David Freedman

Various

David started in showbiz as a gag writer at the BBC, when someone noticed he could draw so asked if he could write for animation. He's never looked back until now, to write this bio in the third person.

David's first collaboration was with Alan Gilbey on Aardman's Rex the Runt for the BBC, which led to a 9 year writing and show creation partnership, with slew of awards including a Bafta and Gemini win, a few Annie nominations and not much sleep for 9 years.

David then went on to become a showrunner on series for CiTV and Disney Channel, (still collaborative but with more people and more sleep) which leads us to now, where David still has a toe in television but is up to at least his knees in Features constantly collaborating with 3 other writers, each of whom conveniently also has another life beyond. Jules de Jongh is a brilliant prolific voice actress. Paul Mari writes for Soaps and legit theatre. And Gareth Edwards is highly successful comedy producer.

In his spare time David does English adaptation and dubbing/voice direction work. Plus he writes extremely catchy songs, such as PJ MASK. Click here to listen!

Current Projects

Santa's Apprentice 2 - The Magic Snowflake
GAUMONT - Script Doctor, Co-Screenplay credit, showrunner– release 2013
Magic Wonderland
ZOLAND STUDIOS, CHINA - Script Doctor – Release 2017
Princess Dragon
ANKAMA - Story Consultant – Release 2021
Spellbound
ILION ANIMATION, SKYDANCE MEDIA, PARAMOUNT PICTURES - Story Development – release 2024
Dragonkeeper
SC FILMS, DRAGONE MEDIA – Voice Director/Script Doctor Release 2024
Spiked!
KAPERS ANIMATION/FABRIQUE D'IMAGE - Co-Written by – Release 2025
Evolution
THINKLAB ANIMATION – Co-Screenplay - Additional Material credit – Release 2026
Kaja the Unstoppable
Storm Films - English Adaptation, Additional Material – Release 2026
Emma & The Other Musketeers
EST OUEST FILMS - Co-Screenplay - Release 2027
Unstable
CARPE DIEM - Co-Written by – Release Spring 2027
Candy & The Case of the Christmas Creep
FABRIQUE D'IMAGE – Co-Written by – Release Xmas 2027

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TELEVISION SHOW RUNNING and DIRECTION

Groove High
DISNEY CHANNEL/PLANET NEMO - Series Director, Animation & Live Action
King Arthur's Disasters - season II
NICKELODEON / ZENITH / NEPTUNO - Series Director
Lucky Fred - seasons I & II
IMIRA ENTERTAINMENT- Voice Director / Script punch ups
Thunderbirds I.R. - CARLTON
Producer/Show Runner
Legend of the Dragon
CBBC/BKN - Producer/Show Runner
It's the Mr Hell Show!
SHOWTIME & BBC2 - Peafur CoPro with Sextant - Exec Producer/Co-Creator
Bounty Hamster, CiTV
Peafur CoPro with Silver Fox - Exec Producer/Co-Creator/Writer

FEATURES

Best Served Cold
BBC COMEDY - Story by, Co-Screenplay
Book of Kells
CARTOON SALOON - Story Consultant, special thanks
Check Mate
DEN SISTE SKILLING - Script Doctor, Additional Material credit
Dolphin Tale III
In Deep Water - ALCON ENTERTAINMENT - Co-Story by, Co-Screenplay
Dragonkeeper
SC FILMS, DRAGONE MEDIA - Script Doctor
Gamers
ILION ANIMATION - Story Development, Co-Screenplay
Gigantosaurus
the Giganto Feature - CYBERGROUP STUDIOS - Co-Screenplay
Head Space
SC FILMS & LUMA S.A. - Script Doctor
Inspector Sun
THINKLAB ANIMATION - Co-Script Doctor, Additional Material credit
Magic Wonderland
ZOLAND STUDIOS, CHINA - Script Doctor
Princess Dragon
ANKAMA - Story Consultant
Sokator 442
GALLEON ENTERTAINMENT - Script Doctor

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Spy Dog
I HEART CINEMA - Book Adaptation
Thunderbirds
WORKING TITLE - Script Consultant - uncredited
W.A.M. (working title)
ILION ANIMATION - Story Development, Co-Screenplay
Yakari
the Movie, DARGAUD - Story Development

TV WRITING

Bob & Margaret
CHANNEL 4/NELVANA - Script Editing
Bounty Hamster
CiTV - Peafur CoPro with Silver Fox - Co-Writer - multiple
Casper the Friendly Ghost
UNIVERSAL - Co-Writer - multiple
Dennis & Gnasher
BBC/COLLINGWOOD / BEANO / FOX FAMILY - Co-Writer - multiple
First Snow of Winter
BBC/HIBBERT RALPH - Co-Screenplay
Foxbusters
COSGROVE HALL/ITEL/CiTV - Developed for TV, Co-Writer
It's the Mr Hell Show!
SHOWTIME & BBC2 - Heaps of sketches whilst somehow still producing it.
Pirates
BBC/CHILDSPLAY - Co-Writer - multiple
Rex The Runt
BBC/AARDMAN - Developed for TV & Scripts
Rubi Gets It Right
ZOLAND ANIMATION, CHINA - Head Writer, Board Supervisor, Songs
Seven Little Monsters
PLAYTONE / MAURICE SENDAK / NELVANA - Developed for TV, Scripts
What’s With Andy?!
FOX FAMILY / CINEGROUP - Developed for TV, Scripts

SHORT FILMS

Damned
NFT - Director: Richard Phelan - Story Consultant
The Old Lady & the Pigeons
Director: Sylvain Chomet, BBC & DJANGO - Dialogue

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IN HOUSE CREATIVE EXEC

2008 – 2010

Senior Manager Creative Development EMEA, - DISNEY CHANNEL UK

2001 – 2002

Executive Producer, Development - CARLTON

RAN AN ANIMATION STUDIO

1998 - 2001

David set up and ran Peafur with his wife for the purposes of co-producing series, developed with Alan Gilbey. The studio ran pre and post production, and also produced the odd animated commercial for Kelloggs.

Awards

David Freedman personally has a Bafta, Gemini, Leo and a Cannes Silver Lion on his shelf. He and his wife together were nominated for an Annie and International Emmy. Meanwhile, David helped others garner 3 Oscar noms, 4 BAFTA noms and 2 wins - including Best Animated Series, another Leo - Best Animated Series, a few Royal Television Society wins, Chicago Film Fest wins, Annecy noms and many more.

Filmography (Download)

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