

Claire McCarthy

Producer

Specialising in comedy, particularly taking series from development through to transmission, Claire is an experienced producer with over 16 years of credits across single camera, sketch, studio sit-com, development and commissioning. Most recently she produced the critically-acclaimed live Halloween special of Inside No 9 on BBC2; and in 2017 won a BAFTA for Best Comedy for Class Dismissed, a 12 part mockumentary-sketch show that she series produced for CBBC. Claire has extensive experience of working with both new and established acting, writing and presenting talent; and an in depth knowledge of compliance, editorial and legal issues, especially those concerning public service broadcasters, live transmission and children.

CAREER HISTORY

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT	King Bert	Maternity cover. Developing scripted comedy projects for all major broadcasters.
INSIDE No 9 LIVE (Producer)	BBC Studios for BBC2	1 x 30" Live Halloween Special Dir. Barbara Wiltshire Wrs. Steve Pemberton & Reece Shearsmith Starring Steve Pemberton, Reece Shearsmith & Stephanie Cole
AMELIA GETHING PROJECT (Producer)	CBBC	Pilot - 1 x 25" sketch show starring youtuber Amelia Gething Dir. Scott Peters Developed the project as a vehicle for Amelia, leading the writing team and establishing the look, style and tone.
WANNABE (Producer)	Bullion for BBC3	4 x 30" single camera comedy starring Lily Brazier, Nick Burns and Jim Howick. Dir. Ben Murray Wrs. Lily Brazier & Ben Murray
TIM VINE TRAVELS THROUGH TIME (Producer)	Baby Cow for BBC1	1 x 30" studio sitcom Christmas Special Dir. Barbara Wiltshire Wr. Tim Vine

BBC COMEDY COMMISSIONING (Commissioning Editor)	BBC	<p>As part of Shane Allen's team Claire looked after a broad slate of projects, from initial script development through to tasters, pilots and commissioned series.</p> <p>Slate includes: The Ronnie Barker Lecture with Ben Elton (BBC1); Tracey Breaks the News (BBC1); Wannabe (BBC3); Man Like Mobeen (BBC3)</p> <p>As well as this Claire executive produced the Salford Sitcom Showcase, overseeing all aspects of the event from set design to running the show on the night.</p>
THE SALFORD SITCOM SHOWCASE (Exec Producer)	BBC	Northwest comedy showcase event featuring a staged read starring Sian Gibson (Fudge Park) and a Q&A with Diane Morgan.
CLASS DISMISSED (Series Producer/ Writer)	CBBC	<p>Series 1 & 2</p> <p>Dir. Damian Farrell & Tracey Rooney Starring Richard David Caine & Ellie White</p>
CLASS DISMISSED PILOT & CBBC Development (Producer)	CBBC	<p>Developed and produced the pilot of Class Dismissed from original treatment through to scripted commission of 12 episodes</p> <p>Developed ideas for new programmes and returning series.</p> <p>Worked up formats, attached talent, produced sizzle reels and pitched to the commissioner.</p>
CHRIS MOYLES COMEDY EMPIRE (Producer)	BBC Comedy for BBC1	<p>Dir. Julia Knowles</p> <p>Live at the Apollo style standup event hosted by Chris Moyles</p>
CHRIS RAMSEY'S COMEDY FRINGE (Edit Producer)	BBC Comedy for BBC3	<p>Dir. Darren Sole</p> <p>1 x 60" version of the BBC's Edinburgh coverage.</p>
RAW TALENT AT THE MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL (Producer)	ABC Australia for ABC1	<p>Dir. Marie Davies</p> <p>Live TX of the RAW Talent competition</p>
STUDIO 3 (Producer)	ABC Australia for ABC3	<p>Executive Producer Jan Stradling</p> <p>T4-style wraparound show for teenage audience.</p>