



Leslie Woodhead

Filmography

Recent Work

2009

How The Beatles Rocked The Kremlin BBC 4/ARTE/PBS 60"

2011

9/11: Day That Changed The World ITV/ Smithsonian /FR3/NHK 92"

From 1961 to 1989, Leslie Woodhead was a staff Director/Producer with Granada TV of Manchester, England. All his films during this period were made for Granada. From 1964 to 1973, Woodhead directed and produced more than 100 films for Granada's "WORLD IN ACTION" current affairs series. He was also Series Editor from 1967 to 1969.

Films for World in Action

1961-1962 Researched and directed scores of short films including the first film of THE BEATLES in the Liverpool Cavern Club.

1963

MR LOWRY (Portrait of the painter) 26"

1965

JIM CLARK (Profile of Grand Prix Driver) 25"

ADOPTION (Problems of Adoption) 25"



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1966

THE MIND RACE	(Behaviour control)	25"
AGENT OF CHANGE	(Preparing for the future)	25"
SKYDRIVING	(Progress in light aviation)	25"
STARTING LATE	(Mature teacher training)	25"

1967

WAR-BOTH SIDES	(President Nasser Interview)	25"
SOME GRAINS OF TRUTH	(UK Drugs trade)	25"
PROFESSIONAL DREAMERS	(Paris Fashion)	25"
SMITH'S BACK DOOR	(Sanctions busting in Rhodesia)	25"

1968

MERCHANTS OF WAR	(Biafran arms dealers)	25"
COLD WAR-WARM WATER	(Soviets in Med.)	25"
THE DEMONSTRATION	(Anti Vietnam London Demo)	25"
LISTEN WHITEY	(Death of Martin Luther King)	25"

1969

THE CONSPIRACY	(Chicago Conspiracy Trial)	25"
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1970

THE DUMPING GROUNDS	(South African Apartheid)	25"
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AN ACT OF GOD (Peruvian Earthquake) 25"

AMERICA TALKING (Washington Anti Vietnam Demo) 25"

1971

THE BREAKING POINT (Anti Apartheid priest) 25"

STATE OF EMERGENCY (Torture in Brazil) 25"

BACK SEAT GENERALS (CIA Secret War in Laos) 25"

1972

MEN FROM SPECTRE (US Bomber crews in Thailand) 25"

THE VILLAGE (Dutch Handicapped Community) 25"

1974

A POLITICAL JOURNEY (MPs travel Britain during election) 75"



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1976

GENERAL GRIGORENKO'S

LAST CAMPAGN (A Soviet dissident in US) 25"

1989

THE RECONSTRUCTION

OF MR DUBCEK (Interview) 25"

DOCUMENTARY SPECIALS

1968 HAIR (staging the Rock Musical) 65"

1969 STONES IN THE PARK 65"

1970 FRONT LINE AFRICA (Anti- Rhodesia Guerillas) 52"

1972 HOW TO STEAL A PARTY (US Democratic Convention) 52"

1973 YEAR OF THE TORTURER (Global survey of Torture) 75"

1975 BUS ROUND THE MARKET (EEC Voters visit Europe) 2x52"

1975 PSYCHIC SURGEONS (Quackery in the Philippines) 75"

CASE OF THE MISSING MUMMY (Science and Egyptology) 52"

1976 THE UNCOMMON MARKET (Trading with Japan) 3x 25"

1980 WORDS AND MUSIC (Randy Newman) 52"

1984 TELEVISION (History of world TV) 3 x 52"



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FILMED DRAMAS

1970	THE PANEL	(by Arthur Hopcraft)	65"
1972	IN THE HEEL OF THE HUNT	(by Jim Allen)	75"

DRAMATISED DOCUMENTARIES

1970	THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T KEEP QUIET	(Soviet Dissident)	52"
1972	A SUBJECT OF STRUGGLE	(Chinese Red Guard Trial)	65"
1976	3 DAYS IN SZCZECIN	(Polish Dock strike)	75"
1978	COLLISION COURSE	(World's worst air collision)	75"
1980	INVASION	(Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia)	113"
1981	STRIKE	(Birth of "Solidarity" in Poland)	100"
1991	WHY LOCKERBIE?	(Investigation of Air Disaster)	80"

DRAMATISED DOCUMENTARIES AS EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

1978	MIRAGE	(Swiss aviation spy for Israelis)	80"
	POWER STRUGGLE	(US Nuclear protestors)	80"
1986	TAILSPIN	(Korean Airline shootdown)	80"
1993	DISASTER AT VALDEZ	(Exxon Valdez Oil spill)	80"



