

# Alex Scott

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I'm an established Director with a history of Live and Pre-Recorded operations including multi-camera Studio, Outside Broadcast and Reality/Documentary Fixed-Rig operations. Credits include Big Brother/Celebrity Big Brother, Sky News, London Live, Bloomberg, Sky Sports and QVC.

In 2007 I trained as a Vision Mixer with Sky News. My skills were given high praise, with my ability to remain calm under extreme pressure, understanding the vision of the Director and communicating in a solid and precise fashion. As such I was frequently requested by Directors to work on high-profile specialist coverage such as The Royal Wedding, The Leaders Debates, General Elections, The Budget coverage and The US Election.

I was offered a position as a Studio Director at Sky News in 2011 after showing my skills whilst working on an Outside Broadcast, covering the story of Raoul Moat; The Northumbria Gunman. However in August 2011 I chose to become freelance, and created *Mercian Media Ltd*. I immediately started work as a Reality Director on the Channel 5 show "Big Brother", and as of September 2014 will have worked on eleven series.

I am logical, calm under pressure and flexible with shift patterns, working hours and locations. I also hold a full clean UK drivers license and full UK passport, and hold a current Press Pass via Directors UK.

As an addition, I also have previous experience as a Police Officer, having spent three years as a Special Constable/Sergeant with the Metropolitan Police which gave me unique and extensive life skills.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Freelance Broadcast Professional

Mercian Media Ltd | London

August-2011 > current

- ⤴ Freelance Director & Vision Mixer in Reality TV, News, Politics, Business and Sport.
- ⤴ Credits include Big Brother, Celebrity Big Brother, QVC, Sky News, Sky Sports News, Sky Sports, Bloomberg, London Live and Five News.

### Director and Vision Mixer

Sky News | BSkyB | London

Dec-2007 > August-2011

- ⤴ Experience as a Studio Director for Sky News and also Outside Broadcasting.
- ⤴ Vision Mixer on all Sky News shows using Grass Valley Kayenne and Kalypso desks.

### Playout Operator

Sky News | BSkyB | London

Feb-2007 > Dec-2007

- ⤴ Responsible for live output of Sky News and Channel Five News, control of digital server-based filing system, liaising with the Studio Director and Production for footage.
- ⤴ Crash Recovery operations. Organising pre-recorded studio interviews.

### Transmission Controller / Ingest Operations

Ascent Media and Turner Broadcasting Systems | London

August-2003 > Feb-2007

- ⤴ Client liaising, team-leading, staff management, disciplinary and mentoring.
- ⤴ Transmission Control; monitoring and timing live television channels, including Cartoon Network, TCM, Boomerang, CNX and Toonami. Off-air documentation. Responsible for correct technical output; video, audio, language, subtitles, opt-outs.
- ⤴ Ingest; digitising, colour correction, QC, check, archive and network transfer.

## KEY SKILLS

- ⤴ **Communication**; studio etiquette, regularly attend production meetings and debriefs.
- ⤴ **Teamwork**; enjoy working as part of a team or as an individual on location.
- ⤴ **Willingness to learn**; quick learner, always expanding knowledge and new skills, attend training courses whenever possible, use my own time and money to learn.
- ⤴ **Problem Solving and Initiative**; enjoy working with time constraints and under pressure, using alternative sources and equipment as workarounds.
- ⤴ **Creative**; have written short stories and script ideas for non-profit production company, created multi-menu DVDs in my own time covering special events for friends and family.
- ⤴ **IT Proficiency**; Final Cut, Photoshop, Sound Forge, iNews, Word, Email.
- ⤴ **Dependable**; Ex Police Officer with people skills, time management, confidentiality.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ⤴ John Lisney Associates training; Engineering and Television Principles.
- ⤴ Part of a team which successfully planned and launched a state-of-the-art tapeless 30+ channel transmission suite for Turner Broadcasting Systems after digitising and Quality Controlling thousands of hours of library material.
- ⤴ Worked in Broadcast Operations at Todd-AO Camden; training new staff, installing and testing hardware, creating ad-hoc live events, Crash and Disaster Recovery and technical documentation for all channels.
- ⤴ Advisor and Extra in *CrimeWatch Solved* reconstruction for *The Heathrow Heist*.

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## EDUCATION

Auchmuty High School, Glenrothes, Fife. SCOTLAND.  
5 Higher grades including **Maths (A)**, **Computing (A)**, **English (B)**, **Physics (B)**  
7 Standard grades including **Maths (1)**, **Computing (1)**, **English (2)**, **Physics (1)**  
7 Modules including **Technology Studies**, **Business Studies**, **Engineering**, **CAD**

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## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Photography | Travel | Cinema | Volunteering

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## REFERENCES

Jon Bennett; Head of Studio Output at *Sky News*

Neil Hunter; Studio Director at *Sky News*

Ben Hardy; Series Director at *Big Brother/Endemol UK*

Contact details on request