



David McCann

Editor CV

I'm an Emmy-winning (2026), story driven editor with strong writing skills and a great ear for music. I was also the co-winner of the 2025 Jackson Wild writing award for my episode of 'A Real Bug's Life'. The same episode also won three awards at the 2025 Panda's

I specialise in high-end documentary programming but also write and direct children's comedies, so bring a fresh a perspective to the documentary genre. I have over 80 credits for Apple TV, Disney, NatGeo, BBC, ITV, C4, Sky, Discovery, France TV, and Blue Ant.

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Force Of Nature (ITV)

Edited and co-wrote the first and last episodes following animals as they cope with Earth's extreme weather.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Mark Brownlow
SP - Seb Illis

Secret Gardens (BBC 1)

Edited and co-wrote the first episode of this David Attenborough narrated series, uncovering the secret lives of characters living right on our doorsteps.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Mark Brownlow
SP - Bill Markham

Born To Be Wild (Apple TV+)

Edited the first and third episodes (Bear and Lemur) in a character driven series following orphaned animals and the heroes rehabilitating them for release back into the wild.

Tailfeather & Offspring
EP – Alex Williamson
Lucy Van Beek

A 'Real' Bugs life (Disney)

Edited and co-wrote the first episode of series 2. A funny real-world take on Disney's animated feature 'A bugs life'. My episode follows forest creatures that come to life at night.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Tom Hugh-Jones
SP - Bill Markham

Incredible Animal Journeys (Disney/NatGeo)

Co-edited the first episode of this wildlife series following 3 ocean species across their epic migrations. Additionally I finished another 2 episodes.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Mark Brownlow
SP - Sarah Gibb

Big Beasts (Apple TV+)

Took over on two rough cuts, taking them to picture lock. One of which has featured in several publications as an example of the quality of the series overall.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Tom Hugh-Jones
SP - Bill Markham

A Year On Planet Earth (ITV)

Edited 1 episode (of 6) presented and narrated by Stephen Fry. My episode uncovers how animals adapt through the most extreme seasonal change across an entire year on Earth.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Martha Holmes
SP - Seb Illis

Predator V Prey (NatGeo)

Edited 1 episode (of 6) of a character driven wildlife series using the very latest graphics to unpack the moment of a predators' kill.

True To Nature
EP – Wendy Darke
SP - Adam Oldroyd

Silly Pets (SKY/NOW TV)

Wrote, directed and edited 10 episodes (of 20) of this children's comedy series. Hosted by Alan Carr as an animated talking dog navigating a CGI-augmented world of ridiculous talking pets.

Rebel Television
EP – Aaron Paul
SP - Stuart Garlick

National Parks (Disney/NatGeo)

Edited 1 episode (of 10). Garth Brooks narrates this character driven wildlife doc about North America's national parks.

Wildstar TV
EP – Anwar Manon
SP - Ben Wallis

SuperNatural (Disney/NatGeo)

Edited episode 2 from rough cut to picture lock. A fresh, high energy approach to wildlife story telling.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Tom Hugh-Jones
SP Matt Brandon

Deadly Predators (BBC)

Edited 2 (of 7) episodes in this popular children's series following Steve Backshall on his search for deadly predators.

BBC Studios
EP – Jo Shinner
SP - Ruth Harries

Gangs Of Baboon Falls (Sky TV)

Co-wrote and edited 1 (of 5) episodes of this character led 'soap opera' style series following the lives and power struggles of five baboon troops in Victoria Falls, Zambia.

True To Nature
EP – Wendy Darke
SP - Adam Oldroyd

Amazing Animal Mums (Plimsoll)

Reversioned a series of wildlife shorts for Quibi into a two part series for Plimsoll Productions. The two episodes have gone on to be Plimsoll's most widely distributed shows.

Plimsoll Productions
EP – Martha Holmes
SP - Seb Illis

Never Alone (France TV)

Edited the A stories of this character led 90 min feature. Through the lens of a family of elephants we see how wildlife in Southern Africa thrives through unexpected partnerships.

ZED Productions
EP – Patrick Morris

Silly Animals (Sky)

Wrote, directed and edited 9 episodes of this children's comedy series presented by Alan Carr.

Rebel Television
EP – Aaron Paul

Animal Park (BBC 1)

Edited story inserts on this long running series following the lives of animals and keepers at Longleat Safari Park.

