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BEN SALISBURY - Composer

Emmy Nominated composer Ben Salisbury's first US film is **Beyoncé's** feature documentary **Life Is But A Dream** which premiered in New York February 12 prior to its airing on HBO February 16 and on BBC1 in March. Ben has forged a highly successful career, particularly in the field of natural history, where he has scored over 50 films - including the last three of David Attenborough's **Life Of...** series. He is also involved with some of the UK's best 'alternative' bands as an arranger and collaborator with acts on **Geoff (Portishead) Barrow's** Invada label. **DROKK** is his and Geoff's first major album co-writing project, released last year it is inspired by the Judge Dredd comic book series and is an imaginary vision of the character's hometown Mega City One. Ben is also a co-writer with Domino Records' "Bristol sensation", **Malachai**. The combination of an impressive, modern cinematic, orchestral style and a deep understanding of alternative rock and electronica has pitched Ben into the field of contemporary drama and features.

A classically trained pianist since the age of five, his tv credits include the David Attenborough series **The Life of Mammals**, **Life In The Undergrowth** and the 2008 series **Life In The Cold Blood**, followed by **Nature's Great Events**, shown on BBC1 in February 2009. Sir David himself has described Ben's score for episode 3 of **The Life of Mammals** as "one of the best scores there has been on any programme I have narrated." On 22nd of September 2009, as part of the celebrations for the re-opening of Bristol's Colston Hall, Ben's music for **Nature's Great Events**, co-composed with Barnaby Taylor, was performed by the BBC Concert Orchestra, introduced and compered by David Attenborough, and received excellent reviews in the media.

Last year he worked on **David Attenborough's Life Stories**, a retrospective 3-part series dedicated to the work of this great naturalist. Other natural history credits include **Inside The Perfect Predator**, **The Nature of Britain**, **Congo** and the **Making Waves** strand of 8 'behind the scenes' programmes that accompanied the award winning **The Blue Planet** series.

He composed the music for the shorts **The Dreamer** (Evolution Films) and **Going Home** (Shooting Gallery/Channel 4), both directed by Miquel Sapochnik; and **The Tooth Faerie** (HTV/South West Screen). He scored **Space**, directed by Tim Morgan for Central Television; **Hell and Back**, an animated short directed by Andrew Wheeler, also for Central Television; and **Music Monster** for Nickelodeon.

He was nominated for an **EMMY** for his 007 influenced music for The Wildlife On One programme **Operation Thunderball**. The title sequence for **Life In The Undergrowth**, designed by Mick Connaire and featuring Ben's iconic theme, won a **BAFTA**. He won a Best Music Video Award for his score for **Natural Tracks** and further Merit awards for **Natural World-Transylvania** and **Nature's Great Events**.

In addition to his large scale orchestral scoring he has also produced numerous electronica/beats-driven scores for films such as the BBC's **Fatal Flower** and **Clarkson's Car Years**. For the award winning **Natural Tracks** series of 12 programmes he broke new ground; his score being based entirely on sampled animal sounds.

Ben is also involved in the highly influential Bristol band scene. In 2009 he worked along side Geoff Barrow of Portishead to bring together the Bristol based orchestra The Emerald Ensemble and acts from Barrow's Invada label, for a unique live event - **The Invada Invasion** of the Bristol Colston Hall. His arrangements for the **Joe Volk** slot at that gig were featured on the recordings for Volk's new, **Adrian Utley** (Portishead) produced album. He was the string arranger on the **Boca 45** album **Vertigo Sounds** and has co-written and arranged tracks on the forthcoming **Malachai** album. Ben is also working on an, as yet, unnamed album project with Malachai's **Scott Hendy**.

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BEN SALISBURY CREDITS

Films

BEYONCÉ LIFE IS BUT A DREAM – Parkwood Films Prod. Bill Kirstein Dir. Ed Burke

THE TOOTH FAERIE – HTV/South West Screen dir Nick Mackie

THE DREAMER – Evolution Films dir Miquel Sapochnik

SPACE – Central TV dir Tim Morgan

GOING HOME – Shooting Gallery/Cannel 4 dir Miquel Sapochnik

HELL AND BACK – Central TV dir Andrew Wheeler

MUSIC MONSTER – Nickelodeon dir Tia Perkins

Natural History Films

ATTENBOROUGH'S LIFE STORIES dir. Miles Barton

INSIDE THE PERFECT PREDATOR - BBC1 dir Mark Brownlow

NATURE'S GREAT EVENTS (series of 6) - BBC1 dir Karen Bass (co-composed Barnaby Taylor)

LIFE IN COLD BLOOD (series of 6) - BBC1 dir Miles Barton (co-composed David Poore)

THE NATURE OF BRITAIN (series of 8) - BBC1 dir Stephen Moss (co-composed David Poore)

LIFE IN THE UNDERGROWTH (series of 6)– BBC1 dir Mike Salisbury (co-composed David Poore)

THE LIFE OF MAMMALS BBC1 dirs Mike Salisbury/David Attenborough (co-composed Dan Jones)

CONGO (series of 3) – BBC2 dir Brian Leith

THE NATURAL WORLD SERIES - Cork: Forest in a Bottle - BBC2 dir Paul Morrison ; Night & Day

BBC1 dir Amanda Barrett & Owen Newton; Elephant Cave – BBC2 dir Vanessa Berlowitz; A Wild

Dog's Story – BBC2 dir Mike Holding; Hotel Heliconia – BBC2 dir Phil Savoy; Millennium Oak & The

Fatal Flower – BBC2 dir Mark Flowers; In The Company of Bears – BBC2 dirs Jeff & Sue Turner; Tough

Ducks – BBC2 dir Mary Colwell; Africa's Forgotten Elephants – BBC2 dir Brian Leith; & Islands of Fire –

BBC2 dir Jo Sarsby

BLUE PLANET - MAKING WAVES (series of 8)– BBC1 dir Alistair Fothergill

WILDLIFE ON ONE – Thunderball – BBC1 dir Tania Dorrity

THE NATURAL WORLD – Transylvania – BBC2 dir Justine Evans

GRIZZLY WILDLIFE SPECIAL – BBC1 dirs Jeff & Sue Turner

GORILLA ACADEMY - BBC1 dir Brian Leith

SHADOWS OF THE SUN – BBC2 dir Neil Lucas

PYGMY ANIMALS – BBC/Discovery dir Richard Chambers

NATURAL TRACKS (series of 12) – BBC2 dir Jerry Short

WILDLIFE ON ONE – Birds in Black- BBC1 dirs Jeff & Sue Turner

Albums/Bands

DROKK (as co-writer, musician, co-producer) – Invada Records

MALACHAI - RETURN TO THE UGLY SIDE (as co-writer and string arranger) - Domino Records

MALACHAI - THE UGLY SIDE OF LOVE (as string arranger) – Domino Records

BOCA 45 - VERTIGO SOUNDS (as string arranger) - Grand Central Records

THE BEEKEEPERS - BEE FUNK EP (as co-writer and string arranger) - Jalepeno Records

PORTISHEAD - THIRD (as backing vocalist)

FILM SCORE VOLUME 1 & Vol 2 (composer/producer) - Standard Music Library

Concert Works

NATURE'S GREAT EVENTS - LIVE (co-composed with Barnaby Taylor) Colston Hall, Bristol, Sept 2009

INVADA INVASION - JOE VOLK / EMERALD ENSEMBLE - Colston Hall, Bristol, Sept 2009

LIFE IN COLD BLOOD SUITE (co-composed with David Poore) St George's Church, Bristol, June 2007