

BRYN EVANS | Producer & Director of Documentary

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I am an award-winning documentary director specialising in observational, fact-based, and docudrama content. My portfolio includes acclaimed documentaries for major broadcasters and streamers such as Universal Pictures, Nat Geo, Discovery, Television New Zealand, and Māori Television.

With 20 years of experience, I excel in securing access, casting, researching, scripting, and managing production teams. I craft compelling narratives from development through editing, proficient in AVID and shooting with the Canon C300mk2.

I have filmed internationally in China, Europe, New Zealand, India, the South Pacific, and the US, navigating challenging environments and diverse cultural communities. My stories cover a wide range of subjects, including disability and human rights, delivering powerful and engaging content.

Ten years as a photojournalist in print media has also enriched my perspective, allowing me to vividly explore and portray global and cultural inclusivity in my storytelling.

Recent Development Projects:

2023 *attached as Writer / Director*

UNTITLED - Documentary Mini-Series [Passion Pictures UK]

The poisoning of the New Zealand All Blacks (Rugby) in South Africa at the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

Feature Credits:

2023 **Story & Co-Director**

BILLION DOLLAR HEIST - Feature Documentary [Universal Pictures UK] [GFC Films]

Global, dynamic, and alluring, THE BILLION DOLLAR HEIST tells the story of the most daring cyber heist of all time.

2021 **Story & Edit Consultant** - *Finalist - Best Feature, Grierson Awards 2022*

MOTHERS OF THE REVOLUTION - Feature Documentary [Universal Pictures] [GFC Films]

Tracing 20 years of protest action by ordinary women from across the world who wanted to end the Cold War and stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

2018 **Writer /Director**

BORN RACER - Feature Documentary [Universal Pictures UK] [GFC Films]

An observational story on the unforgiving world of IndyCar racing with team Chip Ganassi and driver Scott Dixon.

2015 **Director /Writer** - *Winner - Audience Award, Santa Barbara Int Film Fest. 2015*

HIP HOPERATION Feature Documentary [National Geographic] [Rise & Shine] [NZFC]

This multiple award winning film follows a troupe of courageous, yet cheeky, senior citizens on an extraordinary quest to perform at the World Hip Hop Champs in Las Vegas.

2015 **Story & Edit Producer**

[THE FREE MAN](#) - Feature Documentary [Universal Pictures UK] [GFC Films]

An insight into the story of men who push themselves to the point of no return and embrace the fact that any moment at the top of a peak or on the face of a cliff could be there last.

Selected Television Credits:

2024 **Series Co-Producer**

[HOME, LAND & SEA](#) - Documentary Series [Whakaata Māori] [TVNZ] [Jack Media]

Highlighting Māori success within the farming sector, this uplifting series follows whanāu, hapū and iwi-based enterprises from around Aotearoa that are putting Māori on the map.

2024 **Director /Writer**

[BEING ME](#) - Documentary Series / ep. Grace Corey [TVNZ] [Attitude Productions]

This long running series tells the story of remarkable individuals who face the challenges of disability head on and become stronger as a consequence of their experiences.

2024 **Director /Writer**

MY PERFECT FAMILY - Documentary Series / ep. Charlotte [TVNZ] [Attitude Productions]

My Perfect Family episodes on Attitude explore some of the most diverse families living with disability; how they deal with challenges, find support and live a full life.

2023 **Series Co-Director**

[HOME, LAND & SEA](#) - Documentary Series / ep. Ōku & Wi Pere Farms [TVNZ] [Jack Media]

Highlighting Māori success within the farming sector, this uplifting series follows whanāu, hapū and iwi-based enterprises from around Aotearoa that are putting Māori on the map.

2023 **Director /Writer**

[BEING ME](#) - Documentary Series / ep. Sarah Morrell [TVNZ] [Attitude Productions]

2022 **Story & Edit Producer**

[TRACKED](#) - Reality Series [Discovery Int.] [Great Southern TV]

In the furthest corner of the planet, eight adventurous teams compete in the most demanding, daring and intense physical challenge of their lives.

2021 **Director /Writer**

[LAP OF LUXURY](#) - Documentary Series / Season 1&2 [TVNZ] [Banijay Screentime]

Explore the history, natural beauty and architectural magnificence of New Zealand and Australia's most luxurious lodges.

2021 **Director /Writer**

LEGACY - Television Documentary [Whakaata Māori] [Brave Star Media]

The story of Legendary Māori Band Katchafire and founding brothers Logan and Jordan Bell as they struggle to find their way through a changing music landscape during COVID.

2016 **Director /Writer**

[I AM INNOCENT](#) - Docudrama Series ep. Alex MacDonald [TVNZ] [Banijay Screentime]

A prime-time crime series that tells the stories of people wrongly accused.

2013 - 2014 **Director /Researcher**

DESCENT FROM DISASTER - Docudrama Series / Seasons 1&2 [TVNZ] [Banijay Screentime]
Six celebrities retrace some of this country's darkest days and bring history alive through the eyes of descendants.

2012 Producer /Director

TE ARA WAIRUA - Docudrama Series / Season 1 [Whakaata Māori] [Brave Star Media]
The true life stories of eleven individuals as they transform and emerge from a very dark and challenging period of their lives.

2010 Director /Researcher

BEYOND THE DARKLANDS Docudrama Series / Season 3 [TVNZ] [Banijay Screentime]
A true crime series exploring the dark side of human behaviour and the minds of New Zealand's most notorious criminals. [ep; Paul Dally]

2008 Producer /Director

FROM STREET TO SKY - TV Documentary [Whakaata Māori] [NZ Film Commission]
From Street to Sky captures the spirit of Tigilau Ness, the man who has been at the forefront of political and roots reggae music in New Zealand.

2006 - 2012 Producer /Co-Director

TĀTAI HONO - Documentary Series / Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 [Whakaata Māori] [Brave Star]
A long running and popular genealogy lifestyle series that follows disconnected Māori as they rediscover their roots.

2006 Producer /Director

'60-Minutes' Current Affairs [TV3]

- A Deadly Silence - Youth Suicide (2007 Media Awards Nominee)
- Bewitched - Witchcraft in New Zealand
- People of the Mist - Cannibals in Vanuatu

1995 - 2005 Photographer

Prior Representation: www.panos.co.uk

Awards:

2014 New Zealand Film Awards Winner Best Director of Documentary
2014 New Zealand Film Awards Winner Best Documentary - Hip Hop-eration
2015 Santa Barbara Int Film Festival (USA) - Winner, Audience Award - Hip Hop-eration.

Scholarships:

2016 Berlinale Talents - Berlin International Film Festival (Germany)
2014 IDFA Academy - International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam.
2016 DEGNZ Mentorship - Jennifer Baichwai (Watermark 2013, Manufactured Landscapes 2006)