# ALEXANDRA HARWOOD





#### **SELECTED CREDITS**

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (2020)
THATCHER: A VERY BRITISH REVOLUTION (2019)
THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE
SOCIETY (2018)
THE ESCAPE (2017)
GROWING UP WILD (2016)

# **BIOGRAPHY**

Alexandra Harwood is a BAFTA Cymru Award-winning composer, whose films have screened worldwide. Alexandra composed the original score for Mike Newell's feature 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' starring Lily James. Prior to this she composed the score for the feature film 'The Escape', directed by Dominic Savage and starring Gemma Arterton and Dominic Cooper, and 'Growing Up Wild', a feature documentary for Disney/ Netflix USA. In 2019, Alexandra scored the critically acclaimed BBC Two series 'Thatcher: A Very British Revolution' and she has most recently completed work on the six-part Channel 5 and PBS Masterpiece series 'All Creatures Great and Small', produced by Playground Entertainment.

Alexandra is a classically trained composer. After graduating from the Royal College of Music (Dip Mus) and The Juilliard School (MMus), she was Composer in Residence for the Juilliard Drama Division, during which time she wrote music for theatre productions in the US and UK and worked with actors including Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay, Laura Linney, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Michael Stuhlbarg, Tim Nelson and Audra McDonald.

Amongst numerous commissions that have been performed worldwide are four pieces for iMusicanti's St John's Smith Square 2018 concert series, 'Automatic Flesh', for Ballet Rambert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, 'The Happy Prince' (cantata for soloists, choir and orchestra), St John's Smith Square, London; 'I Hear a Drum' (voice and percussion) for Audra McDonald, Avery Fisher Hall, NY; 'Sonatina', The National Flute Convention chosen repertoire, 2009 and 2018, USA; 'Theme and Variations' written for Sir Ronald Harwood's 70th Birthday, performed in the presence of HRH The Prince of Wales.

Success in theatre and concert work led to Alexandra to take an MA in film composition at the National Film and Television School, which was the start of her career as a film composer. Her music for film has won awards and nominations with the British Animation Awards-Best Sound and Music (Winner 2018), BAFTA Cymru (Winner 2015), BIFA (2013), Anima Mundi, Edinburgh Film Festival, IDFA and Locarno.

Film and television work includes scores for BBC animations for director Anna Humphries, Channel 5 series 'The Secret Life of Puppies and Kittens'; Channel 4/Animal Planet US feature documentary 'Yeti or Not?'; BBC4 documentary series 'What a Performance – Pioneers of Popular Entertainment'; 'Dancing in Circles', which was awarded the BAFTA Cymru Best Short Award (2015); feature documentary 'Bronx Lives' (Singapore/ New York Production); 'A Celebration of Harry Potter' for Warner Bros. Orlando USA; 'Z1' directed by Gabriel Gauchet - winner of the Best Short Film at the British Independent Film Awards 2014 and received a Locarno Award nomination in 2013; BBC documentary 'Girlfriend in a

Coma', directed by Annalisa Piras; 'No Man's Land', which won Best International Documentary at the Tehran International Short Film Festival, and received an IDFA nomination and broadcast DN2 Denmark; 'Kids Say', an animation TV series broadcast in Hong Kong in 2014; short 'The Substitute' which was screened at the Cannes Film Festival 2015; and 'NightDare' which was nominated for several Royal Television Society Awards, including Best Sound and Music in 2015.

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#### **FILM & TV CREDITS**

### All Creatures Great and Small (2020)

Directed by Brian Percival Channel 5 | PBS Masterpiece

# Thatcher: A Very British Revolution (2019)

Created by Katie Boxer BBC Studios

# Minuet (2019)

Directed by Aaron Hopwood Animation, Short

# The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society (2018)

Directed by Mike Newell Blueprint Pictures Mazur/Kaplan Company

#### Sonny (2017)

Directed by Dominic Beeput

#### **Growing Up Wild (2016)**

Directed by Mark Linfield & Keith Scholey Feature Documentary Disney/Netflix (USA)

# The Secret Life of Puppies and Kittens (2016)

Directed by Jackie Garbutt Channel 5

#### The Chop (2015)

Directed by Lewis Rose Coton Reel Entertainment

# **Bronx Lives (2015)**

Directed by Elizabeth Wijaya Documentary E&W Films Singapore/NY

#### Satan Has a Bushy Tail (2014)

Directed by Louis Paxton/Chiara Ventura Film London

### Jericho (2019)

Directed by Sarah Andrews Animation, short

# Queen of Spain (2019)

Directed by Stephen Lowenstein Short, Drama

# New Puppy, New Home (2018)

TV documentary

# Mary Anning – The Girl Who helped Discover Dinosaurs (2018)

Directed by Anna Humphries Short film

#### **The Escape (2017)**

Directed by Dominic Savage Independent

#### **Yeti or Not (2016)**

Feature Documentary Channel 4/Animal Planet USA Icon Films

#### Neck and Neck (2016)

Directed by Shaun Clark Animation MewLab Film London/Shakespeare400

# The Evening Her Mind Jumped out of her Mind (2015)

Directed by Kim Noce/Shaun Clark MewLab

# What a Performance, Pioneers of Popular Performance (2015)

Directed by Ellen Hobson| Kim Lomax | Jeff Morgan Documentary Series BBC Four/Liberty Bell

# Kids Say (2014)

Directed by Lilian Fu Flourman Production



#### Dark and Light Leo (2015)

Directed by Sehaj Sethi and Conor O'Farrell NYU Film (United States)

