

# DAVID G.CROFT

## *Curriculum Vitae: July 2010*

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**David G.Croft** is a highly experienced multi-camera and single camera director/producer and format contributor. He has directed some of the best known entertainment and music programmes of the past twenty years.

His credits include ***Live Aid*** (BAFTA winner), ***Crystal Maze*** (BAFTA Nominated), ***Shooting Stars*** (SILVER ROSE of MONTREAUX winner), ***Top of The Pops***, ***The Baddiel Syndrome*** (Sit-Com), ***Bremner Bird & Fortune*** (BAFTA Nominated), ***McCartney*** (Documentary), ***Acting in Film with Michael Caine***, and the ***The World Cinema Awards 2009 with Jonathan Ross***

In 2006 he took up the newly created post of **Head of Television** at the internationally renowned National Film & Television School where he assisted in developing and now supervises the two year full time MA course in Producing & Directing Television Entertainment.

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## ***AWARDS & PROGRAMME NOMINATIONS***

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1 BAFTA AWARD, 3 BAFTA NOMINATIONS, SILVER ROSE OF MONTREAUX AWARD, 1 RTS NOMINATION, AND 1 BROADCAST NOMINATION

## ***CAREER***

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2006            Joined the NFTS as Head of Television

1988            Left the BBC to become freelance Director/Producer.

1981            Joined the BBC on the Trainee Assistant Producer scheme.  
Staff Assistant Producer with Network Features & Light Entertainment

1979-81        Freelance Assistant Film Editor

## ***EDUCATION***

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1976-79            Royal College of Art Film School...MA Film & TV Studies

1972-75            Liverpool University.....BA Honours Sociology

1969-71            Wade Deacon Grammar School...3 A-Levels

1964-69            Kingsway Secondary Modern.....6 O-Levels

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## ***LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT***

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JAN 09     **STYLE ON TRIAL**    **BBC4**

Stuart Maconie and Laurene Laverne present the multi-camera studio series in search of the best decade of fashion and style.

JAN 09     **WORLD CINEMA AWARDS 2009**    **BBC4**

Multi-camera Outside Broadcast presented by Jonathan Ross from the BFI Southbank in London.

NOV 08     **CHILDREN IN NEED**    **BBC4**

Live pop concert with Boyzone, The Script, Lemar, Enya and many others from the King George Hall Belfast.

JAN 08     **WORLD CINEMA AWARDS 2008**    **BBC4**

Multi-camera Outside Broadcast from the BFI Southbank presented by Jonathan Ross.

JAN 08     **POP ON TRIAL**    **BBC4**

Stuart Maconie presents multi-camera studio series to decide on the most influential pop decade.

NOV 07     **CHILDREN IN NEED**    **BBC N IRELAND**

Live 5 hour multi-camera studio entertainment studio show.

JAN 07     **WORLD CINEMA AWARDS 2007**    **BBC4**

Live multi-camera Outside Broadcast from the BFI Southbank presented by Jonathan Ross.

NOV 06     **CHILDREN IN NEED**    **BBC N IRELAND**

Live 5 hour multi-camera studio entertainment studio show.

- NOV 06     **CODEX**     **CHANNEL 4**
- History adventure game show shot in the British Museum hosted by Tony Robinson.
- JAN 06     **WORLD CINEMA AWARDS 2006**     **BBC4**
- Live multi-camera Outside Broadcast from the BFI Southbank presented by Jonathan Ross.
- JUNE 05     **LIVE 8: EDINBURGH**     **BBC1, BBC2 & BBC3**
- I was the supervising transmission director on this 25 camera, 5 hour Live transmission from Murrayfield. Presented by Edith Bowman
- MAY 05     **NOLAN LIVE**     **BBC1 (NI)**
- Live 60 minute studio based debate programme.
- (RTS AWARD)*
- JAN 05     **WORLD CINEMA AWARDS 2005**     **BBC4**
- Live multi-camera Outside Broadcast from the Electric Cinema in London presented by Jonathan Ross.
- NOV 04     **SHOCK TREATMENT**     **SKY ONE**
- Presented by **Rutger Hauer**, Shock Treatment is an 8 x 1 hour factual entertainment series about fear and how real people deal with it. Shot on location in a disused mental asylum for six weeks using 21 cameras.
- DEC 03     **INSIDE CLYDE**     **DISNEY**
- Sci-Fi Action adventure game show set inside the human body
- (BROADCAST Awards Nomination 2005)*

