

Ben Dowden (BD)

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EDUCATION

BA (hons) (1st) Time Based Media UWE, Bristol (2000)
Foundation in Art and Design, Trowbridge College, (1997)
A-levels in Art, Maths and French, King Edward's School, Bath (1996)
GCSEs (8 A grades including A* in Art), King Edwards School, Bath (1994)

AWARDS

Roger Cranshaw Memorial Prize (UWE, 2000, for unorthodox working methods)
Youtube Silver Play Button (2013) (For reaching 100,000 subscribers)

BD FILMS 2008-2019

I have created over 200 self produced films which can be seen on my Youtube channel. The work is divided between live music documentation and personal projects. The music work has taken me all around the world, from France to the USA, Kenya, Latvia, Poland, Mexico, and Italy and Lithuania. The channel has to date received over 200 million views. (www.youtube.com/bdfilmuk)

FREELANCE WORK

I work as a freelance film maker, producing, directing, shooting and editing.
I have a full shooting kit

- 1998 **'The Tale of The Rat That Wrote'** (dir. Billy O'Brien) (puppeteer)
- 2000 **'Water Rats'** TV Show (Australia) (3rd AD)
'Southwest 101' TV Show (Australia) (set dresser)
Aardman 'Chicken Run' (runner)
- 2001-2003 **Scope and Action Research**, charity films: Nepal, Peru, Kenya, Vietnam
- 2005 **Breakin' Convention Hip Hop Dance Festival** promo (film maker)
- 2006 **Sadlers Wells** 'The Holloway Boyz Project' (film maker)
Aardman 'LCD Creature Discomforts' commercial (BTS film maker)
- 2008 **Aardman** 'Duracell' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'LCD Creature Discomforts 2' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Nytol' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Harvey Nichols' commercial (BTS film maker)
- 2009 **UWE** The Heart Robot Project (film maker)
Aardman 'NPower' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Hotels.com' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Pirates!' (BTS camera operator)
Aardman '20 Questions with Nick Park' (camera)
Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project Fabulous Beast (BTS film maker)
Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project Russel Maliphant (BTS film maker)
Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project Frantic Assembly (BTS film maker)
Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project Martin Creed (BTS film maker)
Sadler's Wells Pet Shop Boys & Javier De Frutos (BTS film maker)
- 2010 **Music Promo** Plaid and the South Bank Gamelan
Aardman 'FSCS' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'NPower 2' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman Wallace & Gromit Royal Mail Stamps (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Swedbank' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman The Tate Movie Project (BTS film maker)

- 2011
- WOMAD** 'Abu Dhabi Dub' (collaborative film).
 - Fabulous Beast Dance**, 'Rian' (promos)
 - Aardman** 'Charmin' pitch (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'Hersheys' commercial (BTS camera)
 - Sadler's Wells** Breakin' Convention Back To The Lab (documentarian)
 - Clore** The Clore Fellowship Graduation (documentarian)
 - Sadler's Wells** Fabulous Beast Dublin (BTS film maker)
 - Fabulous Beast** Rian promos (film maker)
- 2012
- Dub FX** 'CONVOY' (50 minute DVD) (film maker)
 - Wildscreen** David Attenborough presentation (camera operator)
 - Aardman** 'Reggae Reggae Sauce' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'Clipper Tea' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'National Accident Helpline' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'The Bullring' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'RBS Pigby' campaign (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'Swatch' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'Proms' event (BTS film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells** Family Weekend (documentarian)
 - Zoi Dimitriou Company** 'You May!' Promo (film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project** The Ancient Mariner (BTS film maker)
 - Fabulous Beast Dance**, 'Rian' Lyons France (performance film)
- 2013
- Fabulous Beast Dance** 'The Rite of Spring' (promo)
 - Chas and Dave** 'at Abbey Road' (camera operator)
 - Aardman** Trans Pennine Express TV commercials (DOP)
 - Aardman** 'Unilever' commercial (camera operator)
 - Aardman** 'Morph' kickstarter (camera operator)
 - Fuel** Inua Ellams '14th Tale' (photography)
 - Fosseway School** promo (film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project** Hofesh Schechter (BTS film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project** Le Patin Libre (BTS film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project** Varmints (BTS film maker)
 - Breakin' Convention** Back To The Lab (BTS film maker)
 - Music promo** Aldo Arechar (various, Mexico)
- 2014
- Bestival** promos for the Feast Collective
 - Music Promo** Redlight '90's Baby' (camera operator)
 - Music promo** King Porter Stomp 'Pocketful of rocket fuel'
 - Music promo** Chali 2na 'Guns Up'
 - Aardman** 'Maynards' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'OMO' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'Hammersons' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** interviews with Pete Lord and David Sproxtton
 - Aardman** 'Hampton Court Palace' school project (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'Visit England x Shaun the Sheep' campaign (BTS film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project** Jane Horrocks (BTS film maker)
 - Sadler's Wells Jerwood Project** Hussein Chalayan (BTS film maker)
 - Bass Music Movement** Live music performances (Film maker)
- 2015
- Bristol Food Connections** (festival promo)
 - Lynn Loo** 'A Film Maker at Work' (film for exhibition in China)
 - Stoves Online** (promos)
 - Aardman** 'Braun' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'MYER' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Jet McDonald** Book kickstarter promo (film maker)
- 2016
- Guy Sherwin** 'Light Cycles' (film for exhibition)
 - Bristol Plays Music** Goldie presentation (camera)
 - Aardman** 'ARUK' commercial (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** 'BBC Attenborough' campaign (BTS film maker)
 - Aardman** NFTS course promo (film maker)

