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## ALLAN PLENDERLEITH - [www.allanplenderleith.com](http://www.allanplenderleith.com) - July 2008

Allan is the creator of *GORDON GNOME* - a 52 x 11' animated series for pre-school children, developed by the BAFTA award-winning Collingwood O'Hare Films starring Alan Titchmarsh and commissioned by the BBC with a budget of around £4 million. Allan was part of the whole development process and was a core scriptwriter on the show. The series launched to great success on CBBC and Cbeebies in May 2005 and has rolled out to other territories including Cartoon Network USA (Tickle U), TVO Canada, ABC Australia, ZDF Germany and TV5 France. **SPRING ADVENTURES** the first DVD (Paramount) is now available and other merchandising licences through Southern Star Media include garden gnomes.

Allan has written and directed two short films. **S.P.I.F. - STUPID PUBLIC INFORMATION FILM** won first prize in the Bradford Animation Festival 2004 Best Web Animation category. Other showings for the film include Ottawa International Film Festival 2005 Best Internet Short; Montreal Short Film Festival (GLITCH) 2005 Best Short Film; Official Selection Anchorage International Film Festival 2005. It is also available through MTV and other websites specialising in short films. **THE GREYHOUND** was completed in 2007 and is also doing well on the festival circuit. Allan co-wrote and co-created the adult comedy show **CHAT THE CELEBRITY CAT** with his wife Rebeccah. Produced by Bermuda Shorts, the 10' short aired on Channel 4 as part of their Animation Week.

Allan was the head writer on Five's *FUNKY VALLEY* Honeycomb Animation's top-rated pre-school series (26 x 5') as well as on the follow up series *FUNKY TOWN*. He wrote a *NODDY* DVD special for Chorion and was on the writing team for Novel Entertainment's *HORRID HENRY* (CITV, 2006-7). He is just starting work on *HORRID HENRY 2*.

Allan was part of the creative development team and a writer on the BBC's hit show *LITTLE ROBOTS*, Lego Media/Create TV's first venture into animation.

Allan has also written scripts and/or development bibles for Granada, Cosgrove Hall, Entertainment Rights, King Rollo Films and Red Balloon. Allan's short film script for children **SMILE** was shortlisted for the Tartan Smalls film prize.

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 10 years ago, The Odd Squad has sold over 15 million cards, and over 500,000 calendars. Sixteen Odd Squad books have been published by Ravette Publishing Ltd. as well as a full range of merchandise.

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.