- MAY 03     **STARFINDER**     **CARLTON**
- Action adventure game/reality show set in space aboard **StarFinder** an astronaut training simulator
- SEPT 02     **MAKING A DIFFERENCE** **BBC1 (NI)**
- Multi-Camera spectacular variety show from The Grand Opera House in Belfast
- MAY 02     **YOUR WORLD CUP PITCH**     **LWT**
- Live studio show to find England's most fanatical football supporter. Presented by **Tess Daley, Terry Alderton** & assisted by **Terry Venables**
- NOV 00     **CROSSFIRE** **C4**
- Science Fiction action adventure game show series. Shot on location using 20 cameras.
- JUL 00     **MICHAEL FLATLEY'S FEET OF FLAMES** **(Video)**
- Multi-camera shoot of his open-air concert in the Budapest Olympic Stadium in front of 80,000 people
- FEB 00     **MAKING A DIFFERENCE** **BBC1**
- Multi-camera variety show recorded at The Grand Opera House in Belfast.
- JAN 00     **EXTREME MAGIC EXTREME DANGER**     **LWT**
- A factual entertainment documentary following the exploits of a movie stuntman performing several life-threatening magic tricks.
- FEB 97     **THE JACK DOCHERTY SHOW** **C5**
- 5 nights a week chat show with music & comedy including a **DAVID BOWIE SPECIAL**
- MAY 95     **CALL UP THE STARS**     **BBC1 Producer/Director**
- Comedy/Variety show featuring **HARRY ENFIELD, RONNIE CORBETT, MAUREEN LIPMAN** etc...

- MAR 95     **CRYSTAL MAZE (Series 6)**     C4     **Producer/Director**  
Last in the series of the hugely successful action adventure game show.
- MAR 94     **CRYSTAL MAZE (Series 5)**     C4     **Producer/Director**  
**(BAFTA Nomination & RTS Nomination)**
- SEPT 93     **HAPPY FAMILIES**     **BBC1**  
Huge action game show shot with 18 cameras in Docklands Arena.
- MAR 93     **CRYSTAL MAZE (Series 4)**     C4     **Producer**  
**(BAFTA Nomination)**
- AUG 92     **THE EDINBURGH TATTOO**     **BBC1**
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90-92     **THE CRYSTAL MAZE (Series 1 - 3)**     C4     **Produce/Director**  
Iconic action adventure game show.
- NOV 89     **AFTER DARK**     C4  
The now legendary late night live discussion show.
- 87-88     **WOGAN**     **BBC1**  
Legendary chat show live 3 times a week from the Shepherds Bush TV Theatre
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## COMEDY

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- DEC 03     **DEMETRI MARTIN BBC4**  
A multi-camera studio recording of his Perrier Award winning stage show 'If I...'
- OCT 03     **ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING     BBC1 (NI)**  
  
Comedy panel show with host **Colin Murphy** and team captains **Lauren Laverne and Jason Byrne**
- JAN 02     **JO BRAND'S HOT POTATOES     BBC1**  
  
Comedy panel show with host **Jo Brand**, and team captains **Les Dennis & Jeff Green**
- AUG 01     **EDINBURGH COMEDY     BBC2**  
  
4 x 40 minute stand-up shows from the Festival
- JUN 01     **JOHNNY VEGAS GAME SHOW     BBC2 (Pilot)**  
  
Comedy panel show
- MAR 01     **BREMNER BIRD & FORTUNE     C4**  
  
**(BAFTA Nomination)**
- SEPT 00     **BADDIEL'S SYNDROME     SKY**  
  
**Sit-com**  
  
Written & starring **David Baddiel**
- AUG 00     **EDINBURGH COMEDY SPECIALS     BBC2**  
  
3 x 40 minute stand-up shows from the Festival

- JUL 00      **GIVE MY HEAD PEACE**    **BBC1 (N Ireland)**
- Sit-com**
- Northern Irelands' longest running and most popular sitcom
- AUG 99      **EDINBURGH NIGHTS COMEDY SPECIALS**                    **BBC2**
- 3 x 40 minute stand-up shows from the Festival
- JUN 99      **EMPIRE LAUGHS BACK**    **BBC1**
- 8 x 30-minute stand-up shows.
- MAR 99      **COMIC RELIEF**                    **BBC2**
- FEB 99      **IT'S ONLY TV BUT I LIKE IT**    **BBC1**
- The first series with **JONATHAN ROSS, JACK DEE & JULIAN CLAREY.**
- JUN 98      **BILL BAILEY'S MONSTER WARS**                    **BBC2**
- A look at cinematic monsters from King Kong to Godzilla.
- APR 98      **GRAHAM NORTON'S EUROVISION MASTERCLASS**                    **C4**
- A guide to the essential ingredients for Song Contest success.
- FEB 98      **LENNY GOES TO TOWN**    **BBC1**
- Location sketch filming with **Lenny Henry**
- DEC 97      **SHOOTING STARS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**    **BBC2**
- Iconic comedy panel show

