Simon Farnaby

Writer

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Simon Farnaby is a screenwriter and actor and author. He is known for writing PADDINGTON, PADDINGTON 2 and the WONKA film alongside long-term collaborator Paul King. In recent years, he has also wrote the adaptation of the book THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN (co-written with Scott Murray) into a feature film of the same name, starring Mark Rylance. On the TV side, Simon is known as a long time member of the THEM THERE theatrical production collective, starring in and writing HORRIBLE HISTORIES and the long-running BBC comedy GHOSTS. Simon's first children's book–THE WIZARD IN MY SHED has also been picked up by a major studio, and his follow up THE WARRIOR IN MY WARDROBE has just hit the shelves.

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2024	MAGIC FARAWAY TREE		
2023	WONKA (Co-writer)	Heyday Films / Warner Bros	DIRECTOR: Paul King STARRING: Timothée Chamalet, Olivia Colman, Sally Hawkins PRODUCED BY: David Heyman, Luke Kelly, Alexandra Derbyshire EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY: Rosie Alison, Kevin McCormick, Michael Siegal
2020	THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN	BabyCow Films / Cornerstone Films / AI Film / BBC Films	DIRECTOR: Craig Roberts STARRING: Mark Rylance PRODUCED BY: Nichola Martin, Tom Miller and Kate Glover EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY: Christine Langan and James Swarbrick
2017	MISTER BENN	Mandeville / Disney	
2016-17	PADDINGTON 2 (Co-Writer)	Heyday / Studiocanal	DIRECTOR: Paul King STARRING: Ben Whishaw, Hugh Grant, Sally Hawkins PRODUCED BY: David Heyman
2016	MINDHORN	Scott Free / BBC Films / Studiocanal	DIRECTOR: Sean Foley

TELEVISION

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2021	GHOSTS (US)	CBS	Executive Producer
2019 - 2021	GHOSTS	BBC ONE	Co-Writer & Executive Producer 6 x 30' “With wonderful costumes and just the right balance of hammy and withering, this is jolly good fun. In all: an original and imaginative concept, slickly executed.” Sarah Carson, The i "The comedy is gentle and nicely observed and, for a show about death, curiously life-affirming.” Carol Midgley, The Times "... a landslide of puns and slapstick... repeatedly whacking you over the funny bone till you succumb.” Christopher Stevens, Daily Mail
2013-16	YONDERLAND	Working Title / Sky	x 4 episodes