

# Ben Turley

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## Dramas & Features

**Mothers & Daughters...** Dolly Pictures / La Plante Productions ...  
Feature film, produced by La Plante Productions and Dolly Pictures.

**Freddi...** Arbie / Talkback Thames ... BBC 4 comedy pilot about a russian oligarch.

**It's Not My Fault...** Andrew Gillman ... With 'I Didn't Do Anything' and 'It Wasn't Me' a series of three short films using a split screen to get inside the head of an atypical everyman.

**Candy Chops...** Arbie / Talkback Thames ... Comedy teaser starring Tom Hardy (RocknRolla, Star Trek: Nemesis).

**Rob Brydon's Annually Retentive...** Jones The Film ... DoP on pickups throughout the second series of the BBC3 comedy programme.

**Heyday...** Chocolate Films ... A short romantic comedy. Funded by the Lottery through the UK Film Council.

**Suave B\*stard...** In Video Veritas ... camera operator on one of the first Cinealta high-definition films to be completed in the UK, and chosen by Sony to be Screened at the 2001 Cannes Film Festival to demonstrate the format.

## Documentaries

**Cutting Edge - Sex, Lies and the Murder of Meredith Kercher** ... Mills Productions ... Film for Channel 4's Cutting Edge strand about the killing in Italy of the English student, and the fact and fabrication around the telling of the story so far.

**Rob Brydon's Identity Crisis...** Jones The Film ... BBC 4 documentary for St David's day exploring the comedian's relationship with his home country.

**Panorama - The Mystery Of Madeleine McCann...** Mills Productions ... Panorama investigation of the disappearance six months on, featuring interviews with the police and friends who had been at the tapas bar that night. A Jimmy jib was used to give a clear visual overview of the apartment complex. Coproduction with CBS' 48 Hours.

**Nasser Azam - Life In Space...** Gadd & Young ... Installation and documentary for artist Nasser Azam around artworks produced in zero-gravity aboard a Russian military aircraft.

**History Of The Royal Navy...** Perpetual Motion Films ... four-part series for the History channel introduced by HRH Prince Andrew.

**House Of Horrors...** Granada Factual ... Series investigating unscrupulous tradesmen.

**Films To See Before You Die...** Nobles Gate ... Series of film introductions presented by Paul Kaye for Film 4.

**The Dyslexia Myth...** Mills Productions ... Dispatches for Channel 4 discussing misconceptions and current neurological and psychological research in the area of treatment for reading difficulties.

**Trinny And Susannah Undress The Nation...** ITV Productions ... ITV1 makeover series. Director of photography for large multicamera events (thousand woman bra fitting, fashion show in front of the Long Man of Wilmington, etc.) that end each programme.

**Real Crimes 'Sky Diver: Murder Or Suicide' / 'The Almost Perfect Murder'...** ITV ... Two films for the Real Crimes series on ITV, one about the death of skydiver Steven Hilder and the other the investigation of murderous conman Albert Walker.





- The Truth About Boarding Schools...** Granada Factual ... A programme for Channel 5 about the experience of a boarding school education. Features interviews with past boarders plus actuality from several boarding and prep schools.
- How Not To Murder Your Lover...** Granada Factual ... One hour documentary about people who have tried to hire hitmen to kill their spouses. For Channel 5.
- Who Killed The Pageant Queen: The Prime Suspect...** Mills Productions ... Documentary on the investigation into the JonBenet Ramsey murder in Colorado for ITV, CBS and Court TV. Follow up to two earlier films on the subject also shot by me.
- Kirsty's Home Videos...** Carlton ... links for Sky One clips programme.
- Reward...** ITV Productions ... 90 minute ITV1 programme about unsolved crimes, highlighting rewards for public help in the investigations. Shot story packages and studio links.
- New Homes From Hell...** Granada Factual ... Programme recounting unexpected disasters with new home developments.
- Revenge TV...** Granada Factual ... ITV series presented by Dominic Littlewood about crime detection using hidden cameras.
- St Luke's Awakening...** Landseer Productions ... documentary about the restoration of the London Symphony Orchestra's new home at St. Luke's Old Street, an 18th century Nicholas Hawksmoor church. Features the opening performance 'A Deep But Dazzling Darkness'; by James MacMillan. For the BBC.
- Drama Docs...** Liberty Bell ... One-off programme for BBC4 tracing the development of the drama documentary form.
- Sex Sense...** Discovery Europe ... Sex education series for the Discovery Health channel.

