

# MARK RUSSELL

## COMPOSER

Mark's first drama work was his BAFTA nominated score to the hugely popular ITV series '**Cold Feet**'. His music for the Fine Line Movie '**Saving Grace**' (a US Top Ten Hit) brought him attention on both sides of the Atlantic, and his soundtracks for two big budget Movies, '**Summer Things**' (starring Charlotte Rampling) and '**L'ex Femme de Ma Vie**' (including a title song with Jane Birkin) introduced him into the rarified world of French Film. He's an extremely experienced dramatic composer equally at home with the Orchestra or with cutting edge electronics and samples. He works either from his Pro Tools equipped studio in Islington, London or from his home studio in the Buckinghamshire countryside.

Mark was a boy chorister at St Paul's Cathedral and went on to read music at York University. As a session keyboard player he toured the world with *Tanita Tikaram*, *Julia Fordham* and the highly acclaimed Chinese flautist, *Guo Yue*. After composing for many film and TV Commercials Mark went on to score documentaries and dramas, including '**Spiderman**' for Radio 1 in collaboration with Queen guitarist *Brian May*.

Aside from composing, Mark has written an acclaimed book '*Film Music*' (published by Rotovision) and over the last 16 years he presented BBC Radio 3's cult eclectic weekly music show '*Mixing It*'. The show reflected his wide musical interests; everything from Medieval to the latest electronic/jazz/rock sounds. Mark's current show is '*Where's The Skill In That?*' for Resonance FM, a London based arts radio station. He has an interest in and great knowledge of experimental-cutting edge-music across all genres.

Mark scored the second series of '**Murder City**' (4 x 90 mins), a dark Police drama starring Amanda Donahoe and Kris Marshall, as well as '**Kingdom**' (Series 1 & 2), starring Stephen Fry as a Norfolk solicitor for Parallel Pictures and the BBC, '**Bonkers**' for Mersey TV, and '**The Bad Mothers Handbook**' for Ruby Films and ITV.

Most recently Mark relocated to Los Angeles for a summer to work with Rupert Gregson-Williams on Jerry Seinfeld's, '**Bee Movie**'.

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## FEATURE FILM

### **BEE MOVIE**

(Composer - Additional Music)