- NOV 97     **THE MORWENA BANKS SKETCH SHOW**     C5  
13-part studio and location sketch show.  
*(GOLDEN ROSE OF MONTREAUX Nomination)*
- OCT 97     **SHOOTING STARS**     BBC2  
Hit comedy series with Reeves & Mortimer
- JUN 96     **TOP TIPS WITH REEVES & MORTIMER (Video)**  
2 x 60-minute videos with Vic & Bob based on the weekly advice column in **VIZ** magazine.
- MAY 96     **AN EVENING WITH BILLY CONNOLLY**     BBC2  
Multi-camera OB concert from Dublin.
- APR 96     **STUFF THE WHITE RABBIT**     BBC2/GRANADA  
6 x 30 minute featuring the best of stand-up comedy magic.
- DEC 95     **REEVES & MORTIMER CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**     BBC2  
*(SILVER ROSE of MONTREAUX winner)*
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## MUSIC

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- JAN 08                    **CHILDREN IN NEED POP CONCERT**    **BBC4**
- Live pop concert with **Boyzone, Enya, The Script, Lemar** and many others from the 6,000 seater King George Hall Belfast.
- DEC 2003                **CHILDREN IN NEED ROCK CONCERT BELFAST**    **BBC 1**
- Staged at the 8,000 seater Odyssey Arena in Belfast artists included **Simply Red** and **West Life**
- DEC 2002                **CHILDREN IN NEED ROCK CONCERT BELFAST**    **BBC 1**
- Staged at the 8,000 seater Odyssey Arena in Belfast artists included **Robin Gibb, Daniel Beddingfield** and **Ronan Keating**
- APR 2002                **IRISH ROCK & POP AWARDS**    **BBC1 ( NI)**
- Multi-camera awards ceremony with live music  
Including **U2, Ash, & West Life**
- FEB 2002                **PHIL COULTER BIRTHDAY CONCERT**                **BBC 1 NI**
- Multi-camera concert shot in Derry with world renowned singer-song writer accompanied by a 60 piece orchestra. Shown on terrestrial TV and released worldwide on video
- JULY 2000                **MICHAEL FLATLEY'S FEET OF FLAMES** *(Video)*
- Multi-camera live concert in shot in front of 80,000 people in the Budapest Olympic Stadium
- 1997-99                    **TOP OF THE POPS**                **BBC1**
- Regular stints as Director.
- NOV 98                    **CLASSICS FOR KIDS**                **BBC2**
- Three classical concerts with the Scottish Opera Orchestra.

- JUN 95                    **THE PRETENDERS IN CONCERT**                    **C4/WARNERS**
- An 'unplugged' style concert as the band recorded a new live album. Shown on C4 and released on video.
- OCT 94                    **LIVE AT THE LIGHTHOUSE**                    **C4**
- Multi-camera concert featuring: -
- PULP**  
**SUEDE**  
**EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL**
- MAY 91                    **THE SIMPLE TRUTH - ROD STEWART**                    **BBC2**
- Live multi-camera OB from Switzerland.
- JUN 91                    **FRIDAY AT THE DOME**                    **C4**
- A weekly live one hour rock show from the Kilburn National featuring
- ROBERT PALMER**                    **LENNY KRAVITZ**  
**LOVE & MONEY**                    **THE FARM**
- APR 89                    **SOUNDS OF EDEN**                    **BBC2**
- A series of one hour concerts recorded in Scotland featuring: -
- ROACHFORD**  
**HUE & CRY**
- NOV 88                    **ERASURE**
- Long form concert at Birmingham NEC shot on film with multi-16mm cameras and released on video
- JUN 88                    **FREE NELSON MANDELLA CONCERT**                    **BBC2**
- The next biggest concert to follow LIVE AID. I was one of only two music directors at Wembley Stadium featuring **Simple Minds, Jerry Dammers, Peter Gabriel** etc

MAY 86

**PRINCES' TRUST 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT BBC2**

Multi-camera OB from Wembley featuring **Paul McCartney, Brian Adams, Elton John, Tina Turner** etc

JUL 85

**LIVE AID    **BBC2**    *(BAFTA Winner)***

I was one of the **three directors** responsible for all the music coverage from Wembley Stadium.

