**Matt Bloom**

**Writer/Director**

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Matt Bloom is an Emmy-winning and BAFTA-nominated writer/director with over 15 years of terrestrial broadcast experience on over 70 hours of comedies for BBC, Channel 4, ITV and the Disney Channel.

He has just completed five consecutive new shows as Lead Director.

Each were ratings and critical hits, both in the UK and abroad:

-‘Find Me In Paris’ a major new 13 Million Euro sci-fi drama, shot in Paris and Brussels.

-‘Hank Zipzer’ is a smash hit, and is shown in 50 countries. 3 seasons and a TV Movie.

Won a BAFTA for the lead actor, and an Emmy for Best TV Movie.

-‘The Lodge’ is the Disney Channel’s most successful ever domestic hit.

Shown in 112 countries, including USA.

-‘The 4 O’Clock Club’ was No.1 on its channel. In its 7th season. Won a BAFTA for the lead actor.

-‘All At Sea’ was No.1 on its channel and was a big critical hit. BAFTA nominated.

-2nd Unit director on The One Ronnie. Directing comedy sketches with Harry Enfield.

-2nd Unit director on Blandings. Directing scenes with Jennifer Saunders and Mark Williams.

“Matt is exceptional at what he does. A brilliant director.”

Henry Winkler

“He’s a real filmmaker. Visually brilliant and bursting with talent.”

Baz Luhrmann

“I adore working with Matt. An actor’s director.”

Felicity Montagu

“Can’t recommend him highly enough. A confident, safe pair of hands. Very prepared and organised. But also hugely creative and playful”

Siobhan Bachman, producer

(email addresses are available for the above referees)

**Directing:**

**“Find Me In Paris”**

(ZDF, Disney, 13 Episodes, 2017)

-Major new sci-fi drama based around the Opera Garnier in Paris.

-13 million Euro budget.

**“Hank Zipzer’s Christmas Catastrophe” Movie**

(BBC, 90-Minute Christmas Movie, 2016)

-Producer: Matthew Mulot (Blandings, Birds of a Feather)

-References for Matt are available from producer Matthew Mulot (Blandings, Birds of a Feather), exec Anne Brogan (Kindle Entertainment), and actors Henry Winkler and Felicity Montagu.

**-Starring: Henry Winkler, Felicity Montagu, Javone Prince, Rebecca Root.**

**“The Lodge”**

(Disney, 5 episodes, 2016)

-Lead Director

-Musical/comedy/drama. No.1 smash hit. Shown in 112 countries, including USA.

-Producers: Raymond Lau, Steven Andrew

**“Blandings”**

(BBC Drama 2015)

-Lead director of BBC Red Button special show. And Second Unit Director on the main show

-Company: Mammoth Screen. Producers: Damien Timmer, Spencer Campbell

**-Starring: Timothy Spall, Jennifer Saunders, David Walliams, Mark Williams**

**“The One Ronnie”**

(BBC Comedy one-off special, Second Unit Director)

-Company: BBC.

-Producers: Gareth Edwards, Geoff Posner, Mark Freeman

**-Starring: Ronnie Corbett, James Cordon, Matt Lucas, David Walliams, Rob Brydon, Richard Wilson and Harry Enfield**.

**"Hank Zipzer"**

(CBBC, 19 episodes, 2014-2016)

-Lead Director

-Writer of special episode ‘Zipzers & Aliens’

-No.1 ratings smash on CBBC, No.1 on CBBC iPlayer.

-Reviews: “Unfailingly charming \*\*\*\*\*” -Mail On Sunday. “Very Funny…Eminently likeable \*\*\*\*\*” -The Stage

-Company: BBC and DHX Media (American Distributors).

-Producers: Siobhan Bachman (Mount Pleasant), Jim Poyser (Shameless)

**-Starring: Henry Winkler (Happy Days, Arrested Development), Felicity Montagu (Alan Partridge), Javone Prince (Phone Shop), Neil Fitzmaurice (Peep Show, Phoenix Nights).**

**BBC Sitcom Multicam Course:**

Chosen from hundreds of directors to be funded through the BBC’s Multicamera Sitcom course. Guided by Bafta Award-winning director **Geoff Posner** for 10 weeks. Is now proficient in multicamera directing for sitcoms and live events.

**“All At Sea"**

(CBBC, 4 episodes, 2013)

-Lead Director

-BAFTA nominated CBBC family drama.

