

RAY BROOKING – Writer / May 2012

Ray was born in South Devon and studied at the Bath Academy of Art. He went on to set up a community video project which ran for seven years, producing over 80 short documentaries on local issues and running training courses. A long-time TV fan he is passionate about the medium which he feels played such a large part in his developing years. He lives in Bristol and has been writing full-time since 1995.

Ray's original film for the BBC's *Directors' Debut* strand **BABY BOOM** was directed by actor Sarah Parish and won the slot convincingly on transmission (March 2007). The film starred Susie Blake, Will Mellor and Lucy Gaskell.

Ray continues as a senior writer on the BBC's flagship daytime soap *DOCTORS* having written well over 50 episodes to date including a number of specials: the 75-minute episode **SAY A LITTLE PRAYER** got a stunning 38% audience share and took the programme over 3m viewers for the first time (2004). **SAY A LITTLE PRAYER** also won the Best Single Episode Award in The British Soap Awards that year. **STRANGE LITTLE GIRL** (spring 2009) was nominated for a MIND Mental Health Award.

In 2007/8 Ray was part of the core team taking BBC Scotland's soap *RIVER CITY* from a thirty-minute to a sixty-minute format. Other series writing includes 5 years on *THE BILL* and Series 20 and 21 of *CASUALTY* and *EASTENDERS*.

Ray's current slate includes an original feature film **GRANNY SMITH** with Vicarious Dreams and development funding from Creative England, along with other television drama projects. Previous projects developed for the larger screen include **TURTLE BEACH** a Bollywood film for director Steve Kelly with whom Ray has worked extensively in television.

Ray has been awarded a number of development grants from the PAWS (Public Awareness of Science and Engineering) Drama Fund for television drama and comedy projects, several written with David Mossman. Two of these **THE JUDAS CHIP** and **FUZZY LOGIC** went on to win the PAWS Grand Prix Award.

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| 2007 | BABY BOOM - BBC1 - single film for <i>Directors' Debut</i> strand, directed by Sarah Parish. |
| 2000–2012 | <i>DOCTORS</i> - BBC1 (50+ episodes to date). |
| 2009-2010 | <i>EASTENDERS</i> – BBC 1 (2 episodes). |
| 2007-8 | <i>RIVER CITY</i> – BBC Scotland (5 episodes). |
| 2007 | <i>CASUALTY</i> Series 21 – BBC1. Guppy on the high wire. |
| 2005 | <i>CASUALTY</i> Series 20 – BBC1. Bonfire Night episode. |
| 2004 and
1996-2000 | <i>THE BILL</i> - TalkbackThames /ITV. 10 episodes. |
| 1996 | SEVEN SISTERS - sitcom (Bristol scriptwriting competition winner), theatrical stage performance at the Old Tobacco Factory, Bristol. |