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About

I studied Fashion Design at the London College of Fashion, the course incorporated design, pattern cutting, garment construction, embroidery, millinery and illustration, at the same time I attended a 4 year evening course in Saddlery at Cordwainers College learning skills in leatherwork. After leaving college I worked in Textile Conservation repairing and restoring historical textiles for private collectors and museums, specialising in hand embroidery before I moved into a career in costume for film and television, firstly working as a costume assistant/maker before moving into the role as a costume embroiderer.

The first production that saw me undertake the role as a Principal Costume Embroiderer was for the 2005 costume award winning production of "Elizabeth 1st" starring Helen Mirren. My most recent work has been on HBO's 2012/14/16 Emmy Costume award winning television series "Game of Thrones", working on all seasons one to six.

As a Costume Embroiderer I specialise in hand embroidery and surface embellishment. I use traditional hand embroidery techniques, smocking, beading and surface decoration, working directly onto the completed garment or starting with motifs and textures on silk crepe/organza dyed to match the costume fabric, which are applied to the costume and then worked into once on the actual garment, or on existing machine embroidery designs that are not too dense, adding some hand stitching and beading to give a more authentic hand finished look.

I am a highly creative Costume Embroiderer, producing original designs and reproducing authentic historical embroidery, as well as working closely to a Costume Designer's brief to create their desired look.

Embroidery & Embellishment

PRODUCTION/DATE

COMPANY/NOTES

2011 to 2017 - **Game of Thrones** (Season 1 to 7)

Television Series
Production Company - HBO
Role - Principal Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Michele Clapton (Season 1 to 6)
Costume Designer - April Ferry (Season 6)

2017 - **Fortitude (Season 2)**

Television Series
Production Company - Tiger Aspect Productions
Role - Costume Embroiderer/Maker
Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner

2016 - **The Crown**

Television Series
Production Company - Left Bank Pictures
Role - Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Michele Clapton

2016 - Assassin's Creed	<p>Feature Film Role - Principal Costume Embroiderer Production Company - Regency Enterprises Costume Designer - Sammy Sheldon Differ</p>
2016 - Ali and Nino	<p>Feature Film Role - Principal Costume Embroiderer Production Company - PeaPie Films Costume Designer - Michele Clapton</p>
2015 - Virtuoso	<p>TV Movie Production Company - HBO Role - Costume Embroiderer Costume Designer - Caroline McCall Details of tasks undertaken - embroidered a waistcoat for one of the main characters.</p>
2015 - Peaky Blinders	<p>Television Series Production Company - Tiger Aspect/BBC Role - Costume Embroiderer Costume Designer - Lorna Marie Mugan Details of tasks undertaken - embroidery for the costumes for two characters.</p>
2014 - Queen of the Desert	<p>Feature Film Role - Principal Costume Embroiderer Costume Designer - Michele Clapton Details of tasks undertaken - embroidery for the costumes of Nicole Kidman.</p>
2012 - Kia Knight	<p>2012 Collection Company - Kia Knight Role - Embroiderer Fashion Designer - Kia Knight Details of tasks undertaken - smocking and appliqué techniques applied to two pieces.</p>
2010 - Gulliver's Travels	<p>Feature Film Production Company - 20th Century Fox Role - Costume Embellishment Costume Designer - Sammy Sheldon</p>
2010 - Robin Hood	<p>Feature Film Production Company - Universal Pictures Role - Hand Finisher Costume Designer - Janty Yates Details of tasks undertaken - workroom hand sewing crests.</p>

2010 - **Prince of Persia**
 Feature Film
Production Company - Walt Disney Pictures
Role - Textile Designer
Costume Designer - Penny Rose
Details of tasks undertaken - mock cutwork appliqué fabric for Jake Gyllenhaal spiral coat.

