



Press Release
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Icon Films' EP Stephen McQuillan To Lead Company's Development

Bristol-based factual producer **Icon Films** has expanded Exec Producer **Stephen McQuillan's** role to encompass **Head of Development**. His strong journalistic and broad factual background will allow Icon Films to build on their reputation as Specialist Factual producers.

McQuillan joined Icon Films in 2013. He will continue to EP and in his new role will head up the development team and spearhead the strategy to expand the company's factual output.

Stephen said 'It is an exciting challenge to lead the development team at Icon in a time when we are seeking growth in new areas. I hope we can create new factual formats and continue to produce shows that we are all proud of.'

Harry Marshall, Creative Director of Icon Films, said 'Stephen's appointment will allow us to expand into new areas. It's fantastic to have his seasoned judgement and experience of the industry with a proven ability to not only deliver but also surprise and delight'.

Africa's Giant Killers produced by Icon Films in association with Natural History Film Unit Botswana picked up **Best Natural History Programme / Series** at the **Royal Television Society West Of England** awards on March 8th 2015 in Bristol, beating stiff competition from the BBC NHU.

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Notes to Editors Icon Films

25 years old this year, Icon Films has produced over 300 hours of factual programming for the UK and international markets.

Icon Films brings together funders and works with broadcasters including the BBC, Channel 4, Five, ITV, National Geographic, Discovery Networks, Arte and PBS. Its work is internationally distributed by ITV Studios Global Entertainment, BBC Worldwide, Zodiak Rights, FremantleMedia International and TCB Media Rights.

Icon Films has a reputation for originality, excellence and entertainment across the breadth of factual genres including science, history, exploration and natural history.

Icon Films series for Animal Planet US, *River Monsters*, presented by angling explorer Jeremy Wade, is the best performing series in the network's history and is now in its seventh series.

Recent productions include **Ben Franklin's Bones** (1 x 60 WNET), **Betty White's Smartest Animals In America** (2 x 30 GAC), **Africa's Fishing Leopards** (1 x 60 BBC, Nat Geo Wild US), **Spawn of Jaws 2 The Birth** (1 x 60 Discovery Channel), **Survive The Tribe** (6 x 60 National Geographic Channels), **Africa's Giant Killers** (1 x 60 BBC, Animal Planet), **Animals Through the Night – Sleepover at the Zoo** (1 x 90 BBC4), **Bigfoot Files** (3 x 60 Channel 4 / National Geographic US), **Hustling America** (3 x 60 Channel 5), **Bones of the Buddha** (1 x 60 National Geographic / WNET / ARTE), **River Monsters Season 6** (Animal Planet / ITV Studios Global Entertainment).

Icon Films is run by a senior management team which includes Creative Director Harry Marshall, Managing Director Laura Marshall, Director of Production Andie Clare and Commercial Director Lucy Middelboe.