

**Roy Ackerman****Managing Director of Fresh One Productions, UK**

Roy Ackerman is Managing Director of Fresh One Productions, the campaigning, multi-genre company founded by Jamie Oliver. Recent output includes Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution (ABC); God Bless You? Barak Obama (BBC); Jamie's American Roadtrip (Channel 4); a major talent-led series An African Journey (BBC), Jamie Does... (Channel 4), The Delicious Miss Dahl (with Sophie Dahl, BBC), Flying Saucer (Tabak Al Ta'er – an Arabic-language kids' show mixing science fiction and food for Al-Jazeera Children's Channel, JCC) and Black Beach: Simon Mann's African Coup (BBC) a feature documentary on the extraordinary coup in Equatorial Guinea (BBC and PBS).



Previously, Roy was Creative Director at Diverse Productions. His scripted films include the acclaimed Mrs Mandela a drama portrait of Winnie Mandela (BBC/France 2/SBS); the RTS Shortlisted docu-drama Killing Hitler (BBC2/History Channel); the Grierson shortlisted star-studded drama Our Hidden Lives (BBC). He has two major international series and two big single films - in development with the BBC.

Factual output includes Fat Man in a White Hat with Bill Buford, the acclaimed New Yorker editor/author goes on an immersive journey – sometimes literally – into Haute Cuisine; award-winning documentaries such as Sundance entry Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson; Sundance Grand Jury Award and Peabody winner Why We Fight; BAFTA-winning epic Tsunami: 7 Hours on Boxing Day (BBC). Seven Sins of England (Channel 4, in association with Halcyons Heart Films, winner of the Royal Television Society: Educational Television Award); the RTS and Banff award-winning feature-length documentary After The War: Conquering Germany (BBC2); the RTS award-winning Not Cricket (BBC4/2); the multi-award winning US theatrical documentary hit The Trials of Henry Kissinger (BBC 4/ BBC 2/ Arte/ History Television/SBS television (Australian)/TV2 (Denmark); the Broadcast and RTS winning film for House of War (Channel 4 and CNN); BAFTA, RTS and Broadcast Award winning 100% White (Channel 4); BAFTA shortlisted Battlecentre (Channel 4); International Emmy-winning The Phil (Channel 4, a year in the life of the Philharmonia orchestra).

Series successes includes BAFTA Kids winner Election, where children embarked on a series of challenges that tested their leadership skills; hit format and winner of RTS Broadcast Prix Italia and other awards Operatunity; its award-winning follow up Musicality; and equally acclaimed Ballet Changed My Life: Ballet Hoo!; Play It Again, a major series where leading celebrities learn a musical instrument; and Rocket Science, an inspirational science series.

Other major shows included: Britain's Rich List: Give It Away (ITV); Last Chance Kids (part of Channel 4's "Lost for Words" strand, a 'Jamie's Kitchen' for kids who can't read); Sacred Voyager: Jerusalem (Travel Channel Media); Calais: The Last Border (BBC, winner of Best Documentary at the Berlin Film Festival. Who Wrote the Bible (C4); Seconds to Impact, Playing for England, The Builders Are Coming; Mind Your F-king Language (Cutting Edge – Channel Four); Not Cricket 2: The Captain & The Bookmaker (BBC4) and JD Salinger Doesn't Want to Talk (BBC2).

As a director his films include the award-winning or shortlisted Secret Life of Jeremy Thorpe; Volvo City; Enigma - Adventures of a Hardback Hero; Lifers – The Rise and Rise of the Literary Biographer. Roy is on the TV Committee of BAFTA, writes occasionally for the Guardian and other newspapers. He sings in a performing choir, plays saxophone in a rock band and plays bridge competitively and football, very uncompetitively.

### **Fresh One Productions**

Jamie Oliver's vision for Fresh One was to create a brand that stood for the highest of production values and made entertaining programmes that could change lives for the better. Its programmes have sold into 60 territories and translated into 29 different languages and the company has partnered with AOL on a commissioned live studio web cast, on an animated childrens series with Aardman and a children's food show with Al Jeezera.



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