# MARK CHALLENOR

## 1st ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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Agent: GEMS

#### THE OTHER BENNET SISTER - Badwolf / BBC / Britbox, Period Drama, eps 1-5

Exec Producer: Kate Crowther; Producer: John Pocock; Line Producer: Kathy Nettleship

Director: Jenifer Sheridan.

## CODE OF SILENCE - Mammoth / ITV - eps 4, 5, 6.

Exec Producer: Bryony Arnold; Producer: Joe Shrubb; Line Producer: David Wade

Director: Chanya Button

#### THE HOSTAGE - Netflix - eps 1, 2, 3

Exec Producer: Matt Charman; Series Producer: David Meanti; Line Producer: Emma Mallett

Director: Isabelle Sieb.

## PLAYING NICE - Studio Canal / Rabbit Track Pictures - eps 1 - 4

Exec Producer: Kate Crowe; Producer: Nick Pitt; Line Producer: Mike O'Regan

Director: Kate Hewitt

#### SAS ROGUE HEROES - Kudos, Series 2 - Hero Unit

Producer: Stephen Smallwood; Line Producer: Lorraine Goodman

Director: Adrian McDowall

#### THE GENTLEMEN - Netflix / Moonage Pictures, eps 5, 6, 7, 8

Exec Producer Guy Ritchie

Series Producer: Hugh Warren; Producer Laura Jackson; Co Producer: Karl Hall

Directors: Eran Creevy; David Caffrey

#### THREE LITTLE BIRDS - DR UNIT - Tiger Aspect, Dominican Republic shoot

Exec Producer: Sara Hamill; Producer: Stella Nwimo; Co Producer: Sarah Dibsdall

Production Exec: Kyla Brennan

Directors: Charles McDougall; Yero Timi-Biu.

#### BURNING GIRLS - Buccaneer / Paramount, Eps 1 - 6

Exec Producer: Tony Wood; Producer Oliver Kent; Line Producer: Patrick Stuart

Directors: Charlie Martin; Kieron Hawke

## **ENDEAVOR - Mammoth Screen, S9 ep1**

Exec Producer: Helen Ziegler; Producer: Charlotte Webber; Line Producer: Matthew Hamilton

Director: Shaun Evans

#### TREASON - Netflix / Binocular Productions, Drama eps 1, 2, 3

Exec Producer: Matt Charman; Producer: Foz Allan; Line Producer: Michael Robins

Director: Louise Hooper

## DEVIL'S HOUR - Amazon / Hartswood Films, eps 4 & 5

Exec Producer: Sue Vertue; Producer: Ken Horn; Line Producer: Menzies Kennedy

Director: Isabelle Sieb

## GANGS OF LONDON - SKY / Pulse Films, Drama eps 1 & 2

Exec Producers: Jane Featherston and Hugh Warrren Producer: Mike Eagle-Hodgson; Line Producer Mark Devlin

Director Corin Hardy

## A DISCOVERY OF WITCHES - SKY / Bad Wolf eps 6 & 7

Exec Producers: Jane Tranter and Lachlan Mackinnon; Producer: Edoardo Ferretti;

Line Producer Carolyn Parry-Jones, Director:

Jamie Donoughue;

#### VIGIL - World Productions eps 4, 5, 6

Exec Producers: Jake Lushington; Producer: Angie Daniell; Line Producer: Donald Mackinnon

Director: Isabelle Sieb

#### INDUSTRY - Bad Wolf eps 6 & 8

Exec Producers: Jane Tranter; Lachlan Mackinnon; Producer: Lee Thomas

Line Producer Sarah Dibsdall Directors: Ed Lilly; Tinge Krishnan

#### SANDYLANDS - King Bert Productions Comedy Drama 3 eps

Exec Producer: Jo Sargent; Producer: Rosemary McGowan; Line Producer: Paul Ralph.

**Director: Michael Cumming** 

## FLESH AND BLOOD - Silver Print Pictures for ITV, Suspense 4 Part Drama

Exec Producer: Kate Bartlett; Producer: Letitia Knight; Line Producer: Martin Campbell.

Director: Louise Hooper

#### WORLD ON FIRE - Mammoth Screen for BBC, Period Wartime Drama, ep 3

London, Manchester, & 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Prague Episodes 1 & 2

Exec Producer: Helen Zeigler; Series Producer: Chris Clough; Producers Nickie Sault and Callum Devrell-

Cameron; Line Producer: Phillipa Cole Directors: Adam Smith; Thomas Napper

#### **CHEAT - Two Brothers Productions Suspense, 4 Part Drama**

Executive Producer: Christopher Aird; Producer: Lydia Hampson; Line Producer: Pat Lees

Director Louise Hooper

#### VERA - ITV, Crime Drama 2 eps

Executive Producer: Phil Hunter; Producer: Letitia Knight; Line Producer Will Nicholson

Directors: David Leon; Lee Haven Jones

## INSIDE NO.9 - BBC, Dark Comedy Drama 6 eps

Exec Producer: Jon Plowman; Producer: Adam Tandy; Line Producer: Fran Mable

Directors: Graeme Harper; David Kerr; Jim O'Hanlon

## PERIPHERAL - Bill Kenwright Productions, Feature Film Sci-Fi Drama

Producers: Bill Kenwright; Craig Tuohy; Line Producer Charles Bates

**Director Paul Hyett** 

#### DUSTY AND ME - Shut Your Trap Ltd, Feature Film, Comedy Drama

Producer: Barry Filby; Director Betsan Morris-Evans.

