

ALLAN PLENDERLEITH – Writer/Director - www.allanplenderleith.com

Allan has been a screenwriter for over 10 years, working on dozens of hit children's television shows including top-rated series for Cbeebies, CBBC, CITV and Five. He has also written development bibles and pilot scripts for many UK production companies and broadcasters.

Allan is the creator of **GORDON GNOME** - a 52 x 11' animated series for pre-school children voiced by Alan Titchmarsh for BAFTA award-winning Collingwood O'Hare Films. The series launched on CBBC and Cbeebies (May 2005) and rolled out to other territories including Cartoon Network USA (Tickle U), TVO Canada, ABC Australia, ZDF Germany and TV5 France. Merchandising licences through Southern Star Media included garden gnomes and DVDs - **SPRING ADVENTURES, SCHOOL STORIES** and **SUMMER MAGIC IN THE GARDEN** (Paramount).

Series animation and live action

Recent work includes a series bible for Cloudtopia Entertainment, Hong Kong, as well as: **DRIVER DAN'S STORY TRAIN 2** (3 Line Media/Two Four54 for Cbeebies), **TILLY AND FRIENDS** (Jam Media, Ireland) and **TREE FU TOM** (Cbeebies/Fremantle).

Other projects include **ARTY** for Tinopolis/TFI, France (script editor and writer) and **DEAD GORGEOUS** for Coolabi/CBBC/ABC, Australia (writer).

Previous animation includes:

NODDY IN TOYTOWN

Chorion, Five 'Milkshake'

NODDY'S MAGICAL MOONDUST

Chorion, 30-minute Christmas special, released on DVD and theatrically

THOMAS AND FRIENDS

HIT Entertainment, new CGI animated series

HORRID HENRY - SERIES 1 and 2

Novel Entertainment Ltd, CITV

THE FUNKY VALLEY SHOW

Honeycomb Animation, Five 'Milkshake'

FUNKY TOWN

Honeycomb Animation, Five 'Milkshake'

A FUNKY CHRISTMAS

Honeycomb Animation, Five, 15-minute Christmas special

FUNKY VALLEY

Honeycomb Animation, Five 'Milkshake'

GORDON THE GARDEN GNOME

Collingwood O'Hare, Cbeebies

THE LAMPIES

Cbeebies

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WEBSTA (development bible, pilot script)
Granada TV

FOXBUSTERS
Cosgrove Hall, CITV

LITTLE ROBOTS (episode writer and part of creative development team)
Create TV, CBEEBIES

Short films

THE GREYHOUND - writer and director (2007). Officially selected for over 13 international film festivals.

S.P.I.F. (STUPID PUBLIC INFORMATION FILM) - writer and director. Bradford Animation Festival, Best Web Animation (2004); Ottawa International Film Festival, Best Internet Short (2005); Montreal Short Film Festival (GLITCH) Best Short Film (2004); Anchorage International Film Festival, Official Selection (2005). **S.P.I.F.** is available through MTV and other websites specialising in short films.

SMILE - short film script for children. Shortlisted for Tartan Smalls film prize.

CHAT THE CELEBRITY CAT – 10-minute adult comedy show, co-creator and co-writer with Allan's wife Rebeccah Plenderleith. Produced by Bermuda Shorts and transmitted in Channel 4's Animation Week.

The Odd Squad

Allan is the creator/writer/illustrator of The Odd Squad, one of the top ten selling greetings card ranges in the UK. Since its launch over 17 years ago, The Odd Squad has sold well over 20 million cards and a million calendars.

Over 30 Odd Squad books have been published by Ravette Publishing Ltd. as well as a full range of merchandise.

Children's Picture Books

PRINCESS CHOCOLATE (Ravette Publishing, 2010)

THE BOY GIANT (Ravette Publishing, 2009)

THE SMELLY SPROUT – (Ravette Publishing, 2008)

These titles are also available as interactive storybook apps on the i-Tunes store, featuring Allan as narrator. A new title **THE CHICKEN AND THE EGG** joins these on i-Tunes this month.

Previous experience - advertising

Allan has illustrated for many advertising agencies/production companies, producing artwork, character designs and storyboards. Clients include the BBC, Nesquik, McCain, Homepride, Knorr, Thomas Cook, Boddingtons and Cadbury. He worked as an art director at BMP DDB Needham where he wrote and art directed television, radio and press advertisements.

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