1984

**SIGHT & SOUND IN CONCERT    **BBC2 & Radio1****

4 x Multi-Camera rock concerts **Marillion, Wang Chung, Nena Blancmange**

1983

**POP CARNIVAL                    **BBC2****

4 x Multi-Camera rock concerts with **Tears For Fears, Big Country, Nick Heyward & Jo Boxers**

1984-86

**WHISTLE TEST                    **BBC2****

The *classic* rock show with Andy Kershaw, Mark Ellen & David Hepworth

## ARTS & DRAMA

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- AUG 04     **EDINBURGH REVIEW**     **BBC2**  
Live arts review show with **Kirsty Walk**. Multi-camera OB
- AUG 02     **EDINBURGH REVIEW**             **BBC2**  
Live arts review show with **Kirsty Walk**. Multi-camera OB
- AUG 01     **EDINBURGH REVIEW**             **BBC2**  
Live arts review show with **Kirsty Walk**. Multi-camera OB
- Aug 98     **EDINBURGH NIGHTS WITH MARK LAMARR** **BBC2**  
Live studio arts show featuring chat, music, dance, and performance.
- MAR 96     **ACTING (Series 3)** **BBC2**  
**PRUNELLA SCALES:**     How to Get A Laugh In Comedy  
**RICHARD WILSON:**     Improvisation  
**JACK SHEPHERD:**     Preparation
- AUG 90     **ACTING (Series 2)** **BBC2 Co-Producer/Director**  
**JANET SUZMAN:**     Shakespearean Comedy  
**BRIAN COX:**     Shakespearean Tragedy  
**MARIE AITKEN:**     High Comedy
- 1988-89    **THE LATE SHOW** **BBC 2**  
Long running studio based Arts show
- SEPT 87    **ACTING (Series 1)** **BBC2 Co-Producer/Director**  
**MICHAEL CAINE:**     Acting in Film  
**JONATHAN MILLER:**   Acting in Opera  
**SIMON CALLOW:**     Acting in Restoration Comedy

The Michael Caine programme was also released in the US on video and the series has been sold around the world.

## *Drama*

AUG 02     **VARIETY**     **BBC4**

A three act-play performed at The Kings Theatre Edinburgh as part of the Arts Festival. The play was recorded multi-camera over two nights.

AUG 92     **THE HOUSE WITH THE GREEN SHUTTERS**     **BBC2**

A three-act play from the Festival specially shot for television

## *Drama Documentary*

NOV 02     **THE SITUATION ROOM**     **BBC4**

### **Drama Documentary**

Shot on multi-cameras in Washington the programme featured many established senior politicians role playing a global security crisis. The intention was to reveal how the decision making process of the US Government's Security Council operates in such a crisis.

## DOCUMENTARIES

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- SEPT 95    **WARCHILD C4    *Supervising Director***
- A documentary about the recording of the rock CD HELP in aid of Bosnian children.
- NOV 88    **ERASURE    *BBC2 Producer/Director***
- A 40-minute documentary on the band for BBC2.
- 1988    **THAT WAS THEN...THIS IS NOW    *BBC2 Producer/Director***
- 6 x 30 minute rock documentaries
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| <b>THE PET SHOP BOYS</b> | <b>SPANDAU BALLETT</b> |
| <b>THE CURE</b>          | <b>GARY GLITTER</b>    |
| <b>DEPHECE MODE</b>      | <b>JOHNNY LYDON</b>    |
- 1986    **McCARTNEY    *BBC1 & BBC2    *Producer/Director****
- 60-minute documentary (Also released on video)
- 1985    **BRYAN FERRY    *BBC2 Producer/Director***
- 60-minute documentary
- 1985    **MICK JAGGER    *BBC2 Producer/Director***
- 60-minute documentary

# TRAINING

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OCT 06      Head of Television at the National Film & Television School  
To Present

Core responsibilities include:

- Responsible for the MA in Producing & Directing Television Entertainment
- Continually devising and revising the course curriculum
- Ensure that the course conforms to the requirements of the MA as validated by the Royal College of Art
- Managing the department budget
- Recruiting Senior Tutors and Visiting Tutors
- Supervise the student selection process
- Recruiting and maintaining contact with professional advisory groups
- Forging links with the Television Industry

MAY 2009

I devised and supervised the first Rose d'Or Academy television directing teaching course that ran in parallel with the prestigious TV festival in Luzern.

I am currently advising the Rose d'Or on further training course expansion for 2010

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OCT 2008

Invited as guest lecturer at the Hungarian Film & Drama University in Budapest.

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I am a regular Royal Television Society judge,

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