#### NO OFFENCE - Abbott Vision, Crime Comedy Drama 2 eps

Producer: Simon Meyers; Series Producer Anna Ferguson

Director Catherine Morshead.

#### STELLA III - Tidy Productions, Comedy Drama 6 eps

Producers: David Peet; Josh Dynevor; Line Producer: Jon Williams; Directors: Simon Massey; David Sant; Ashley Way; Tony Dow

## PRAMFACE II - BBC, Comedy Drama 4 eps

Producers: Lucy Robinson and Catherine Gosling Fuller; Line Producer: Wendy Griffin

Directors: Misha Manson-Smith; Ben Gosling Fuller.

#### **REFERENCES**

Mark is the reassuring 1st AD you want on any production. His experience and calm head saw us through a very demanding shoot whilst always remaining on good terms with the crew. He is a real collaborator from the moment he starts scheduling to the very end of the shoot - I could always go to him with my concerns and more often than not we would find a solution. Crucially, he is very disciplined and his schedules were very efficient yet realistic - they never over promised but always delivered. Director and cast only had praise for him at the end of the shoot. I mean when I say I want him on every job I do! John Pocock, Producer, The Other Bennet Sister

I had the privilege of working with Mark on the Burning Girls. He is one off the very best 1<sup>st</sup> Ads I have ever worked with. He's patient, kind, diligent and runs a very happy shoot. He is meticulous in his preparation and scheduling, and has scrupulous attention to detail. His awareness of safety on set is second to none. He maintains a calm presence at all times which translates to a calm and efficient set.

Oliver Kent, Producer, Burning Girls.

You have been an unflappable resilient brilliant collaborator & I really appreciate your gentle but firm and friendly manner & keen attention to making everything happen throughout the past months, you have been a vital part of our block 1 – couldn't have done it without you so a big thank you. **Corin Hardy, Director Gangs of London** 

As one of the first productions back during COVID, Mark and I worked together on Sky's A Discovery of Witches during one of the most turbulent times in our industry. Throughout Mark remained a stalwart key member of the team ensuring the smooth completion of the shoot. His calm, methodical and positive nature is rare in a 1st AD. He is never phased, no matter how difficult or complicated the challenge. A pleasure to work with, highly skilled and a true gentleman. I would recommend Mark for any production. Jamie Donoughue, Director ADOW

I just wanted to say another thank you for the incredibly stoic, calm and skilled work in helping us shape and deliver the schedule on Industry last year! Couldn't have done it without you. **Lee Thomas, Producer** 

Thank you so much for all you amazing work on Flesh and Blood, it felt like one of the happiest sets I have been on, and that's largely thanks to you. **Kate Bartlett, Exec Producer** 

Thank you for being such a wonderful collaborator and ally. Your expertise and ability to stay calm and positive at all times made the biggest difference to me, and I could not have asked for a better 1<sup>st</sup> AD. **Isabelle Sieb, Director** 

I had a great experience and loved working with you - you were very relaxed, trusting and contributed to the easy- going atmosphere on set. We work long hours, often in difficult circumstances, and the last thing needed is stress and shouting! Plus the actors' performances benefit from a good, supportive vibe. So a big thank you for that. You're probably the least stressy 1<sup>st</sup> AD I've EVER worked with - a real commendation, I'd say!! **Lee Haven Jones, Director** 

I have enjoyed working every minute with you, and will be disappointed if I have to work with anyone else. Letitia Knight Producer

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your hard work, cheery can-do attitude and calmness. You 'have made the running of what I know to be a complex shoot appear almost effortless! I am thrilled you have kicked things off and I leave knowing things are in safe hands. Thank you. **Stephen Andrew, Executive Producer**"

I have worked with Mark Challenor on a number of productions last year, and I am working with him again on a BBC drama, involving a train crash. He has a calm manner and no challenge seems to unsettle him, whether in the middle of a prison riot with stunt men, on a motorway with a jack-knifing truck, or with a large ensemble cast of comedy actors, or a quiet emotional scene. He is a very good organiser and scheduler, and always seems to find a way to help me achieve my goals. Mark keeps a good atmosphere on set, whilst keeping the unit moving to achieve the schedule. I am happy to recommend Mark as a 1st Assistant Director to other productions, and will continue to work with him myself". Simon Massey, Director"

**OTHER SKILLS INCLUDE:** Safe Management of Productions; Movie Magic;, RYA Sailing Offshore shore-based qualification; Power Boat ICC Certificate; Pinewood Underwater stage experience