

Lyn Shao-Ming Washbrook (Lyn)

Script/Story Producer

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PROFILE

I'm an experienced Script Producer and Script Editor with a real passion for storytelling and working with writers, both established and emerging talent. In my time at the BBC, I have built a reputation as someone who is particularly strong at developing relationships with writers, understanding story and problem solving.

I enjoy the challenge and pressure to constantly discover and develop new talent, and find fresh and exciting ways to tell stories within tight production parameters. Working for a long time at the Birmingham Drama Village, it was a privilege to be a part of a small, dynamic and entrepreneurial team. I enjoy working with and managing people - working together to find solutions and am looking forward to my next challenge.

EXPERIENCE

Script Producer, BBC Shakespeare & Hathaway S5 - reporting to Exec Producer, Neil Irvine

(March - December 2024, 10 Episodes)

- Sourcing and Developing new writers and story ideas.
- Creating and writing serial storylines and new character biogs for the returning series.
- Managing the Script Team.
- Script Editing throughout production to create intricate murder mystery and comedy stories.
- Managing script queries from the main cast.
- Liaising with Commissioners for the BBC and UKTV.
- Writing Synopses and Billings for publication.
- Giving notes on Fine Cuts.

Script Editor, BBC Doctors - reporting to Series Producer, Peter Lloyd

(2004 - 2024, Series 7-24, 581 Episodes)

- **Development**
 - Sourced, trialled and developed new writers and story of the day pitches.
 - Commissioned writers.
- **Story-lining**
 - Helped to shape the direction of the show, create new regular characters and contribute to long running serial storylines.
- **Script Editing**
 - Managed and nurtured a team of 12+ writers from pitch to shooting script and production.
- **Working to tight deadlines**
 - Managed writers and 18 scripts at a time, through a busy script and shooting schedule.
- **Writing**
 - Wrote or rewrote scenes as required during filming.
 - Wrote Synopses and Billings for publication.

- **Senior Script Editor/Producer Duties**

- Interviewed new Script Editors, Asst. Script Eds and Researchers.
- Mentored new editorial staff.
- Wrote script schedules, archived serial docs and managed the Writers Bible.

Script Editor, BBC Shakespeare & Hathaway S3 - reporting to Exec Producer, Ceri Meyrick

(Attachment - May-December 2019, 10 Episodes)

- Brought 8 brand new writers to the show.
- Managed the Script Team, developed ideas and script edited 10x 45' Episodes.

Script Editor, BBC Father Brown S2 - reporting to Exec Producer, Will Trotter

(Attachment - May-July 2013)

- Invited to work with Series Creator Rachel Flowerday on 1x 45' episode.

Script Secretary - Researcher - Assistant Script Editor, BBC Doctors

(2001 - 2004, Series 3-6)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2024: Guest Speaker, Screenwriting Course - University of Chichester
 - 2023: Returning Guest Speaker, Script Editing Masterclass - Create Central/University of Birmingham
 - Previous: Guest Speaker at the London College of Communication and Birmingham City University
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TRAINING COURSES

- Mission Accomplished, Step up to HOD Training Programme, Feb-April 2024
- Mission Accomplished, The Guiding Principles of Departmental Budgeting, 2024
- ScreenSkills Final Draft Training for HETV, 2024
- ScreenSkills Risk Management of Productions, 2024 (accredited by the Production Safety Passport)
- ScreenSkills Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Screen Industries, 2024
- ScreenSkills Inclusive Hiring for the Screen Industries, 2024
- BBC STUDIOS, Data Protection & Cyber Security, 2024
- BBC STUDIOS, Safety, Security and Safeguarding, 2024
- BBC: Working with Children, Fair Selection, Media Law, Rights Workshop, Impartiality
- John Yorke 2 day Story Course, 2005

EDUCATION

- Birmingham Institute of Art and Design - PGDip Media Production, 2001
- University of Leeds - BA (Hons) Psychology and Management, 1996 - 99
- Cadbury VI Form College, Birmingham - 5x A-levels, 1994 - 96

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Piano, Singing, Swimming, Roller-skating, Film & Theatre, Reading, Politics, Travelling.

REFERENCES Available upon request.