

Alex Scott

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

An established Director and Vision Mixer with a history of live and pre-recorded multi-camera studio broadcasting, Outside Broadcast and Fixed Rig operations. Chosen as Vision Mixer by Sky News for the 'Leaders Debate' shows shot live in Bristol, Cardiff and Edinburgh which brought in their biggest ever audience figures, and also as Vision Mixer to cover the 'William & Kate' Royal Wedding. I was OB Director Vision Mixer covering the story of Raoul Moat in Northumbria. I also helped launch several new high-profile format shows on Sky News including the politics show 'Boulton & Co' and technology show 'Sky News Dot Com'.

In August 2011 I became freelance, creating **Mercian Media**, and started working on the Channel 5 show "Big Brother" as a Reality Director. I've completed six Big Brother and Celebrity Big Brother contracts for Endemol since 2011.

I have also continued to work freelance with previous employers including Five News, Bloomberg, Sky News, Sky Sports and Sky Sports News.

I am logical, calm under pressure and flexible with shift patterns, working hours and locations.

Currently single with a full clean UK drivers license and full UK passport.

EMPLOYMENT

Freelance Broadcast Professional

Mercian Media | London

August-2011 > current

- ⤴ Freelance Director and Vision Mixer for News, Sports and Reality TV.
- ⤴ Shows include all Sky News programming, Bloomberg, Five News and House Directing on the rebranded reality show Big Brother/Celebrity Big Brother (Ch5).

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 GVG 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.

Senior Transmission Controller / Ingest Operations

Turner Broadcasting Systems | London

June-2005 > 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 Express, 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 over 30'000 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*.

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**

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Photography | Travel | Cinema | Volunteering

REFERENCES

Jon Bennett; Head of Studio Output at Sky News

Neil Hunter; Studio Director at Sky News

Jake Taylor; Senior Director at Big Brother/Endemol

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