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## MICHAEL CHAPPELL

Michael is a graduate of the London School of Economics and currently works as a teacher delivering Media Studies, Sociology and History to students up to the age of eighteen.

Michael has a long and successful writing partnership with Richard Stevens. They reached the shortlist for the BBC Talent Drama Writer Award (2001) with their spec script **SYSTEM FAILURE** and have since gone on to become part of the core writing team for the BBC's successful daytime drama **DOCTORS**. They have written over 25 episodes for the series to date including: A Question of Priorities - a teenage leukaemia sufferer must decide whether to have an abortion or to forgo life-saving chemotherapy; Loose Ends - living with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Love Hurts - female on male domestic violence.

In 2004 they scripted seven episodes of the children's cookery/comedy show **PLANET COOK** made by Platinum Films for CBBC. Two of these episodes were selected for DVD release in 2005.

Michael and Richard also contributed storylines to the fourth series of **THE STORY OF TRACY BEAKER** for CBBC. They were commissioned to write an episode but this was 'pulled' when the series length was reduced.

They were shortlisted for the BBC Writers Academy in 2006, BBC TV's investment programme in writers for long-running drama series.

Solo scripts of Michael's include:

**THE REAL MURRAY** – (feature script/unproduced) a comedy about finding the right man for all the wrong reasons. Joint winner of the London Screenwriters Workshop/New Producers' Alliance Match Development Scheme 2001 and the NPA/Rocliffe Forum Picture This: Script Showcase (2002)

Radio plays (LBC and Festival FM, May 1991): **CHECKMATE, BIG BEN, THE CLOCK OF THE YEARS, PENALTY** and **LEAVING** (*New Radio Playwrights Award at the 1992 Brighton International Arts Festival*)

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