## Commercials & Titles

- Law & Order: Criminal Intent...** Channel 5 Promos ... Promo spots with Vincent D'Onofrio for new series on Channel 5.
- Nationwide Women's Soccer...** Cheerful Scout ... Bumper spots for sponsorship of women's soccer matches on Sky.
- Mark Ronson - Version...** Peacock Productions ... TV spot for the album.
- Total TV Guide...** Union Commercials ... Commercial to launch a new listings magazine featuring Paul O'Grady (Lilly Savage).
- University Of Huddersfield...** Cheerful Scout ... HD commercial for the university featuring Patrick Stewart. Directed by Andrew Gillman.
- Cliff Richard - Love Album...** Peacock Productions ... Promotional video and advertising spot for the singer's 'Love' album.
- Avis...** Enteraction ... 45" commercial shot over nine days in Tunisia and Mallorca.
- Shortest Night...** Liquid TV ... titles and bumpers for BBC 4 short film theme evening.
- The Sun...** Union Commercials ... Commercial for daily newspaper.
- Alexander O'Neal - Alex Loves.....** Peacock Productions ... Promotional material for the album, including the track 'Secret Lover' with Mica Paris
- Elin Manahan-Thomas...** Dave Meyer ... Promo video for opera singer Elin Manahan-Thomas.

## Corporates

- HMRC...** Cheerful Scout ... Series of films for the internet and the forthcoming HMRC TV help channel fronted by Dan Snow offering tax advice for businesses.
- Allen & Overy...** Cheerful Scout ... Series of instructional drama videos for legal firm, directed by Andrew Gillman.
- NAO - Changing Culture...** Radley Yeldar ... Series of film showing beneficial approaches to changing the working culture with case studies from various government departments.
- One Aviva...** Cheerful Scout ... Film to tie in with the global branding of the Aviva group.





**NHS Constitution...** COI ... Film to be shown across the NHS explaining what the new constitution is and what it is for.

**Sony Vaio...** One Vision ... Series of videos for Sony's website publicising resources available to Vaio users. Shot on HDCam in London, Brussels and Frankfurt

**L'Oreal 'Solar Expertise'...** Breakfast Of Champions ... launch promo of skincare range. Directed by Simon Gargette.

**Architectural Projects...** GMJ ... Live action and plate material for 3D compositing in various architectural preview films including Wimbledon Centre Court and Wembley Stadium.

**Crown Prince of Greece 40th Birthday...** Simon Tegala ... 40th Birthday film biography of Crown Prince Pavlos, commissioned by Crown Princess Marie-Chantal.

**Barking & Dagenham Education Videos...** Chocolate Films ... Series of films for the education department including one that was part of a successful application for more than 200 million pounds towards new schools in the borough.

**Fetter Lane...** GMJ ... Promo for office development using three digibetas (on a rig I built) to simultaneously record a 270 degree panorama to be shown on three plasma screens.

**AOL Everywhere...** Union Commercials ... Timelapse material for a promo.

**Other Clients...** Various ... Numerous companies including: NSPCC, Microsoft, Shell, Ernst & Young, Sony, Diageo, 3, Nokia and Vodafone

## Equipment

Digibeta kit plus lighting plus HD lenses and accessories.  
All video (HD / SD) or film format packages available by arrangement.

PD100 DVCam camera/recorder.

Glidecam camera stabiliser (akin to Steadicam).

Mini jib.

Citroen C8 people carrier as camera vehicle. For information on additional equipment or for further details please contact me at [cameraman\\_ben@hotmail.com](mailto:cameraman_ben@hotmail.com).

## Background

I have been involved in productions since childhood, first going out with my documentary cameraman father Patrick Turley at around 12. By my late teens I was shooting publicity stills for series, often featured in national newspapers and in 1992 at the age of 18 I got my first professional broadcast camera credit. I then combined degrees in engineering from Bristol University and film and television production from Bournemouth University with a move towards training in narrative work. I trained and worked as spark, loader or focus puller on numerous dramas and commercials. I found this to be an excellent grounding for subsequent work in all areas of filming.

Alongside the assisting work on film I was building up my documentary operating credits and in 1998 I gained my first sole network lighting cameraman credit on a film for Channel 4 about the JonBenet Ramsey murder in the US.

Since then I have shot and lit numerous documentaries, commercials and dramas across a variety of genres and with crews ranging from multiple operators, sparks, grips and riggers to myself and a recordist. I have experience shooting on ships, in cars and from helicopters and planes and even floating in zero-g above Moscow.

## Details

BBC 'Safe Working With Cameras & Lights' health & safety passport

PADI Open Water Diver

Degree in mechanical engineering (specialising in robotics)

Masters in film and television production

Experienced with Premiere, Photoshop, C, C++, Java, HTML, PHP, Javascript

