## **DAN JONES**

### Composer

Dan Jones is a multi award-winning composer and sound designer working in film, television and theatre. Notable film credits include *Shadow of the Vampire*, starring John Malkovich and Willem Dafoe, which received two *Oscar* nominations (Dan himself being long-listed by *Variety* as an Oscar contender for his score); *The Tonto Woman*, also nominated for an *Oscar* in the short films category; and *Max*, starring John Cusack and Noah Taylor, for which he won his first *Ivor Novello award*. For Channel 4/Carnival's *Any Human Heart*, a dramatisation of William Boyd's novel, Dan won *BAFTA* and *Ivor Novello awards* as well as gaining double *Emmy* nominations. In the realm of the theatre, in 2011 Dan received the *Special Jury Prize for Excellence in Sound Design*, at the Prague Quadrennial awards for his work on the acclaimed production *Kursk*.

Dan's work is notable for its range as much as its quality. The luxuriant romanticism and gorgeous melodies of his scores for *Any Human Heart, Max* and *A Matador's Mistress* (starring Penelope Cruz and Adrien Brody) contrast with the ambient minimalism used in *Criminal Justice* and *Dead Set* (E4's high-profile horror drama based on *Big Brother*). He is equally at home writing for the orchestra, as in his epic score for Sir David Attenborough's 10-part *The Life of Mammals*, and for electronics - often in a highly experimental way. These two skills are brought together in his score for *The Spectre of Hope*, a documentary film about the photographer Sebastiao Salgado.

As well as working extensively in the theatre, not least as co-director of The Sound and Fury Theatre Company, Dan is also acclaimed for his work on art installations, such as *Suburban Counterpoint: Music for Seven Ice-Cream Vans* (Norwich Festival and London International Festival of Theatre, 2010), *Sky Orchestra* (Bristol, 2003, Birmingham 2004, Stratford-upon-Avon 2006/7, Sydney and London 2011), and *Listening Posts* at Cork Harbour.

Dan read music at Oxford University where he graduated with first class honours. He received the Ralph Vaughan Williams Electro-Acoustic Scholarship 1995 which he spent at the Centro Richerche Musicali in Rome, and has also studied contemporary music theatre at the Banff Centre for the Arts.

#### DAN JONES – SELECTED CREDITS

#### **FEATURE FILMS**

In The Dark Half (Cinema Six, 2013)

Director: Alastair Siddons Producer: Margaret Matheson

A Matador's Mistress

(Iberomericana Film Productions,

2008/10)

Director: Menno Meyjes

Producer: Andres Vicente Gomez

Turn It Loose (Partizan Films, 2008)

**Director: Alastair Siddons** 

Producer: Josh Pill

The Tonto Woman (Knucklehead)

Director: Daniel Barber

Producers: Matthew Browne, Belinda

Lewin

Lilacs (Thema Productions, 2006)

**Director: Tom Roberts** 

Producers: Jimmy de Brabant, Michael

Dounaev

Four Last Songs (BBC Films, 2005/6)

Director: Francesca Joseph

Producers: Ruth Caleb, Chris Collins

Murder by Numbers (SPG, 2004)

Director: Mike Hodges

Producers: Paula Jalfon, Colin McCabe

Max (Lions Gate Films, 2002/3)

Director: Menno Meyjes Producer: Andras Hamori

Ivor Novello award 2004 "Best Score for a

Feature Film"

Tomorrow La Scala! (BBC Films, 2002)

Director: Francesca Joseph

Producers: Ruth Caleb, Chris Collins

**Anazapta** (Spice Factory, 2001) Director: Alberto Sciamma Producer: Jason Piette

**Trance** 

(World Productions/Sky Pictures, 2001)

Director: Joe Ahearne Producer: Bill Shapter

#### **FEATURE FILMS** (continued)

**Shadow of the Vampire** 

(Saturn Films, 2000)

Director: E. Elias Merhige

Producers: Nicolas Cage, Jeff Levine

The Weekend (Granada Films, 1999)

Director: Brian Skeet Producer: Ian Benson

#### **TELEVISION DRAMA**

The Fear

(World Productions for Ch4, 2012)

Director: Michael Samuels Producer: Tim Bricknell

The Town

(Big Talk Productions/ITV, 2012)

Director: Colin Tegue Producer: Luke Alkin

The Secret of Crickley Hall (BBC, 2012)

Director: Joe Ahearne

Producer: Annie Harrison-Baxter

Appropriate Adult (ITV, 2011)

Director: Julian Jarrold Producer: Lisa Gichrist

**Any Human Heart** 

(Carnival Film & TV for Ch4, 2010)

Director: Michael Samuels Producer: Lee Morris

Ivor Novello award 2011 'Best Television

Soundtrack'

BAFTA Craft award for Original Music

Criminal Justice 2 (BBC, 2009)

Directors: Yann Demange, Marc Jobst

Producer: Steve Lightfoot

Dead Set (5-part series - Endemol

Productions for Ch4, 2008)
Director: Yann Demange
Creator: Charlie Brooker

**Strange** (6-part series – Big Bear Films for

BBC1, 2003)

Directors: Joe Ahearne, Simon Massey

Producer: Marcus Mortimer

#### **DOCUMENTARIES**

#### **Charles Darwin and the Tree Of Life**

(BBC Attenborough Series, 2009) Director/Producer: Sacha Mirzoeff

#### The Insurgency

(WGBH Frontline Series, 2006) Director/Producer: Tom Roberts

#### In the Company of Soldiers

(WGBH Frontline Series, 2005)
Director/Producer: Tom Roberts

# **Ghosts of Rwanda** (WGBH, 2004) Director/Producer: Greg Barker

Capuchin Monkeys (BBC1, Wildlife on

One, 2004)

Producer: Mark Linfield

#### The Life of Mammals (BBC, 2002)

Devised/written/presented: Sir David

Attenborough

Series Producer: Mike Salisbury

#### Salgado - The Spectre of Hope

(Minerva Pictures, 2001)

Director: Paul Carlin

Producers: Paula Jalfon, Colin MacCabe

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