

## **MIKE SLEE**

Credits: 1989-2009

### **PRODUCER DIRECTOR WRITER**

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#### **AMONG THE APES**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

2 x 50 min Documentaries

*Natural history adventures filmed in Borneo and Uganda on the trail of the world's rarest primates – the highly endangered “Orang-utan” and the last 600 “Mountain Gorillas”.*

*Presenter: Charlotte Ulhenbroek*

**2008/9** - BBC Worldwide/C5/Firefly Productions

#### **ENGINEERING CONNECTIONS**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

3 x 50 min Factual TV (10 part series)

*Fact packed quests connecting the science, history and surprises behind great engineering: “Taipai 101” - Taiwan’s super skyscraper. “Millau Viaduct” - France’s record-breaking bridge. “Wembley Stadium”- the United Kingdom’s budget busting soccer arena.*

*Host: Richard Hammond*

**2008/9** - BBC TV/ Darlow Smithson/National Geographic Channel International

#### **INTO THE UNKNOWN with Josh Bernstein**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 50 min Factual TV

*An adventurous journey boldly asking “did life on earth come from Mars?”*

*Host: Josh Bernstein*

**2007/8** - Darlow Smithson/Discovery Channel

#### **MEERKAT MANOR – The Journey Begins**

**Director**

1 x 90 min Feature Film

*Critters from the hit TV show star in the movie prequel set in the unforgiving Kalahari.*

*Narrator: Whoopee Goldberg*

**2007**-DCI/Animal Planet/Southern Star Factual/Oxford Scientific Films

**Distributor** –The Weinstein Company.

#### **VOYAGES of DISCOVERY- Ice King**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 1 hour Drama/Documentary

*Explorer Paul Rose re-creates history’s most bizarre polar expedition across the Arctic.*

**2006** - BBC TV – Specialist Factual.

#### **PERFECT DISASTERS – Icestorm**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 1 hour Drama/Documentary

*What if an extreme and destructive Icestorm hits Montreal, who would survive and how?*

**2006** Impossible Pictures/Discovery US/C5 UK

#### **THE GUNPOWDER PLOT – Exploding the Legend**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 2 hour TV Special – Drama/Documentary

*A fascinating & shocking real life experiment where history’s failed terrorist plot succeeds.*

*Presenter - Richard Hammond*

**2005** - Darlow Smithson Productions/ITV 1/ Granada International

**THE ELEPHANTS' STORY**

**Co-writer/Producer/Director**

Multi Screen Cinema Feature

*The Asian elephants' 2000 year relationship with man; best friend and ultimate destroyer.*

Narrator – **Roshan Seth**

2005 - ORTV/ Woburn Centre for Conservation and Education

**GOLDEN GATE**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 50 min Documentary

*What did it take to make the marvel that 'broke all the rules' and how will it survive?*

2005 - Principal TV/National Geographic Television.

**NORTH SEA WALL**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 50 min Documentary

*Holland's stupendous string of tidal gates "the seventh wonder of the engineering world".*

2004 - Principal TV/National Geographic Television.

**BUGS!**

**Co-Writer. Director**

1 x 40 min 3D Large Format Feature Film. IMAX®

*A multi award winning natural history adventure set in Borneo starring real insects on the giant screen in 3D!*

Oscar semi finalist 2004, Wildscreen Panda Winner, LFCA Winner - Best Film 2004.

Narrator - **Judi Dench**

2002/3 –Terminix/The Film Consortium/Film Council/UKFTV/PLF- UK

Distributor - SK Films, Canada.

**MAIDENS OF THE LOST ARK**

**Executive Producer**

1 X 50 min Documentary

*A visit behind the lace curtains of England's wealthiest and most secretive cult.*

The Grierson Awards - 'Most entertaining documentary' finalist 2004.

Narrator - **Alison Steadman**

2002/3 – Channel 4 UK

**GENTLEMEN'S RELISH**

**Executive Producer**

1 x 90 min Television Feature Film.

*A rumbustious and colourful Edwardian tale of love, history, art and lots of nakedness!*

*Starring: Billy Connolly, Sarah Lancashire, Douglas Henshall*

BANNF Best Comedy Nominee. Highest Rating BBC Feature Film 2002/2003

2001 - BBC TV/Principal Pictures - Distributor – Majestic/Icon

**BODY ARMOUR**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1x1 hour Documentary

*Extraordinary personal stories of lives saved by high tech armour.*

2001 - Discovery Channel USA

**LEGEND OF LOCH LOMOND**

**Co-Writer. Director**

1 x 40 min Large Format Feature Film IMAX®

*A ghostly love story moving between the Jacobite uprising of 1745 and modern Scotland.*