2009 - **The Diary of Anne Frank**
 Television Series
Production Company - Darlow Smithson/BBC
Role - Principal Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Michele Clapton

2008 - **Sense and Sensibility**
 Television Series
Production Company - BBC
Role - Costume Embroidery & Embellishment
Costume Designer - Michele Clapton

2007 - **Stardust**
 Feature Film
Production Company - Paramount Pictures
Role - Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Sammy Sheldon

2007 - **Broken Thread**
 Feature Film
Production Company - Isle of Man Film
Role - Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner

2007 - **Mansfield Park**
 Television Drama
Production Company - Company Pictures/ITV
Role - Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

2005 - **Elizabeth 1**
 Television Series
Production Company - HBO/Channel 4
Role - Principal Costume Embroiderer
 Fabric Buyer & Dyer
Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

2005 - **The Truth about Love**
 Feature Film
Production Company - Piccadilly Pictures
Role - Costume Embroiderer
Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner

2004 - **North and South**
 Television Series
Production Company - BBC
Role - Costume Embroidery & Embellishment
Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

Costume Makes

PRODUCTION/DATE	COMPANY/NOTES
2013 - 47 Ronin	Feature Film Production Company - Warrior Productions Role - Costume Prototype Maker Costume Designer - Penny Rose
2012 - Mad Dogs (Series 2)	Television Series Production Company - Sky Role - Costume Maker Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner Details of tasks undertaken - tooled leather work, embroidery and the creation of two living statue costumes.
2011 - Pirates of the Caribbean on Stranger Tides	Feature Film Production Company - Walt Disney Pictures Role - Costume Maker Costume Designer - Penny Rose Details of tasks undertaken - leather work prop/costume for one of the zombie pirates.
2011 - Carmen	Theatre (Opera) Production Company - Raymond Gubbay Ltd Role - Costume Maker Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner
2008 - Love Soup	Television Series Production Company - BBC Role - Costume Maker Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner
2004 - Jonathan Creek	Television Series Production Company - BBC Role - Costume Maker Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner
2003 - Spooks - Ep2 "Nest of Angels"	Television Series Production Company - BBC Role - Costume Maker Costume Designer - Iain Macaulay Details of tasks undertaken - created a collection of suicide bombers vests.

2003 - **Spooks** - Ep5 "I Spy Apocalypse"

Television Series

Production Company - BBC

Role - Costume Maker

Costume Designer - Iain Macaulay

Details of tasks undertaken - created a chemical nuclear biological suit.

2000 - **Gabriel and Me**

Feature Film

Production Company - Samuelsons

Role - Costume Maker

Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner

Details of tasks undertaken - Created the main character's Feather Angel dress.

Costume Illustration

PRODUCTION/DATE

COMPANY/NOTES

2011 - **Vera** (Series 1)

Television Series

Production Company - ITV

Role - Costume illustrator

Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner

2009 - **Desperate Romantics**

Television Series

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

Role - Costume illustrator

Details of tasks undertaken - speculative costume illustrations for the designers proposal.

2008 - **The Duchess**

Feature Film

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

Role - Costume illustrator

Details of tasks undertaken - speculative costume illustrations for the designers proposal.

2008 - **Fairy Tales "Billy Goat"**

Television Series

Production Company - BBC

Role - Costume illustrator

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

2005 - **Elizabeth 1**

Television Series

Production Company - HBO/Channel 4

Role - Costume illustrator

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

2005 - **Heidi**

Feature Film

Production Company - Piccadilly Pictures

Role - Costume illustrator

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

Costume Assistant

PRODUCTION/DATE	COMPANY/NOTES
2007 - Sunshine	Feature Film Production Company - Fox Searchlight Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Suttirat Anne Larlarb
2001 - Outside the Rules	Television Series Production Company - BBC Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner
2001 - McCready and Daughter	Television Series Production Company - BBC Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner
2000 - Jimmy Grimble	Feature Film Production Company - Impact Films Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mary-Jane Reyner
1999 - David Copperfield	Television Series Production Company - ITV Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill
1999 - The Waiting Time	Television Series Production Company - ITV Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill
1998 - Plastic Man	Television Series Production Company - ITV Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill
1998 - Undercover Heart	Television Series Production Company - ITV Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill
1997 - Our Mutual Friend	Television Series Production Company - BBC Role - Costume Assistant Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill Details of tasks undertaken - embroidery and the creation of reticules.

1996 - **Wokenwell**

Television Series

Production Company - ITV

Role - Costume Assistant

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

Details of tasks undertaken - created various costume/props.

1996 - **Hardmen**

Feature Film

Production Company - Venture Movies

Role - Costume Assistant

Costume Designer - Mike O'Neill

References on request.