

Vik Sharma

Curriculum Vitae

Personal statement

When you work with me, what I hope - more than anything else - is that you've found a partner in the creative process. It's a given that music is important in documentary and drama, but the reality is that its often not used dynamically, or boldly. I'd like to contribute to a culture that embraces music as the key to articulating characterisation, driving narrative, evoking mood and heightening emotion.

As well as writing music for television and film, I also work in the digital medium as a strategist and creative producer.

Skills

Guitars (acoustic, electric and bass), keyboards, hand percussion, drum programming, ambient treatments and atmospheres, vocals, string quartet and horn section arrangements.

Also skilled in music searches and music consultancy for advertising, television and film.

Work

2010

An Idiot Abroad (Mentorn)

8x60' series for Sky One, featuring Karl Pilkington and executive produced by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant. Influences include Ennio Morricone, Pascale Comelade and the music from Ivor the Engine

We Are Action Aid (Action Aid)

1x10' short exploring the work and impact of the hugely admired global NGO

2009

The World's...And Me (series 3, Dragonfly)

Third 40x60' series for Channel 4, covering locations such as the USA, Mexico, Tonga, Thailand, Brazil, Russia and the Middle East

Bleach Nip Tuck (Wild Card)

2x60' series for Channel 4 exploring racially motivated plastic surgery

What's Killing Darcus Howe? (Wild Card)

1x80' feature length documentary for True Stories strand following Darcus Howe as he comes to terms with prostate cancer

From Woolies to Wellies (Dragonfly)

1x60' documentary for BBC 1 concerning the management buy-out of Woolworths in Doncaster and the 5 weeks leading up to its re-opening as Wellworths

Too Fat Too Young (Dragonfly)

1x60' documentary for Channel 4 following Gok Wan as he explores the lives of obese teenagers and reflects on his own experiences as an overweight child

The Happiness Salesman (KAOS Films)

Short film, starring Christopher Ecclestone and Archie Panjabi, about a faustian pact between a desperate housewife and a mysterious stranger who knocks on her door

2008

The World's...And Me (series 2, Dragonfly)

Second 40x60' series for Channel 4, Mark Dolan explores the remarkable worlds of some incredible people who are anything but average

The Family: Teen Stories (Dragonfly)

15x30' series for Channel 4 Education exploring the everyday lives of a family in contemporary Britain

Britain's Closest Encounters (Dragonfly)

4x60' series for Channel 5 chronicling Britain's most celebrated UFO encounters

Gifted (BBC)

4x10' Radio 4 adaptation of Nikita Lalwani's acclaimed debut novel, 'Gifted'

The World's...and Me (Firefly)

4x60' series for Channel 4 fronted by comedian Mark Dolan, on the hunt for the world's tallest woman, smallest man, hairiest man and fattest pets

2006

The Castration Cure (Electric Sky)

1x60' documentary for Channel 4 looking at the controversial practice of chemical castration currently available to habitual offenders in the United States

Coked Up Britain (Betty TV)

1x60' drama documentary for Sky One exploring the lives of 4 people experiencing cocaine addiction

2005

Rooted (Rooftop)

1x30' for Channel 5. Popular kids programme taking second generation children from the U.K. back to their ancestral homes

No More Mr. Nice Guy (Mentorn)

1x60' documentary for BBC2 following then Tory leader, Michael Howard, in the run-up to the general election

2004

Drinking Britain Dry (Princess Productions)

1x30' documentary for Channel 4 with American comedian Reginald D. Hunter exploring the U.K.'s obsession with booze

Who You Callin' A Nigger? (Diverse)

1x60' BAFTA nominated Channel 4 single documentary following fiery polemicist Darcus Howe into the dark territories of violence between ethnic communities in the U.K.

Guyana: The Politics of Paradise (Diverse)

6x30' series for BBC4 utilising unprecedented access to Guyana's president and government to offer a rare, tantalising look at the day to day running of a developing democracy

2003

Horizon Revisited (BBC)

1x60' documentary where Baroness Helena Kennedy revisits the human genome project in Book of Man - originally broadcast in 1987

2001

YMiTV: Channel audio branding (YMiTV)

Audio branding for first interactive finance channel broadcast in the U.K. on SKY

2000

Big Bus Ride (BBC)

4x30' series following British girls from London and South East as they complete an historic bus journey across the Americas in aid of children's charity, War Child

Journey Intersex (Channel 4)

1x30' single documentary following transgendered artist De La Grace Volcano

1996-00

Joi (Realworld/Virgin/Astralwerks)

Guitarist, winner of the Asian Music Award in 2000.

Other stuff

Sporadically publishes a blog called You Might Find This Interesting. Married with a young daughter.