

Jonathan Atkinson

Researcher/Assistant Producer

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About Me

I'm a researcher/assistant producer from the UK with a particular interest in factual and entertainment programming. I'm adept at **casting contributors**, **setting up shoots** and **clearing archive**. I have experience of **studio** and **location** filming, as well as working in **development**. Auckland-based, but happy to relocate. I'm in NZ on a working holiday visa.

Work & Experience

Researcher, *Insert Name Here*, 12 Yard (Aug – Oct '18)

8 x 30' for BBC Two primetime

- Wrote in-depth biogs and questions on the famous names discussed by panel
- Cleared archive from major libraries (Getty, AP, Rex, Shutterstock) as well as individual rights holders
- Sourced props and prizes

Assistant Producer, *Say It With Food*, Raise the Roof Productions (July '18)

1 x 60' pilot for BBC Scotland

- Cast contributor who wanted to surprise family with a special meal
- Found professional chef to teach contributor how to cook an Asian-fusion dish
- Filmed video diaries of contributor practicing chosen dish
- Researched history of different foods and sourced recipes
- Set up shoots with local burger joint as part of a "best new restaurant" strand

Researcher, *I'll Get This*, 12 Yard (April – June '18)

6 x 30' for BBC Two primetime

- Helped to develop new games for this brand new comedy panel series
- Created content for rounds to be played by celebrity guests
- Cleared music and verified facts

Researcher, *For Facts Sake*, Hungry Bear Media (Feb – April '18)

6 x 30' for BBC One primetime

- Found interesting facts and experiments to feature in this new quiz/panel show
- Wrote questions and helped to come up with new games
- Sourced and cleared archive, stills and music

Researcher, *Fifteen to One*, Remedy Productions (Aug '17 – Feb '18)

70 x 60' for Channel 4 daytime

- Helped to cast the 400 contestants for this long-running quiz show
- Conducted initial phone interviews and Skype auditions
- Targeted hundreds of businesses and ran casting stalls at events around the country
- Competed background checks
- Briefed and looked after contestants during in studio recording sessions

Researcher, *Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme*, Panda Television (April – Aug '17)
12 x 30' for BBC One primetime

- Part of the casting team for this brand new Saturday night game show
- Targeted organisations, businesses, clubs and local authorities across the UK
- Went on audition tours, filmed and cut down casting tapes

Researcher, *All Round To Mrs Brown's*, Hungry Bear Media (Jan – March '17)
6 x 60' for BBC One primetime

- Wrote biogs for celebrity guests for this new chat show
- Assisted with targeting to find featured audience members
- Also helped out with development – writing up one-page ideas and team brainstorms

Researcher, *Big House, Little House*, Raise the Roof Productions (May – Dec '16)
20 x 60' for Channel 4 daytime

- Helped cast 40 sets of contributors for this brand new renovation series
- Set up and went on shoots, managed relationships with contributors and builders

Researcher, Development, Raise the Roof Productions (April, Sept '16)

- Made access calls to different companies, institutions, and leading experts
- Contributed to team brainstorms and came up with ideas based on set briefs
- Worked on pre-existing ideas, wrote treatments, and pitched to BBC commissioner

Researcher, *Gok's Fill Your House For Free*, Raise the Roof Productions (March '15)
20 x 60' for Channel 4 daytime

- Sourced free furniture and homeware to be used by upcycling experts
- Found properties to feature in the "Inspirational Homes" strand

Researcher, *Kirstie & Phil's Love It or List It*, Raise the Roof Productions (Sept – Mar '15)
8 x 60' Channel 4 primetime

- Helped cast this returning property series
- Liaised with estate agents to find properties matching our contributors' needs
- Wrote recce schedules, set up filming locations and arranged release forms

Researcher, *Holiday of My Lifetime*, Raise the Roof Productions (May – Sept '15)
25 x 45' for BBC One daytime

- Sourced vintage props, classic vehicles, and cleared copyright for archive material
- Found contributors, including local historians, as well as activities for talent to try out

Education

MA (Hons) Film & TV Studies/Arts & Media Informatics, Glasgow University (May '12)

- Graduated with a **2:1 Joint Honours degree**

References

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