# The Substitute (2014)

Directed by Nathan Hughes-Berry Booruffle Films

### Nest of Stone (2014)

Directed by Kim Noce and Shaun Clark Mew Lab

# **About a Dog (2014)**

Directed by Ryan Nervana NFTS

#### NightDare (2014)

Directed by Serafeim Ntousias NFTS

#### **Automatic Flesh (2013)**

Directed by Miguel Altunaga/Mikel Gurrea Rambert Dance Company

# No Man's Land (2013)

Documentary DN2 (Denmark) Directed Michael Graverson NFTS Production

#### Homey (2013)

Directed by Ben Garfield

#### Ideal Wife (2013)

Directed by Philip Saville Saville Shorts

# Musical Star! (2013)

Directed by Louis Paxton NFTS Production

#### First Light (2013)

Directed by Lilian Fu NFT

#### **Flat Frog (2012)**

Directed by Margherita Premuroso Luca da Rios/Inkymind Animation Studio

# Kiss (2012)

Directed by Cathy Brady NFTS

#### The Café (2015)

Directed by Terrence Masson

# **Dancing in Circles (2014)**

Directed by Kim Strobl Winner of BAFTA Cymru 2015

#### **Harry Potter Celebration (2014)**

Warner Bros/Mina Lima

#### Siniestra (2014)

Directed by Fred Guerrier

#### Keepsake (2013)

Directed by Andy Robinson Innervision

#### Platz (2013)

Directed by Jack Tennant Granule Films

#### Z1 (2013)

Directed by Gabriel Gauchet NFTS Production Winner of BIFA 2013

#### Fink (2013)

Directed by Gat Powell NFTS Production

#### The Water Bearer (2013)

Directed by Kim Noce MewLab

# The Key (2013)

Directed by Kim Noce MewLab

# Girlfriend in a Coma (2013)

Directed by Annalisa Piras Springshot Productions

#### The Big Steal (2013)

Directed by Anti Reinthal/Andre Sousa NFTS

### The Road Home (2012)

Directed by Jasleen Sethi

# Dying for Freedom (2012)

Directed by Stephen Lake White Lantern Films



### 28After School Club (2012)

Directed by Danny Stack White Lantern Films

### Txoria (The Bird) (2012)

Directed by Mikel Gurea LFS

#### Beginning (2012)

Directed by Pier Wilkie

# The Printorium (2012)

Directed by Miraphora Mina/Eduardo Lima MinaLima Design

# Four (2011)

Directed by Margherita Premuroso Luca da Rios/Inkymind Animation Studio

#### A Tale of Two Cats (2011)

Directed by Clare Aburn

#### Loose Ends (2011)

Directed by Kim Strobl Central Film School

#### Crush (2010)

Directed by Jude Brownbill Animation Mentor

#### **Next Exit (2012)**

Directed by Ben Goodger

#### An Anxious Mind (2012)

Directed by Michael Graverson NFTS

#### Chessmates (2012)

Directed by Mikel Gurrea Elia

### End of an Era (2011)

Directed by Yousif Al-Khalifa NTFS

#### Papa (2011)

Directed by Adeyemi Michael

#### Desparecidos (2011)

Edited by Paulo Pandolpho Schumann Film Co.

#### The Paris Literary Prize (2010)

Directed by Virgine-Alvine Perrette De Groot Foundation and Shakespeare and Co. Bookstore Paris

#### **Dreaming of Denmark (2010)**

Directed by Michael Graversen DR1 (Denmark) Klassefilm

### **SELECTED CONCERT & THEATRE CREDITS**

# SINFONIA CONCERTANTE FOR STRINGS

The first of four concert pieces commissioned for the chamber ensemble *i Musicanti* for their 2016/ 17 series, upcoming performance in November '17 at St John's Smith's Square.

# **AUTOMATIC FLESH**

Commission for Ballet Rambert, Queen Elizabeth Hall, 2013.

#### THE HAPPY PRINCE

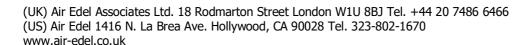
Cantata for soloists, choir and orchestra. Libretto by Ronald Harwood. Performed at St John's Smith's Square, London, January 1993.

# **SONATINA FOR ALTO FLUTE & PIANO**

Commission for Andrea Redcay Graves. Performances in the US, Western Illinois University, Flute Festival TN, International Flute Festival Costa Rica and London, UK, 2005/2006. Selected for the National Flute Convention repertoire, USA 2008.

#### **THEME & VARIATIONS FOR PIANO QUINTET**

Commission for Ronald Harwood's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Performed in the presence of HRH the Prince of Wales, November 2004.





# **DECK THE HALL FOR PIANO QUINTET**

Commission for Old Isleworth Festival at the Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond. December 1999.

#### **AS YOU LIKE IT**

Original score for Shakespeare's play performed at the New Jersey Shakespeare festival, director Barry Edelstein, July 1994.

#### **STILL LIFE - OPERA**

Aspen Music Festival, directed by Edward Berkeley, August 1994.

#### **POISON PEN**

Commission for Ronald Harwood's new play at Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester. May - June 1993.

#### LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST

Original score for revived Juilliard production by Theater for a New Audience, St. Clements Church, New York. Directed by Michael Langham. March – April 1993. Composer and musical director.

#### **NIGHT VOICES**

Commission performed at the Lincoln Center, New York, March 1991.

#### **GOD OF THE SEA – CHOIR**

Commissioned choral work performed in the presence of HRH Princess Margaret at Windsor Castle.

