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PROFILE

I am an Emmy award-winning, BAFTA-nominated filmmaker, who has filmed and directed over 20 documentaries and one narrative short film.

My film-making aspires to tell visceral stories about extraordinary people in far flung corners of the world, to bring home their humanity, courage and humour to audiences back home.

SELECTED AWARDS

Winner, International Emmy
Best Current Affairs Documentary 2016

Winner, Amnesty International
Best Human Rights Documentary 2015

BAFTA nominated
Best Current Affairs Documentary 2016

Winner, Best Director
Delhi International Shorts 2017

Winner, Dupont Colombia
Excellence in Broadcast Journalism 2017

EDUCATION

First Class Degree in Modern History
Oxford University, 1999 - 2002

SELECT FILMOGRAPHY

FOR SAMA (Director)

90" / Premiere SxSW March 2019

Feature documentary tracing the journey of a young woman, Waad al-Kateab, through love, marriage and motherhood across five years of the revolution in Aleppo, Syria.

* *World premiere SxSW Film Festival 2019*

OKSIJAN (Writer/Director)

20" / Premiered BFI London Film Festival, Oct 2017

Independent narrative film telling the true story of an Afghan boy who saved 15 refugees from suffocation as they were smuggled to the UK in a lorry.

* *BAFTA longlisted*

* *Winner – Best Director, Delhi International Shorts 2017*

* *Official selection BFI London, Portland International Film Festival, London Short Film Festival, Nepal International Human Rights Film Festival*

ESCAPE FROM ISIS (Director/Producer/Camera)

Channel 4 – 1 x 60" – July 2015

Documentary film exposing what life is like for women living under the brutal regime of ISIS and following an underground network trying to rescue them.

* *Winner – International Emmy for Outstanding Current Affairs 2016*

* *BAFTA nomination – Best Current Affairs 2016*

* *Winner – Amnesty International, Best Human Rights Documentary 2015*

* *Winner – Royal Television Society, Best International Current Affairs Doc 2016*

* *Other awards at www.edwardwattsfilms.com/portfolio/escape-from-isis/*

NIGERIA'S HIDDEN WAR (Edit Director)

Channel 4 – 1 x 60" – August 2014

The culmination of a year-long investigation, this film exposed crimes committed by Nigeria's army against civilians in the country's north-east.

* *Winner – Emmy, Outstanding Investigative Journalism 2015*

WELCOME TO RIO (Series Director/Camera)

BBC2 – 3 x 60" – June 2014

Observational series following the lives of inspirational people living in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, at a time of great upheaval in the city.

CHINESE MURDER MYSTERY (Director/Camera)

Channel 4 – 1 x 60" – November 2012

Traces the life and death of British businessman Neil Heywood, whose murder led to one of China's biggest political crises in decades.

NORWAY'S MASSACRE (Director/Camera)

BBC2 – 1 x 60" – April 2012

The story of the 2011 terror attacks in Norway told by survivors, the Norwegian Prime Minister and the writings of the terrorist, Anders Breivik.

FOREST OF THE DEAD (Director/Producer/Camera)

Channel 4 – 1 x 30" – March 2009

We were the first television crew to reach the sites of massacres committed by the Lord's Resistance Army in the jungles of Congo, to interview survivors.

SEA OF TEARS (Director/Producer/Camera)

Channel 4 – 1 x 30" – November 2008

Documentary following the torturous journey of refugees from Somalia, who flee across the seas and deserts of Arabia in search of a better life.

For a full filmography please see www.edwardwattsfilms.com