

# DAVID SYMMONS

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## Summary

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Experienced Series Director with a strong creative vision and a meticulous approach to storytelling. With over 20 years in the industry as a DOP/Camera Supervisor before transitioning to directing in 2010, I have a proven track record of delivering high-quality content. I have played a key role in designing and setting up some of the UK's largest and most renowned fixed rig galleys for hit series such as *First Dates*, *First Dates Hotel*, *24 Hours in Police Custody*, and *24 Hours in A&E*. Passionate about innovation and visual storytelling, I excel in leading teams and crafting compelling narratives.

## Awards

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**New York international Film Awards 2023:** *Vote True* - Grand Jury Award

**Grierson British Documentary Awards 2019:** *First Dates Hotel (Series 2)* - Best Constructed Documentary Series

**Grierson British Documentary Awards 2017:** *First Dates Hotel (Series 1)* - Best Constructed Documentary Series

**British Academy of Film and Television Arts 2016:** *First Dates* - Gallery Director (winner); *24hrs in Police Custody* - Series Gallery Director (nominated)

## Series Director

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**BBC:** Love In The Flesh

**Channel 4:** First Dates Hotel (Series 1+2)

**Channel 4:** First Dates (Series 7-10)

**ITV:** It's a Yes Pilot

**Channel 4:** Secret Life of the Holiday Resort

**BBC3:** Sex on the Couch (Series 1)

**Online:** Cadbury Heroes (2x20')

## Series Director Gallery

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**Channel 4:** 24hrs in Police Custody (Series 2-6)

**Channel 4:** 24hrs in A&E (Series 4-14)

## Director

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**Oracle Red Bull Racing:** Rokt Challenge

## Director - Commercials

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Old El Paso

Carlsberg Spec Advert

ASDA Christmas Day Commercial 2020

Virgin Active" 50 x 25' Films

## DOP - Commercials

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Waitrose

Ford

Shell

Vodafone

Mercedes F1 Petronas

P&O Cruises

Universal Music

Wella

Laura Ashley

MBNA

Carter

JD Wetherspoons

Hassle

Green & Blacks

By Terry

Trino Wines

HSBC

T - Mobile

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## DOP - Entertainment

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**BBC One:** The One Show - Specials (since 2007)

**ITV:** Prince Harry Interview  
**Channel 4:** Will You Marry Me?  
**Channel 5:** Our Big Day  
**Channel 5:** The Poisoning: How to Kill Your Husband (DOP for the reconstruction of events)  
**BBC3:** Love In The Flesh  
**Channel 5:** Ex on the Beach (Series 1)  
**Sky One:** Go to Dance (Series 1 - 5)  
**BBC:** Sport Relief (2014 - 2018)  
**BBC One:** Strictly Come Dancing: Stand up to Cancer  
**BBC Two:** Love in the Countryside  
**Channel 5:** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies  
**Invictus Games** VTs  
**BBC One:** Watchdog  
**BBC One:** Crimewatch Reconstructions & Interviews  
**Channel 4:** Mary's Bottom Line  
**BBC Two:** Stargazing Live  
**BBC Two:** The Hairy Biker's Food Tour of Britain  
**BBC One:** Bang Goes the Theory  
**BBC One:** Match of the Day  
**ITV:** Vernon Kay's, Gameshow Marathon (Interviews)  
**ITV:** Ant and Sally's Gameshow Marathon  
**ITV:** Sally Morgan: Star Psychic  
**Bafta Awards:** IVs for main show, backstage  
**The Soap Awards:** Arrivals and backstage  
**LWT:** TV Nightmares  
**ITV:** When Soapstars Sing  
**ITV:** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Interviews  
**Channel 4:** Bedsitcom  
**Channel 4:** Banzai  
**Channel 4:** Balls of Steel  
**Channel 4:** Friday Night Project  
**Sky Witness:** Sing Date  
**Sky Living:** Love Machine  
**ITVX:** Love Bites  
**Sky One:** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew  
**Sky One:** Chris and West: Let's Do This  
**iTunes Festival** (2013-2015)  
**Channel 5:** Now That's Embarrassing, The 80s  
**Channel 5:** How To Survive a Disaster Movie  
**MTV:** Date my Mom UK

## **DOP - Music and Documentary**

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Spies: Master IVs  
Operation Crossbow  
Girls Aloud: Ten Years at the Top  
Diversity: Live in Dublin  
Money Program  
Starter For TEN  
Robert Wyatt Documentary  
Tom Jones A Boy  
The Human Spider  
T4 Exclusive: Lady Gaga  
Dispatches  
Gods Kitchen: Big Re-Union  
Live Events  
Mindshock: The Man with no Past  
Torture Light  
Kylie Documentary  
Bust A Move  
EMA Awards

NME Awards Nomination Live Shows  
Reading Festival  
Diesel Music Awards  
Live: Isle of Wight  
The Michael Jackson Story

## **DOP - Children Entertainment**

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Blue Peter  
Basil Brush Special  
Do Something Different  
Beat the Boss  
The Saturday Shot  
Short Change  
XChange  
Nickelodeon