

Ben Hall**Managing Director, The Shine Group**

In July 2009 Ben joined Shine Group as the Managing Director of Shine Network helping manage development, acquisitions and content strategy across the Shine group of companies. Before joining Shine, Ben was Chief Creative Officer, Entertainment at Digital Rights Group (DRG), the UK's leading independent TV distributor.

Ben was previously Creative Director for Format Development at BBC Worldwide, overseeing the creation of new formats for BBC Worldwide's growing global network of international production offices. His team secured new network commissions for the business in the UK, USA and Australia.

Ben made his name in the format business as Creative Director and Managing Partner of The Chatterbox Partnership, one of the UK's first and most successful TV format creation businesses. With co-founder, Tom Ellemann, Chatterbox developed more than 30 formats from initial idea through first commission and onto international success generating more than 1300 hours of original production (and counting!) along the way.

Before founding Chatterbox in 1996, Ben was a TV journalist and presenter working on consumer affairs and travel programmes on BBC1 and BBC2.

**The Shine Group**

Shine Group is one of television's youngest and most dynamic global production and distribution groups. Shine was founded by Liz Murdoch in 2001 and now includes 15 production companies in 11 countries as well as international distribution powerhouse Shine Reville International. In 2009 Shine has acquired pan-Nordic production group Metronome and also opened Shine companies in Germany and France and announced an Australian company that will be open for business from January 2010. These companies join Shine Group's existing production businesses Reville in the USA and Shine TV, Kudos, Princess and Dragonfly in the UK. Visit www.shinegroup.tv for more information.

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