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ANTHROPOLOGICAL FILMS

1974 - 2001 THE MURSI

6 films following the lives of Ethiopian nomads 52"/76"

1976

THE SHERPAS (Nepali mountain people) 52"

1983

CHILDREN OF REVOLUTION (Chinese Peasants) 52"

THE NEWEST REVOLUTION (China's new economics) 52"

1986

THE LAU (Fishermen in the South Pacific) 52"

1987

THE BASQUES (Shepherds in the Pyrenees) 52"

1988

THE WODAABE (Nomads in Nigeria) 52"

Films as Freelance Producer/Director



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1989	PROJECT JUNO	(UK Astronauts in USSR)-ITV	52mins
1990	THE LAND IS BAD & NITHA	(2 Mursi films as above)	2x 52"
1991	WHY LOCKERBIE?		80mins
1992	THE INCREDIBLE CASE OF COMRADE ROCKSTAR		90mins
1993	THE LAST SOVIET CITIZEN	(Arts and Soviet Space travel)	78"
1994	RANDY NEWMAN'S AMERICA	(The Music & myths of Newman)	60"
	CHILDREN OF WOODSTOCK	(25th anniversary of Festival)	60mins
1995	WHO IS VLADIMIR POZNER?	(Soviet journalist)- BBC 2	60"
1996	ADVENTURES IN BOMB COUNTRY	(US Nuclear Wild West)C4	52"
1997	TONY BENNETT'S NEW YORK	(Profile of the Singer)-BBC2	80mins
1998	444 DAYS	(US Hostages and their Iranian captors)-BBC2	104mins
	KUNGFU BUSINESS	(Kungfu boom in China)-BBC2	50mins
	WHO OWNS CHE?	(Marketing the Guevara image)- BBC2	40mins
1999	MISSILEERS	(US ICBM Squadron) BBC2	50mins
	ENDURANCE		
	Theatrically released film	(Pressman/ Disney/C4)	80"
	A CRY FROM THE GRAVE	(Srebrenica Massacre) - BBC2/PBS	104"
2000	THE HOLOCAUST ON TRIAL	BBC2/PBS	90"
2001	ROCKETHIKI	(Russian Missileers) BBC2 /PBS	50mins
	FIRE WILL EAT US	(Mursi Film 6) C4	76mins
2002	MILOSEVIC: HOW TO BE A DICTATOR	- BBC/PBS/FRANCE 2&5	80"
	HERE IS NEW YORK	(September 11 photos) BBC2/TLC	59"
2003	STAR WARS DREAMS	(BBC4/ARTE FRANCE)	54"
2004	MY LIFE AS A SPY	:(Personal Cold War) - BBC4	59"



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2005	SREBRENICA: NEVER AGAIN? (10th anniversary) (BBC4)	79"
	CHILDREN OF BESLAN (School Siege)(BBC2/HBO)	59"
2006	SAVING JAZZ (New Orleans Music post Katrina) (BBC4/Sundance)	59"
2007	GODLESS IN AMERICA (US atheists) (BBC4/Sundance)	59"
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AWARDS:

1968	Rank Documentary Award	<i>The Stones In The Park</i>
1981	Rts Cyril Bennett Award	Granada Dramadoc Unit
1986	Bafta Desmond Davis Award	Outstanding Contribution to TV
1992	Royal Anthropological Institute Award	<i>Mursi Of Ethiopia, 1974-1991</i>
1999	Amsterdam Documentary Festival Special Jury Prize University Of Manchester	<i>A Cry From The Grave</i> Honorary Companion
2000	Silver Award, Fipa Festival, Biarritz Banff TV Festival: Grand Prize Best History & Biography.	<i>A Cry From The Grave</i> <i>A Cry From The Grave</i>
2000	Amnesty US Awards: Media Spotlight Award.	<i>A Cry From The Grave</i>
2000	Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award	<i>A Cry From The Grave</i>
2004	“History Today” Award:	<i>Star Wars Dreams</i>
2006	Fipa “Grandes Reportages Award: Royal Television Society: Journalism:	<i>Children Of Beslan</i> <i>Children Of Beslan</i>



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Royal Television Society: Documentary: *Children Of Beslan*

Peabody Documentary Award: *Children Of Beslan*

One World Documentary Award: *Children Of Beslan*

Banff TV Festival:

Best Social And Political Documentary *Children Of Beslan*

2006 Emmy Nomination: Best Documentary: *Children Of Beslan*