**Brian Cox, Kirsty Mitchell, Fiona Bell, Stuart Sinclair-Blythe, Paul Blair.**

2000 - Dunbartonshire Enterprise/ Principal Large Format UK Distributor SK Films

**STRESS TEST**

**Series: Writer/Producer/Director**

3 x 1 hour Documentary Series

*Behind the scenes as materials and technology from modern life are pushed to the limit.*

2000 - Discovery Communications Inc. USA

**RIPCORD**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*500 years in the ups (and downs!) of the parachute.*

1999 - Discovery /ITEL /La Cinquième /Principal Films UK/France/USA

**CHEATING GRAVITY**

**Writer/Producer/Director**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*A heart-stopping story of a birdman who gains the world-record for unassisted human flight.*

1999 - The Learning Channel /ITEL/ La Cinquième/ Principal Films UK/France/USA

**WILDFIRE – FEEL THE HEAT**

**Director**

1 x 40 min Large Format Feature Film IMAX®

*Giant screen action with the forest fire fighters of the North American West and Australia.*

1998 - Discovery Channel Pictures /Principal Large Format. USA

**MYSTERIES OF MAGIC**

**Series Executive Producer**

3 x 1 hour Documentary Series

*The curious history of magic and illusion.*

1998 - The Learning Channel, Discovery Communications USA

**DAYDREAM BELIEVERS**

**Executive Producer**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*400 people auditioned to become 'The Monkees' 30 years on we explore their stories.*

1997 – Channel 4 Television UK

**BOUNTY HUNTER**

**Co Producer**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*Oscar winning James Marsh's fly on the wall film follows a British bounty hunter on the streets of Seattle.*

1997 – Cutting Edge, Channel 4 UK

**BLAST FORCE**

**Writer/Director**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*America's first family of demolition wizards reveal their world of controlled explosions.*

1997 – The Discovery Channel, USA

**CHOPPERS ON PATROL**

**Writer/Director**

2-hour Feature Length Documentary Special

*The heroes who fly to the extreme for New York's Police, US Coastguard and TV news.*

1996 - Discovery Channel Pictures, USA

**THE MYSTERY OF THE GHOST GALLEON**

**Producer**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*The search off the island of Guam for a Spanish ship and a billion dollars of sunken silver.*

1996 – The Learning Channel, Discovery Communications USA

**TECHNOSPY**

**Executive Producer**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*The future of secret spy technology – revealed!*

1996 – Science Frontiers – The Learning Channel, USA

**ROYAL SECRETS**

**Series Co-Producer**

13 x 30 mins Documentary Series

*1000 years of murder, misdemeanour, mayhem and madness in the Royal Life of Europe.*

1995 – The Learning Channel, USA

**ULTRASCIENCE**

**Writer/Series Co Producer/ Director**

13 x 30 min Documentary Series

*Amazing stories from the world of science and nature.*

1995 - The Learning Channel, Discovery Communications.

**CONNECTIONS <sup>2</sup>**

**Series Director (All 20 films)**

20 Part Documentary Series

*James Burke's web of knowledge. 20 multi award winning historical detective stories.*

1994/5 – The Discovery Channel/TLC USA

**TERMINAL SHOPPING SYNDROME**

**Co-Producer**

1 x 40 min Documentary

*How and why airport shopping became retail phenomena and changed the way we travel.*

*Narrator: Joanna Lumley*

1993 – High Interest – Channel 4 UK

**AMERICAN AFFAIR**

**Series Co-Producer**

6 x 30 min Documentary

*Rock & Roll DJ Randall Lee Rose explores American influence on the British way of life.*

1993 – Carlton ITV UK

**CAN SCIENCE BUILD A CHAMPION ATHLETE?**

**Writer/Director**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*Psychology and physiology, what next, as the world's top athletes go higher, further, faster.*

1992 – NOVA/WGBH / PBS USA -National Geographic

**HORST P HORST**

**Executive Producer**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*The influential career of one of America's greatest fashion photographers, celebrated by British illustrator Gerald Scarfe.*

1992 – Omnibus, BBC UK

**AFTER THE WARMING**

**Co-Creator/ Series Director**

2 x 1 hour Documentary Special

*Multi award winning history of the world and it's changing climate told from 2050.*

**Host: James Burke**

US TV Guide – Most Entertaining Documentary of the year.

**1990** – MPT/PBS/Film Australia

**ECHOES OF AMERICA**

**Associate Producer**

1 x 1 hour Documentary

*The poetic story of the banjo, and how it's music has charted American social history.*

New York Film Festival Finalist.

**1989** – Channel 4 UK

**1988-2004** Creative Director: Principal Films/Principal Media Group Ltd

**1984-88** The Business Media Productions Ltd

**1982-84** BBC Television Documentary Features

**1978-81** LCP University of London – BA Hons (1<sup>st</sup>) Visual Communications

**1977-78** Kingston University –Art and Design.

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