

# Jonathan Baltrusaitis

Filmmaker - Writer - App Developer - Designer - Instructor  
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## Career Highlights

Nominated for Best Editor – Dramatic Program or Series at the 2009 Gemini Awards.  
Edited “Radiant City”, Best Documentary at the 2008 Genie Awards.  
Edited “Round Round Round”, Best Video at the 2007 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards.

## Employment

**Instructor - University of Waterloo, Global Business and Digital Arts Program** - Fall 2014 to present  
Re-designed and taught GBDA201 and 202 - Digital Media Project 1 and 2, full multimedia production workshop courses for second year GBDA students. The courses are technically comprehensive but with a strong emphasis on theory, planning, effective messaging and communication. Designed and taught GBDA403 - Digital Media Portfolio which guides fourth-year students through the creation of their professional online persona and digital ‘storefront.’

**Founder, Creative Head, Chief Designer, Producer - Busy Brain Media** - 2013 to present  
Busy Brain Media creates fun, interactive learning experiences for kids. We’ve published two well-reviewed educational apps to date on iOS: “Ladybug Number Count” and “Skeleton Dance”.

## Special Skills

Excellent storytelling ability, both written and visual.  
Creative project generation and practical production design, independently or as part of a team.  
Project management, workflow analysis and streamlining.  
Producing and directing informational video, documentary and drama on location or in studio.  
Interactive/user interface design and production.  
Visual and acoustic design and production.  
Motion graphics/animation design and production.  
“Run and gun” shooting, directing. Capturing useable assets under extremely difficult conditions.  
Expertise in a broad range of professional media production software packages.  
Music composition and recording.  
Teaching production and post-production (technical, procedural and aesthetic).  
Instructional design, ADDIE model.  
Public Relations/Publicity strategy, leveraging news media and social media.  
Excellent problem solving, versatility.

## Selected Film & Television Credits

**Director, Writer, Editor – RISE OF THE TROLLS** (1 hour television documentary)  
2016 Stornoway Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Paul Kemp

**Editor, Writer, Camera Operator – INFESTATION** (4 episode 1 hour documentary series, iChannel)  
2013 Stornoway Productions Inc. – Producer: Paul Kemp

**Editor, Writer – FACING EXTREMISM** (1 hour television documentary, Vision Television)  
2012, 2013 Summerhill Television Inc. – Director: Patricia Bush

**Editor – PICK A PUPPY** (Lifestyle television half hour series, CMT)  
2011, 2012 Perfect Puppies Television Inc. – Producer: Bruce Ellis

**Editor, Writer – WHEN ANIMALS ADOPT** (1 hour documentary, Animal Planet)  
2011 Summerhill Television Inc. – Director: Sara Marino

**Editor – UNLUCKY** (RED 4K feature film comedy, theatrical)  
2011 Unlucky Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Joel Silver

**Editor – THE RANKIN FAMILY: THESE ARE THE MOMENTS** (Concert video, PBS)  
2009 Pyramid Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Larry Day

**Editor, Writer, Photographer – IAN TYSON: SONGS FROM THE GRAVEL ROAD** (1 hour documentary, Bravo!)  
2009 Pyramid Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Larry Day

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## Selected Film & Television Credits continued

**Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Unit), Editor, Writer, Camera – WILD HORSES OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES** (1 hour documentary, Animal Planet)  
2008 Pyramid Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Larry Day

**Production Designer, Editor – RAIN: THE BEATLES EXPERIENCE** (Concert video, PBS)  
2007 Pyramid Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Larry Day

**Editor – IN A WORLD CREATED BY A DRUNKEN GOD** (Feature film, APTN)  
NOMINATIONS Gemini Awards 2009 – Best TV Movie, Best Editor. Opening Film at American Indian Film Festival 2008  
2007 Pyramid Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Larry Day

**Editor, Writer – CURVEBALL: W.P. KINSELLA** (1 hour documentary, Bravo!)  
2007 Pyramid Productions Inc. – Executive Producer: Larry Day

**Editor, Writer – HALF MILE OF HELL** (1 hour reality series, Outdoor Life Network)  
2006 Zoom Communications – Producer: Grant Nolin

**Editor – RADIANT CITY** (HD to 35mm, feature documentary, theatrical release)  
WINNER Best Documentary 2008 Genie Awards. SPECIAL JURY PRIZE Vancouver International Film Festival 2006  
2005 – 2006 Burns Film Ltd. – Directors: Gary Burns & Jim Brown Producer: Shirley Vercauteren

**Editor – FIXING DINNER** (Half hour lifestyle series, Food Network Canada)  
2005 Joe Media Group – Producer: Nancy Laing

**Editor – OPEN HOMES: ULTIMATE TEAM MAKEOVER** (DVC 1 hour documentary special series, Prime TV)  
2005 White Iron Pictures – Executive Producer: Jean Merriman

**Camera Operator – MAKE SOME NOISE** (DVC documentary series, CBC)  
2005 Omni Film Productions for CBC – Producer: Heather Hawthorn-Doyle

**Editor, Videographer, Studio Camera Operator, Graphics Designer – SPIRIT BASICS** (BetaSP series, Access)  
2005 Corkscrew Media – Producer: Jeremy Schraeder

## Awards and Merits

Kawasaki Disease Canada (2014)  
Board Member, Chair of Marketing and Communications Committee

24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemini Awards (2009)  
Nominated – Best Picture Editing in a Dramatic Program or Series for “In a World Created By a Drunken God”

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Genie Awards (2000)  
Juror – “Best Preschool Program or Series”

Arizona International Film Festival 1999 Reel Frontiers Film & Video Competition  
Special Jury Recognition Award, Documentary as Director of “Planespotting”

Please see “Selected Film & Television Credits” for awards and nominations for other projects I worked on.

## Education

Vancouver Film School, Vancouver, British Columbia  
Certificate of Recommendation: Foundation Film Program

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec  
Bachelor of Arts, English: Film & Communication / Cultural Studies

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