Dreamworks / Paramount Pictures

Director: Steve Hickner, Simon J Smith

Producer: Jerry Seinfeld, Christina Steinberg

Starring: Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger

### **L'EX-FEMME DE MA VIE**

Warner Bros France/Ice 3

Director: Josiane Balasko

Producer: Josiane Balasko, Louis Becker

Starring: Thierry Lhermitte, Karin Viard, Josiane Balasko

### **SAVING GRACE**

Fine Line

Director: Nigel Cole

Producer: Mark Crowdy

Starring: Brenda Blethyn, Craig Ferguson, Martin Clunes

**\*\*Sundance Film Festival Winner 2000\*\***

### **EMBRASSEZ QUI VOUS VOUDREZ (SUMMER THINGS)**

UGC/Dan Films

Director: Michel Blanc

Producer: Yves Marmion, Julie Baynes

Starring: Charlotte Rampling, Michel Blanc,

Carole Bouquet, Karin Viard

## TELEVISION DRAMA

### **BAD MOTHER'S HANDBOOK**

Ruby Films

Director: Robin Sheppard

Producer: Alison Own, Harry Oulton

Starring: Catherine Tate, Anna Read

### **BONKERS**

Line Pictures / ITV

Director: Juliet May, Jim Doyle, Ron Evans

Producer: Hugh Warren

Starring: Liza Tarbuck

### **KINGDOM**

Series 1 & 2

Parallel Productions / ITV

Director: Robin Sheppard, Metin Husseyin, Sandy Johnson

Producer: Georgina Lowe, Simon Wheeler

Starring: Stephen Fry, Hermione Norris, Tony Slattery, Celia Imrie

### **ANGEL CAKE**

Celador Productions

Director: Simon Delaney

Producer: Stephen Garwood

Starring: Sarah Lancashire, Rita Tushingham

### **ALL ABOUT GEORGE**

Granada

Director: Euros Lyn, Jeremy Webb

Producer: Lucy Bedford

Starring Rik Mayall

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<b>CHERISHED</b>	BBC Director: Robin Sheppard Producer: Polly Hill Starring: Timothy Spall, Sarah Lancashire
<b>MURDER CITY</b> Series 1 & 2	Granada 10 x 90 Directors: Richard Spence, Ian Knox, Sam Miller Producers: Francis Hopkinson, Mark Hudson Starring: Amanda Donahoe, Kris Marshall
<b>DONOVAN</b> Series 1 & 2	Granada 5 x 90 Directors: Simon Delaney, Keiran Donnelly Producer: Spencer Campbell Starring: Tom Conti, Samantha Bond
<b>ROSE &amp; MALONEY</b> Series 1	Company Pictures 6 x 60 Directors: Ferdinand Fairfax, Roger Gartland, Andrew Grieve Producer: Catherine Wearing Starring: Sarah Lancashire, Phil Davis
<b>BETWEEN THE SHEETS</b>	Yorkshire TV 6 x 60 Directors: Robin Sheppard, Jane Prowse Producers: Yvonne Francas, Kay Mellor Starring: Brenda Blethyn, Alun Armstrong, Julie Graham
<b>THE RETURN</b>	Sally Head Productions/ITV 1 x 90 Director: Dermot Boyd Producer: Keith Thompson Starring: Julie Walter
<b>EUSTACE BROS</b> Series 2	BBC 6 x 60 Directors: David Innes-Edwards, Rob Evans Producer: Polly Hill Starring: Neil Morrissey, Ralf Little
<b>COLD FEET</b> 5 Series	Granada/ITV 27 x 60 & 5 x 90 Directors: Declan Lowney, Mark Mylod, Nigel Cole, Tom Hooper, Tom Vaughan, Pete Travis, Simon Delaney, John Jones, Tim Whitby, Ciaran Donnelly Tim Sullivan Producers: Christine Langan, Spencer Campbell Andy Harries Starring: Helen Baxendale, James Nesbitt, Faye Ripley

**\*\*2001 BAFTA Nomination\*\***

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<b>PLAYING THE FIELD</b> 3 series	Tiger Aspect/BBC 20 x 60 Directors: Dermot Boyd, David Innes-Edwards, Alrick Riley Producers: Kathleen Hutchison, Liz Steele, Greg Brenman
<b>LUCKY JIM</b>	Working Title TV, ITV, WGBH Boston/Universal TV Director: Robin Sheppard Producer: Sanne Craddick Starring: Stephen Tomkinson, Keeley Hawes, Robert Hardy, Dennis Lawson
<b>FAT FRIENDS</b> Series 2	Tiger Aspect/Yorkshire TV 7 x 60 Directors: Dan Zeff, Audrey Cook, Tanya Diez Producers: Yvonne Francas, Kay Mellor Starring: Alison Steadman
<b>PASSION KILLERS</b>	Granada TV/ITV Director: David Evans Producer: Christine Langan Starring: Ben Miller
<b>WONDERFUL YOU</b>	Hartwood/ITV 7 x 60 Director: Matt Lipsey Producers: Beryl Vertue, Elaine Cameron Starring: Greg Wise
<b>THE PRINCE OF ATLANTIS</b>	BBC Children's TV/Ravensburger TV/Canal Plus Computer animation series 26 x 30 Producer: Theresa Plummer-Andrews
<b>IS IT LEGAL</b>	Hartwood TV/ITV Producer: Beryl Vertue Starring Imelda Staunton
<b>MEN BEHAVING BADLY</b>	Hartwood TV Producer: Beryl Vertue
<b>THE PETER PRINCIPLE</b>	Hat Trick TV/BBC Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell Starring: Jim Broadbent
<b>THE BILL</b>	1997 – 2002 - Theme Music & Stings Producer: Richard Haniford
<b>STYLE CHALLENGE</b>	BBC1

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## DOCUMENTARIES

<b>OFFICERS &amp; GENTLEMEN</b>	Hartwood TV/BBC Director: Michael Davies Producer: Beryl Vertue
<b>THE RED BARON</b>	Hartwood TV/BBC Director: Michael Davies Producer: Beryl Vertue
<b>GOING TO CHELSEA</b>	Hartwood TV/BBC Director: Michael Davies Producer: Beryl Vertue
<b>IN LOVE WITH ELIZABETH</b>	Hartwood TV/BBC Director: Michael Davies Producer: Beryl Vertue
<b>WILD DOGS</b>	BBC Bristol - Wildlife Showcase
<b>QED – CHALLENGING CHILDREN</b>	BBC
<b>DISPATCHES: THE MARCHIONESS TRAGEDY</b>	Channel 4
<b>A HORSE'S WORLD</b>	Wall To Wall TV/Channel 4
<b>MUSIC FOR THE MILLENIUM</b>	Channel 4 Producer: Mike Lerner
<b>SECRET BUILDINGS</b>	Channel 4 Producer: Mike Lerner
<b>FRAGILE EARTH – EXXON VALDEZ</b>	Channel 4

## RADIO DRAMA

<b>BATMAN</b>	65 part Audio Film also on BBC CD/Cassette
<b>SUPERMAN</b>	65 part Audio Film also on BBC CD/Cassette
<b>SPIDERMAN</b>	50 part Audio Film also on BBC CD/Cassette (composed with Brian May)
<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	60 min drama for Radio 1 ('The Mark Goodier Show') Written and directed by Dirk Maggs

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