Jonathan Schütz

Executive Producer | Series Producer

TV & Video Production

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Executive Producer / Series Producer of high-profile **factual** & **documentary TV**, **branded** and **corporate video content** around the world, wherever there's a story to be told. I offer a full production service, from **development pitch/deck/sizzle creation** through **producing**, **directing**, **scripting** and **editing** all the way to **final delivery**, and **troubleshooting** along the way. I look forward to helping your productions run smoothly, whether in a **hands-on role** or as an **adviser**. I run my own production company, Curly Lizard Films, with sub-brand Gecko making short films for arts & heritage organisations and charities.

"Every company who has had the pleasure of working with Jonathan on a Nat Geo film has embraced his expertise and he continues to excel in his craft. He is a unique talent who can bridge the Asian and European documentary communities given his extensive experience in the industry."
MayYi Lee, National Geographic Channel

Awards include: **Asian TV Commendations** for **Lifestyle** and for **Current Affairs**, **Silver Remi** for **Theatrical Feature Film/ Documentary**, **Silver Muse** for **Outstanding Achievement in Museum Media**

SELECTED CREDITS

2023-24 **JSBC (Jiangsu Broadcasting Corporation)**	**Development, Story & Script Consultant** Various Developed international documentaries and series with one of China's biggest broadcasters
2008 - ongoing **Nat Geo** **Discovery** **AXN & others**	**Executive Producer/Story & Script Consultant/Writer/Editor/Edit Producer** Ensuring multiple one-offs & series from China, Taiwan (inc Taiwan to the World strand) and Korea work for international/multichannel broadcasters
2018-19 **Nat Geo**	**Executive Producer/Series Producer/Editor** Laoshan Converted 16,000 Chinese-labelled clips into 2 x 1hr about a holy mountain in eastern China
2018 **BBC Media Action**	**Executive Producer/Burma** Supervised formatting/production of series pilot with Burma crew, shot in remote NW Burma
2018 **Qatar Charity**	**Series Producer/Director** Mahatat Directed 12 x 12' short films promoting charity work in Sudan (challenging location) and Albania
2015 **BBC Media Action**	**Head of TV/Cambodia** Ran two 10-part series mixing drama, fact ent and info/PSA for Cambodian broadcasters CTN/MyTV
2016 **CNA**	**Executive Producer/Development** Quantum Developed new landmark Nova/Horizon-style science series for Singapore's factual broadcaster
2014 **CNA**	**Executive Producer/Series Producer** Singapore Revealed & Treasure Hunt Ran team of 8 directors and 8 editors, scripted, supervised shoots, directed episodes, supervised edits, troubleshot and delivered 2 x 6 x 1hr concurrent talent-led series for leading Asian broadcaster
2021 **Nat Geo**	**Story Consultant/Writer/Editor** 100 Year Journey Guided, edited and Scripted China-made modern history 2 x 1hr series
2022 **Smithsonian Channel**	**Writer** Aerial America Scripted 2 x 30' compilation episodes of the longest-running aerial series
2017 **Nat Geo**	**Producer/Director** Shandong, Land of Confucius Directed 20 Chinese crew, scripted 1hr presenter-led blue-chip travel, history and culture special

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FURTHER CREDITS

2019 **Spring Films / CIIDS**	**Series Development Producer** The Great Chinese Experiment Developed complex 6 x 1hr history of China's relations with RoW
2015 **CNA**	**Series Producer** City ReDesign Ran 4 x 1hr landmark series, including broadcaster's biggest ever spend on CGI, wrote all scripts, directed all presenter elements: history of Singapore through architecture, with Prof. Jason Pomeroy
2014 **BBC Media Action**	**Series Producer/Consultant/Indonesia** Analysed Indonesian market and prepared series co-production with Indonesian broadcasters
2011-13 **Msheireb Properties**	**Series Producer/Director** Promotional short films + long-term 1hr on downtown regeneration in Doha
2009 **Off the Fence/Discovery**	**Series Producer/Director** Changemakers: Asia Developed semi-humorous format, produced, directed, scripted and edited 3 x 1hr on green technology
2007 **Travel Channel US/ Reader's Digest**	**Series Producer/Director, Development Producer** Walking the World Developed travel show, shot pilot (China) and one series episode (Austria), ran 4 directors and 3 edits, scripted and versioned 10 x 1hr + 3 x 1hr
2016 **Pulitzer Center**	**Producer** The Life Equation Produced/edit produced 90' Pulitzer-Center-funded feature doc on global health and big data
2016 **Nat Geo**	**Producer/Director** Fusion Forager Formatted, directed, scripted 1hr pilot Malaysia travel/cooking show, with celebrity chef Viet Pham
2012 **Nat Geo**	**Producer/Director** KungFu Motion 1hr pilot fact ent travel series: ancient skills get a new spin in China with popular blogger Harry Yuan
2010 **BBC Worldwide/CNA**	**Director** Sun Tzu: War on Business Produced/directed 3 x 30min fact ent China business series with James Sun, ex-The Apprentice US
2005-15 **E&O** **Shell**	**Producer/Director** Corporate/promotional/branded short films Short corporates for big brands, internal and external use
2007 **Nat Geo**	**Writer/Director** Inside: Emperor's Treasure 1hr unique access to Taiwan museum behind the scenes
2007-10 **Nat Geo**	**Producer/Director** Inside: Airshow, Megastructures x 3 Access obs-docs, behind the scenes setting up Singapore's new airshow, building a new Universal theme park in Singapore, building the world's biggest casino in Macau and a massive river project in Korea

Technical skills

Camera (BMD, Canon, Sony)
Editing (DaVinci Resolve, Premiere Pro)
Mixing (Fairlight, Pro Tools)
Grading (DaVinci Resolve)
IT (basic network management in home/post setting)
AI (all stages of production)
Photo editing/management (Photoshop, Lightroom, Luminar)
Graphics & Layout (Affinity Publisher, Indesign)

Production skills

Pitching
Budgeting
Planning & Scheduling
Story development & consulting
Scripting
Staff management
Client management
Compliance

Languages: English, German, French, Italian, Hungarian, Russian
Associations: Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Member Royal Television Society
Citizenship: UK/Austria (dual)

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