-Company: BBC. Producer: Juliet Charlesworth (Happy Valley, Scott & Bailey)

**-Starring: Steve Edge (Starlings, Phoenix Nights)**

**"4 O Clock Club"**

(CBBC, 12 episodes, 2012/2013)

-Lead Director series 1 & 2.

\*\*BAFTA and Royal Television Society award-winning comedy drama\*\*

- Company: BBC. Producer: Spencer Campbell (Cold Feet)

**-Starring: Ben Bailey ‘Doc Brown’ Smith (Ricky Gervais’ David Brent movie)**

**"Comedy Lab”**

(Channel 4, one-off, 2008)

**"The Bill"**

(ITV, 13 episodes, 2004-2007)

-Including two-part special)

-Company: Talkback Thames.

-Producer: Sue Howells

**"Doctors"**

(BBC 1, 23 episodes, 2004-2007)

**Baz Luhrmann:**

After seeing his short films, was chosen by 20th Century Fox to be mentored by Moulin Rouge director Baz Luhrmann. They made a short comedy short film together starring Brenda Blethyn and Emma Bunton. Baz continues to guide and support Matt’s work.

**Short Films:**

**“Endless”** (Supernatural horror short, 2014, 8 mins)

-Written, Directed and Produced by: Matt Bloom

-Starring: Chris Geere (After Earth, You’re The Worst)

-Awards:

\*WINNER: BEST HORROR/SCI FI: London Independent Film Festival\*

\*FINALIST: BEST HORROR: Limelight Film & Arts Awards, London\*

\*FINALIST: BEST FICTION (AUGUST): Itzon Film Festival, Devon\*

\*FINALIST: BEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT: Derby City Film Fest, Kentucky\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Crystal Palace International Film Festival, London\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Exploding Cinema, London\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Short Cutz, London\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Dead By Dawn Festival, Scotland\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Deep Fried Film Fest, Scotland\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Loch Ness Film Festival, Scotland\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Leeds International Film Festival\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Bradford Int Film Festival, Fantastic Films\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: L'Etrange Festival, France\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Renderyard Film Festival, Spain\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Lisbon International Horror Film Festival\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Cinefiesta, Puerto Rico\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Sydney Underground Film Festival\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Great Lakes Int Film Festival, Pennsylvania\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Hyart Film Festival, Wyoming\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Freak Show Horror Film Fest, Florida\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Shockerfest Film Festival, California\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Action On Film Int Film Festival, California\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: New York City International Film Festival\*

**“Small Things”** (Comedy short, 2012, 8 mins)

-Written, Directed and Produced by: Matt Bloom

-Starring: Stirling Gallacher (The Office, Little Britain)

-Awards:

\*WINNER: Delta Film Award\*

\*WINNER: Accolade Comp: Best Short\*

\*WINNER: Accolade Comp: Humor\*

\*WINNER: Worldfest Houston Silver Award\*

\*FINALIST: ThinkSyncFilms Comp\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Filmstock Film Fest\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: RealHeart Film Fest\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Salford Film Society\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Sefton Short Film Fest\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Bacup Film Fest\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Mid Ulster Film Fest\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Just For Laughs Chicago\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: Seven Arts Fest Leeds\*

\*OFFICIAL SELECTION: East End Film Fest\*

**Commercials:**

**Client: The Gym Group**

-Advert: “Live It”

-Production: Dinosaur Agency, Manchester

-Duration: 2 x 2 minutes

**Client: Cooperative Supermarket**

-Advert: “British Music Experience”

-Production: Dinosaur Agency, Manchester

-Duration: 5 x 30 secs

-Starring: John Hannah

**Client: BAA Airports**

-Advert: “Shopping”

-Production: Cheerful Scout & Publicis Agency, Soho

-Duration: 3 x 10 mins

-Starring: Claudia Winkleman

**Client: BBC Worldwide**

-Advert: “Comedy Website: Viral comedy shorts”

-Production: BBC, Manchester

-Duration: 4 x 45 secs

-Starring: Justin Morehouse

**Client: British Army**

-Advert: “Mothers (test)”

-Production: D&AD Agency

-Duration: 4 x 45 secs

**Music Video: “Cold Feet” by Liam Finn** (son of Crowded House frontman Neil Finn)

-Lead single from his second album “FOMO”

-Written, directed and produced by Matt Bloom