

Jonathan Leeder // Shooting PD + Drone Operator

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About me

Passionate Self-Shooting Producer Director with a proven track record of thriving under pressure and delivering compelling storylines in challenging situations. Specializing in actuality-heavy series with ensemble casts, I excel at transforming real-life content into high-stakes narratives. With experience spanning process-driven engineering, mechanics, natural history, and youth-skewed programs, I am adept at leading small crews in diverse locations, from tunnels in Liverpool to glacial caves in Iceland and deep mines in Slovenia. My ability to connect with contributors of all ages and backgrounds is complemented by my swift relationship-building proficiency.

Training and seminars:

Directors UK -

Focus On: Image generative AI with Colin Byrne.

Focus On: Text generative AI with Cassie Quarless.

Directing outside the box

Screenskills -

Diversity, equity and inclusion for the screen industries.

Safeguarding for all: basic awareness for the screen industries.

Tackling harassment and bullying at work.

Introduction to mental health awareness at work.

Addressing unconscious bias: basic awareness in the workplace.

Using AI for TV development: practical introduction to image generation for posters, pitch decks and sizzles.

Employment:

SHOOTING PD/DRONE, EUROPE FROM ABOVE, SERIES 6, 1X20, 3 days, Windfall Films for Nat Geo - 11/23

SHOOTING PD/DRONE, SECRETS OF A MURDER DETECTIVE, SERIES 1 + 2, 20x60, Phoenix Television for CI Channel - 09/23 - 10/23

Short term shoots May - Aug '23

SHOOTING PD, SECRETS OF THE BIG SHOP, 4 days, Plum Pictures for Channel 4, 09/23

SHOOTING PD, CHARLOTTE IN SUNDERLAND SERIES 2, 1 day, Chatterbox for BBC iPlayer, 08/23

SHOOTING PD, INSIDE M&S: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL, 1 day, South Shore for ITV, 08/23

SHOOTING PD, BALLERS, 2 days, 05/23

SHOOTING PD, LOVE TRIANGLE UK, SERIES 1, 20x60, WorkerBee/Banijay for Channel 4, 03/23 - 05/23

SHOOTING PD/DRONE, MURDER: FIGHT FOR TRUTH, 1X60, 2 weeks, Phoenix Television for CI Channel, 11/22

SHOOTING PD, THE PEARL QATAR, 4X60, SpunGoldTV for international - Oct - 11/22

SHOOTING PD/DRONE, WHEN MISSING TURNS TO MURDER, 10X60, 1 week, PhoenixTV for Netflix - 08/22

SNR SHOOTING PD/DRONE, ANGELS OF THE NORTH S04, 8X30, TwentySix03 FOR BBC iPlayer - 06/22 - 07/22

Short term Shoots Feb/May '22

SHOOTING PD, 24/7 PET HOSPITAL, 2 weeks, TwentySix03 for BBC, 06/22

SHOOTING PD, CAR POUND COPS, 1 week, MiddleChildTV for Channel 5, 05/22

SHOOTING PD, AMAZING CLEANS, 1 week, Ricochet for Channel 4, 04/22

SHOOTING PD, FERNE MCCANN: FIRST TIME MUM S08, 4 days, Potato for ITV, 04/22

SHOOTING PD/DRONE OPERATOR, ONE SHOW VT, 1 day, Boom TV for BBC, 04/22

SHOOTING PD, CAR POUND COPS, 1 week, MiddleChildTV for Channel 5, 03/22

SHOOTING PD/DRONE, CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH, 1X60, ITN for Channel 4, 10/21 - 12/21

SHOOTING PD, SECRETS OF THE TRANSPORT MUSEUM S02, 10X60, MiddleChildTV for Yesterday, 07/21 - 10/21

SNR SHOOTING PD/DRONE, ANGELS OF THE NORTH S03, 8x30, TwentySix03 for BBC iPlayer, 05/21 - 07/21

SHOOTING PD/DRONE, UNDERGROUND WORLDS S02, 10x60, Phoenix TV for Science USA and Yesterday, 02/21 - 04/21

2019/2020:

Shooting PD - Angels of the North S02 - 7 weeks - TwentySix03 for BBC iPlayer

DV Director - Ru Paul's Drag Race UK S02 - 2 weeks - World of Wonder for BBC

Shooting PD - Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over S02 - 2 weeks Firecracker Films for W Channel

Shooting PD - Adults Only: Paid to be Naked - 4 days - Barcroft Media for Channel 5

Shooting PD - Made In Britain - 1 week - Daisybeck Studios for Yesterday

Shooting PD - Transport Workshop - 4 days - Yesterday - Middle Child TV

DoP - Love Your Garden - 2 days - ITV - Spun Gold TV

DoP - Love Your Garden/Homebase Promo 1 day - ITV - - Spun Gold TV

Shooting PD/Drone - A Gypsy Life for Me - 1 week - Firecracker Films for Channel 4

Shooting PD/Drone - Me, My brother, and our Balls - 1 week - TwentySix03 for BBC

Shooting PD - Peter, The Human Cyborg - 1 week - Sugar Films for Channel 4

Shooting PD - Nightmare Tenants S06 - 1 week - Brightspark Films for Channel 5

Shooting PD - Dog Rescuers - 4 days - Middlechild TV for Channel 5

Shooting PD/Drone - The Restoration Workshop - 7 weeks - MiddleChildTV for Yesterday

Shooting PD/Drone - Underground Worlds S01 - 6 months - PhoenixTV for Yesterday/Science USA

Various camera, sound and lighting equipment and car available on request.

Education

University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) Grad 2013 Film & Television Production (maj) Journalism (min)

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