for Discovery & Discovery+. Fact/FactEnt format for the Gold Rush universe.

##### **NUTOPIA || WELCOME TO EARTH || Producer**

July – September 2020

- Natural History & Expedition format fronted by Hollywood actor Will Smith. Produced the Iceland episode which included 8 weeks on location, ropes access, swift water and heli co-ordination.

##### **BBC || ALASKAN SURVIVOR || Producer**

February – March 2020

- Location Producer for new C4 adventure/expedition format. Working on development of story and adventure challenge options in the Alaskan wilderness.

##### **SHELL CONTENT ENGINE || Producer**

November 2018 – January 2020

- Produced various story-focused social films for the Shell brand

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### COUNTRIES VISITED FOR WORK

#### EUROPE

Finland  
France  
Iceland  
Italy  
Netherlands  
North Pole (90°N)  
Norway  
Svalbard  
Sweden  
United Kingdom

#### MIDDLE EAST

UAE  
Saudi Arabia

#### CENTRAL ASIA

Russia  
Siberia

#### AFRICA

Ghana  
Madagascar  
Morocco  
Namibia  
South Africa

#### ASIA

Bhutan  
Nepal

#### AMERICAS

USA  
Canada  
Hawaii

#### OCEANIA

Papua New Guinea

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#### RAW TV || GOLD RUSH || PRODUCER

August – October 2018

- Story producer on location in Canada, liaising with PDs on the ground and the edit in London to ensure stories were covered as they developed and pre-planned for future storylines.

#### TWENTY TWENTY || FASTER: RACE THE WORLD || PRODUCER

November 2017 – July 2018

- Location-based car competition format for Sky. Produced LA and Dubai episodes.

#### RAW TV || GOLD RUSH || PRODUCER

September – October 2017

- Story producer on the ground, liaising with PDs on the ground and the edit in London to ensure stories were covered as they developed and pre-planned for future storylines.

#### PREVIOUS AP CREDITS

**The Grand Tour s.2** || Dec. 2016 – Sept. 2017

**The Grand Tour s.1** || Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2016

**Gold Rush s.6** || Apr. 2015 – Sept. 2015

**Pirate Treasure of the Knights Templar** || Feb. 2015 – Apr. 2015

**Damned Designs** || Oct. 2014 – Jan. 2015

**Gold Rush** || Jul. 2014 – Oct. 2014

**Siberian Cut** || Oct. 2013 – Jul. 2014

**Jungle Gold s.2** || Feb.2013 – Aug.2013