- Aardman** Morph kids workshop promo (film maker)
- 2017 **Roamers & Seekers** Fashion promo (film maker)
Gutsy productions 'Moomins' (BTS camera operator)
Ultrahaptics promo materials (film maker)
Bristol Free School promo (film maker)
Aardman + BBC School Report interactive (camera and sound)
Aardman 'DFS' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Brantano' commercial (BTS film maker)
Music promo No Go Stop 'Simple State'
Music promo Dr Meaker 'Wanna Feel Love'
- 2018 **Welsh Association of Male Choirs** concert at the Albert Hall.
(Video Documentation Producer and Director)
BBC 'His Dark Materials' (BTS camera)
Project Everyone 'Plate Pioneerz' promo (film maker)
Framestore ARUP Design pitch film (camera and editor)
Torwood House School (promo)
Boat Poets 3 films with young poets (film maker)
MHAW Aardman short (DOP)
Aardman 'Chevron' commercial (BTS camera)
Music promo Schmoozenbergs (various)
- 2019 **BBC** 'The Capture' (EPK camera)
BBC 'Trigonometry' (EPK camera)
BBC 'Keeping Faith' (EPK camera)
BBC 'His Dark Materials' (BTS camera)
SKY 'A Discovery of Witches Season 2 (EPK camera)
Channel 4 'The Accident' (EPK Camera and Edit)
NIMBA Dance Company (promo)
Aardman 'Joules x Wallace & Gromit' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Efterling' 3D Film (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'DFS' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Vanish' commercial (BTS film maker)
Special Treats 'Bridgerton' (EPK Camera operator)
Ecorings (Promo Film maker)
Music promo Hannah Williams and The Affirmations 'I Feel It'
- 2020 **Edward Chilvers** 'A Picture of 31 Pieces' (art documentation film)
SKY 'A Discovery of Witches Season 2 (EPK camera)
Framestore Pictures 'SKY Italia' commercial (EPK Camera)
Music promo Hannah Williams and The Affirmations 'Hourglass'
Aardman 'Cbeebies' online game (BTS film maker)
- 2021 **Special Treats** 'Catherine Called Birdy' Amazon Films (EPK Camera)
Special Treats 'Becoming Elizabeth' (EPK Camera)
ITV 'The Capture Season 2' (EPK camera)
Blink Ink 'Celebrating 75 Years of ARUP' (Editor)
Aardman 'DFS' commercial (BTS film maker)
Music promo 'Cut Capers'
Music promo Nuala Honan 'I'm Alright'
Music promo Otto Aday 'Amelia'
- 2022 **Framestore Pictures** Recruitment Films (editor)
Friendly Floss Product Promo (Director, Camera, Editor)
ITV 'Hollington Drive' (EPK camera)
BBC 'Doctor Who' (fibreglasser)
Aardman 'BNY Mellon' (BTS film maker)
Music promo 'Cut Capers'
- 2023 **Framestore Pictures** Recruitment Films (camera and editor)
BBC 'Doctor Who' (puppeteer)
Opteran 'Company Promo' (camera and editor)

Aardman 'Thatchers' commercial (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'Barbour x Shaun the Sheep' commercial (BTS film maker)
Music promo 'Blair Dunlop'
Music promo 'Afrika Baby Bam'
Music promo 'Dub FX'

2024 **BBC Radio 4** Charlotte Church podcast (BTS camera)
Aardman 'BBC Things We Love' campaign (BTS film maker)
Aardman 'McDonalds' commercial (BTS camera)
Opteran Technologies promo film (camera and edit)

MENTORING & TEACHING

2011 Lecture on music video production (Trowbridge College)
2014/16/23 Breakin' Convention Hip Hop Festival (film maker mentor)
2016 'Learn Film Making with Ben Dowden' . A five day residential
 course at the Airt school in Galway, Ireland.
2019 Magna Carta School (Film mentor)
2022 Bristol University (Facilitating 3rd year Film Project with 6 students)

References can be provided upon request