Remarkable TV
EP – Joff Wilson
Sp - Alistair Bell

Rachel Khoo's Chocolate (Discovery)

Edited 2 (of 7) episodes following TV chef and chocoholic Rachel Khoo as she travels the world discovering everything there is to know about the world's favourite ingredient

Hungrygap - 3 x 48'
EP – Pete Lawrence
SP - Will Knott

Mindful Escapes (BBC 4)

Edited 1 (of 4) of a highly original series, creating wildlife 'flow-tv' to in partnership with the meditation App 'Headpsace.'

BBC Studios - 1 x 29'
EP – Alice Keens Soper
SP - Lucy Bowden

Wild Tales From the Farm (Blue Ant & Artè)

Wrote and edited 2 (of 4) eps of a warm and insightful 'new-chip' series, following the characters living on a farm throughout the year. The real world 'Charlotte's Web.'

Blakeway - 3 x 45'
EP's – Lucy Van Beek
Patrick Morris

Deadly 60 (BBC Studios)

Edited the first episode of series 4. A high energy wildlife show following Steve Backshaw as he seeks out some of the deadliest animals in South Africa.

BBC Studios - 1 x 28
EP – Alex Griffiths

Punk Chef (Film4)

Edited 2 (of 4) in this travelogue/cooking series following deaf chef Scott Garthwaite in his foodie tour of Britain.

Hungrygap - 3 x 44'
EP – Pete Lawrence

Britain's Baby Animals (C5)

Edited 3 (of 6) in this fast turnaround series following the stories of baby animals born in Britain.

Blakeway - 2 x 45'
EP – Lucy Van Beek

The Best Christmas Food Ever (BBC 1)

Edited 3 (of 8). A lively and fun studio based cookery show with chefs Paul Ainsworth and Catherine Fulvio.

Hungrygap - 2 x 27'
EP – Pete Lawrence
Will Knott

The Wonderful World of Puppies (C5)

Edited and co-wrote 2 (of 12) episodes in this funny, fact-Ent series following the lives of new puppies.

Blakeway - 3 x 45'
EP – Lucy Van Beek

Into The Wild: Colombia (Smithsonian)

Edited 2 (of 5) episodes in this incredibly tight turn around series following the fortunes of Capuchin and Tamarin monkey troops in the Colombian rainforest.

Off The Fence - 2 x 48'
EP – Ben Roy

Camp Zambia (Blue Ant & Smithsonian)

Edited 5 (of 12) episodes about the natural history in Zambia's national parks. Working to tight deadlines for an exacting client.

Plimsoll - 3 x 48'
EP – Martha Holmes

Great Britain (C5)

Edited 1 (of 8) shows about the wildlife living in Britain's forests. This episode was the first delivered to the channel to act as a series template.

Plimsoll - 1 x 48'
EP – Martha Holmes
Sp - Bill Markham

Our First Gay Summer (All4)

Edited 8 (of 8) episodes on this Ob docs series following three recently 'come out' gay men as they work and live in Europe's gay capitol of Mykonos, Greece.

Plimsoll - 8 x 15'
EP – Karen Plumb

Teach My Pet to Do That (ITV)

Edited 3 (of 8) episodes of this fact ent format following the fortunes of pets and their owners as they try to beat the competition at Alexander Armstrong's pet training academy.

Plimsoll - 5 x 44'
EP – Karen Plumb

Camp Africa (Blue Ant & Smithsonian)

Edited 2 (of 8) Natural history series about the animals in Zambia's national parks. A ground-breaking wildlife series producing 50 episodes over a two-year period.

Plimsoll - 2 x 48'
EP – James Smith

In-House Editor 2013 - 2017 (Plimsoll Productions)

Working directly to all Executive producers at the company since Plimsoll's creation, I edited all taster videos and funded pilots for UK and US markets.

Plimsoll - 4 years
EPs – Grant Mansfield
Andrew Jackson

Develop Researcher and Editor 2011 -2013 (BBC Bristol)

Working within Factual and Features I worked as A development researcher and editor of taster tapes And funded pilots.

BBC - 3 years
EPs – Pete Lawrence
Will Knott

Education and qualifications

First Class (Hons) Film Studies
The University of the West of England, Bristol