



Stephen Campbell

Producer/Director/Writer

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Stephen Campbell is a television producer with 30 years experience in the industry. He has worked in a wide variety of genres, and has extensive experience creating content for family and youth audiences.

Stephen joined TVNZ in 1986 under its Producer training scheme and was attached to the Children and Young Person's department in Christchurch. During his time with the department he was responsible for the creation of one of New Zealand's most iconic children's TV characters, Thingee. He went on to produce the ground-breaking youth programme, *3:45 LIVE*, and then produced and directed the TV3 children's series, *EBS* and *Yahoo* in 1991.

He continued this trajectory becoming a writer/director on a variety of programmes including *That Comedy Show* (TV3) and *Comedy Central* (TV3) and as co-creator and associate producer of the award winning youth programme *ICE TV* (**Best Comedy Programme, NZ Film and Television Awards 1999**), Stephen was responsible for writing and directing many of the show's most popular segments including the comedy strands, 'Police Programme' and 'Hospital Programme'.

In 2002 he created his first children's drama series, *Secret Agent Men* (TV3), which was re-commissioned for a second season and won **Best Children's Programme** at the **2004 Qantas Media Awards**.

Stephen's next children's drama, *The Amazing Extraordinary Friends* (TV2), went into production in 2006. As executive producer/ writer/director, Stephen oversaw the production of three seasons of *AEF* as well as *AEF 360*, a digital extension which included two web-series; *The WIRED Chronicles* and *Origins*.

The Amazing Extraordinary Friends was voted a finalist in the **2008 Roma Fiction Festival** (Italy), the **Seoul Drama Festival 2008** (Korea), the **2008 Qantas Film and Television Awards** (New Zealand) and for **Best Children's/Youth Programme** at the **Aotearoa Film and Television Awards 2011**.

Season 3 of *The Amazing Extraordinary Friends* won a special prize at the **Seoul International Drama Festival 2011**.

Both *Secret Agent Men* and *The Amazing Extraordinary Friends* have sold successfully to regions around the world, including Asia, Europe and the USA.

Stephen latest drama series, *The Cul De Sac*, finds a group of teenagers living in a world without adults. The series premiered on TV2 in 2016 to strong audience numbers and a second season commissioned by TVNZ is now in production.

Awards.

ICE TV (entertainment) - Best Comedy Programme, NZ Film and Television Awards 1999.

Secret Agent Men (drama) - Best Children's Programme 2004 Qantas Media Awards.

The Amazing Extraordinary Friends (drama)

Finalist - 2008 Roma Fiction Festival (Italy)

Finalist - the Seoul Drama Festival 2008 (Korea) -

Finalist - 2008 Qantas Film and Television Awards (New Zealand)

Finalist - Best Children's/Youth Programme at the Aotearoa Film and Television Awards 2011.

Winner - special prize at the Seoul International Drama Festival 2011.