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Professional Summary

Experienced Production Manager and Line Producer with 20+ years delivering complex, high-budget projects for major UK and international broadcasters.

A recent graduate from the Peaky Blinders, Kudos-Knight Career builder bootcamp. The course was a great introduction to the teams working behind the scenes at Kudos Knight with a view to working on future High-End TV.

Also retraining in finance and accountancy (AAT Level 2 qualified, progressing to Level 3), bringing deep expertise in budgeting, payroll, compliance, and stakeholder coordination.

Adept at managing multi-million-pound budgets, reconciling costs, and ensuring regulatory compliance (IR35, right to work). A proactive team leader with a sharp eye for detail, fluent in French and Gujarati, and passionate about community engagement and continuous learning.

Line Producer and Production Manager Credits

Line Producer June 24 – Feb 25	Great British Menu Series 20 – 29 x 1hr Optomen for BBC2
Production Manager Aug 23 – Dec 23	The Big Steam Adventure series 2 – 4 x 1hr Darlow Smithson Productions for Channel 5
Production Manager July – Aug 23	Cruising the Med (w/t) Title Role Productions – Production Paused
Line Producer June – Nov 22	Kardashians Billion Dollar Dynasty 2 x 60' for Ch4 Queen in Colour 1 x 60 Christine on Autism – 1 x 60 BBC
Line Producer Feb – Aug 22	India 1947; Partition in Colour. 2 x 60' docu-drama Optomen for Ch4
Line Producer Feb – Feb 22	Operation Ouch. Series 10 & Series 11 30 x 30' Maverick Television for CBBC
Production Manager	The Thames: Britain's Great River with Tony Robinson. 8 x 60'

Feb – Nov 20	Full Fat TV for Channel 5.
Line Producer May – June 20	Ramadan in Lockdown 5 x 10' shorts Clockwork Films for Channel 4
Production Manager Sept 19 – Feb 20	Crazy Delicious 8 eps Optomen Television for Channe 4 and Netflix
Production Manager Aug - Sept 19	Post-Production for Breaking Fashion 6 eps Optomen Television for BBC 1 and Three
Production Manager Aug 17 – Aug 19	Staff PM at BBC three (London & Birmingham) Various long and short form productions
Production Manager June 17	BBC three – holiday cover Various long and short form productions
Production Manager Feb – June 17	Rip Off Britain Live BBC Studios Manchester 5 x 45
Production Manager Feb – April 17	Bronx to Bradford; Friars on Mission BBC Studios Manchester 1 x 60
Production Manager Feb – April 17	Fern Britton's Holy Land Journey BBC Studios Manchester 1 x 60
Production Manager Feb – April 17	British Jews, German Passports BBC Studios Manchester 1 x 30
Production Manager March – Aug 16	Night Club (w/t) – 3 x 60, Channel 4, 7 Wonder
Production Manager Nov 15 – March 16	Do You Know? – 25 x 15 CBeebies, 7 Wonder
Production Manager July 15 – Aug 16	Make My Body Better – 4 x 60 Channel 4 7 Wonder
Production Manager May 15 – Nov 15	The School in the Clouds – 1 x 90 Met Film
Production Manager July 14 – Jan 15	The Undateables Series 4 – 5 x 60, Channel 4 betty
Production Manager July 12 – Mar14	Benefits Street – 6 x 60, Channel 4 My Last Summer – 4 x 60, Channel 4

	Sherlock the Real CSI – docudrama – Ch5, PBS, Nat Geo, BBC WW Love Productions
Production Manager Nov 11 – Jun 12	Embarrassing Bodies, 1 x 60 Special Maverick TV
Production Manager Apr 11 – Sept 11	Garden ER, 8 x 30 Five – Hotbed Media
Production Manager Sept10 – Apr 11	Panorama 2 x 1 hr Breaking into Britain & Classroom Secrets – BBC1 – Love Productions
Production Manager Feb 10 – Sept 10	Street Market Chefs, 10 x 30, plus 4 web films Five – Hotbed Media
Production Manager Nov 09 – Jan 10	The One Show – Dame Academy BBC1 – Hotbed Media
Production Manager Jan 08 – Mar 09	Ancient Discoveries – Factual documentary and reconstructions, History Channel USA – 20 x 1hr HD, Wild Dream Films Season 3 & 4. Also Produced 10 short forms for the Ancient Discoveries website.
Production Manager May 07 – Aug 07	Indian Food Made Easy BBC2 2007 - 6 x 30 HD, BBC B’ham
Production Manager Sep 06 – Apr 07	The Day India Burned – Partition – drama/doc BBC2 2006/7 – 1 x 90 mins HD, BBC B’ham
Production Manager Sep 06 – Apr 07	The Lost World of the Raj – drama/doc BBC2 2006/7 – 3 x 60 mins, BBC B’ham

Key Skills

Finance & Administration

- Budget management (up to £2m+), cost tracking, and reconciliations
- Payroll processing (PAYE, Schedule D, Ltd contractors)
- Invoice processing, purchase orders, petty cash management
- Compliance: IR35, right to work, safeguarding

- Proficient in Excel, PMI, BBC eCat & BPC systems
- Strong organisational and reporting skills

Production & Leadership

- End-to-end production management across factual, entertainment, and docu-drama
 - International shoot coordination (Asia, Africa, Americas, Europe)
 - Team leadership (10–80+ crew), remote and on-location management
 - Stakeholder liaison: talent, agents, broadcasters, legal, and finance teams
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Training & Qualifications

- **AAT Level 2 Certificate in Bookkeeping** – Merit (84%), 2025
 - **AAT Level 3 in Bookkeeping** – In progress
 - **ScreenSkills Training Passport** – Online Risk Awareness, Unconscious Bias, Safeguarding, Harassment & Bullying Awareness
 - Licensed Chaperone
 - Full UK Driving Licence
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Selected Professional Experience

Line Producer / Production Manager

Various Broadcasters incl. BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5, Netflix | 2000–2025

- Managed production budgets up to £2m, ensuring cost control and financial reporting
- Oversaw payroll for freelance and contracted staff (PAYE, Ltd, Schedule D)
- Implemented IR35 compliance and right-to-work checks across multiple productions
- Coordinated international shoots (India, China, USA, Africa), managing logistics, permits, and foreign exchange budgeting
- Delivered 100+ hours of broadcast content across genres: factual, lifestyle, docu-drama, and entertainment

- Led teams of up to 80 crew, fostering collaboration and ensuring timely delivery under pressure

Finance-Related Highlights

- Reconciled production budgets post-shoot, identifying cost efficiencies and reporting variances
 - Liaised with finance departments to ensure timely invoice processing and supplier payments
 - Created and maintained detailed cost trackers and cashflow forecasts in Excel
 - Supported procurement and contract negotiations with vendors and freelancers
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Education

BA (Hons) French – 2:2

Polytechnic of North London, UK

Additional Information

- Active in Sparkhill community initiatives (litter picking, local meetings)
 - International travel experience: India, Ecuador, Himalayas, Europe
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