

ELLIE WILLIAMS AMPS

Sound Recordist

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I am an award-winning recordist with two decades' experience working in filmmaking, starting out at the BBC's Natural History Unit. Along with a passion for creatively and authentically capturing sound, I bring a solid background of location experience and BBC training to each shoot.

My work has taken me to six of the world's continents. My recordings have been broadcast by the BBC, Netflix, Apple, National Geographic, Disney, Amazon, Sky Nature, PBS, HBO and (by President Biden) from the White House. I have filmed with Sir David Attenborough, HRH Prince William, Dame Jane Goodall, Sir Michael Palin, Greta Thunberg and Jill Biden (when FLOTUS). I love the adventure, learning and friendships that every shoot brings.

I am part of the multi award-winning Wounded Buffalo sound family:

<https://woundedbuffalo.co.uk/people/ellie-williams/>

I sometimes appear on the other side of the lens and contribute to radio as a wildlife sound specialist.

SOUND AWARDS

Sound of the Year Award: Best Natural History Sound win (2025)

I recorded for the following series that received recognition for craft sound:

Secret World of Sound with David Attenborough (2025): BAFTA win, Association of Motion Picture Sound win, Emmy nominee, Jackson Wild nominee

Earthsounds (2025): Emmy win, Royal Television Society win, BAFTA nominee, Jackson Wild nominee

Ocean with David Attenborough (2025): Jackson Wild nominee, Association of Motion Picture Sound nominee

Lucy the Human Chimp (2021) - Royal Television Society nominee

RECORDING STYLES

Natural History, VR/Immersive, Documentary, Studio, Drama, Virtual Production, Live

REMOTE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS

Heat, humidity, cold, altitude - savanna, jungles, mountains, oceans, glaciers, deserts, tiny islands

LOCATION EXPERIENCE

BBC: New Zealand (15 months), Canada, USA, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Borneo, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Botswana, Cape Verde, Brazil, Costa Rica, Vanuatu, Iceland (Arctic Circle), British Isles (including Skomer, Lundy, Orkney and Shetland).

Indie: The Falkland Islands, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Peru (Amazon), Brazil, USA, Bermuda, South Africa (Kalahari), The Gambia, Botswana, Liberia, Germany, France, Sweden (Arctic).

FILM & TV PROJECTS

Sound and On-Camera:

Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2025
Secret Lives of Trees narrated by Sir Michael Palin, C5 (BBC Studios/Voltage TV), 2025
Countryfile, BBC1, 2025
Earthsounds, Apple TV (Offspring Films), 2024

Sound:

Hidden Planet, BBC Studios, 2026
Matriarch, BBC2, 2026
Project Odyssey (under NDA), Nat Geo & Disney+ (BBC Studios), 2026
Project Storm (under NDA), Netflix (BBC Studios), 2025
Project Biodiversity (under NDA), Netflix (Open Planet Studios), 2025
Ocean with David Attenborough, Cinematic Release, Nat Geo & Disney+ (Open Planet Studios), 2025
Sentient, Nat Geo/Disney+ (Wildstar Films), 2024-2025
Underdogs II, Nat Geo/Disney+ (Wildstar Films), 2025
Secret World of Sound, Netflix/Sky Nature (Humblebee Films), 2024
Blue Planet III, BBC1/Worldwide, 2024
Wilding, Cinematic Release (Passion Pictures), 2024
Secret Lives of Animals, Apple TV (BBC Studios), 2024
Earthshot III, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2023
A Real Bug's Life, Disney+/Nat Geo (Plimsoll Productions), 2023
Wild Isles, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2022
America's National Parks, National Geographic (Wildstar Films), 2022
Prehistoric Planet, Apple TV (BBC Studios), 2022
The Earthshot Prize: Repairing Our Planet, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2021
Lucy the Human Chimp, HBO Max/Channel 4 (Keo Films), 2021
Breaking Boundaries, Netflix (Silverback Films), 2021
Animals with Cameras II, BBC1 (BBC Studios), 2021
Gathering Storm, National Geographic (Keo Films), 2020
The One Show - Natural History Inserts, BBC1 (BBC Studios), 2018-2020
Yellowstone Live, National Geographic (Plimsoll), 2019
First Year on Earth, BBC2 (BBC Studios), 2019
Springwatch, Gardeners' World, BBC1 & BBC2, ongoing

Sound and Production:

Big Cats, BBC1, 2018
This Wild Life, BBC2, 2015
Springwatch, Autumnwatch, BBC2, 2009-2011

Production:

America, National Geographic (Wildstar Films), 2019. Hidden Kingdoms (3D), BBC1, 2014.
Land of the Lost Wolves, BBC1, 2012. Ocean Giants, BBC1, 2011. South Pacific, BBC2, 2009
Wild China, BBC2, 2008. Big Cat Diary, BBC1, 2007. Orangutan Diary, BBC1, 2007. Natural World:
Buddha, Bees & The Giant Hornet Queen, BBC2, 2007. Atlas HD India, Discovery Channel, 2004

VR/IMMERSIVE

Under NDA - BBC/National Geographic/Disney, 2025

BBC RADIO/PODCASTS

- BBC Podcast: Interviewee on Sir David Attenborough and his sound recordings, 2022
- BBC Radio 4: Interviewee on wildlife sound recording, *Ramblings with Clare Balding*, 2021
Reporter from India on Elephant Corridors, *Saving Species*, 2012
- BBC Radio 3: Field recordings of dawn chorus on Dartmoor, *Breakfast*, 2025
Interviewee on sounds of the night in nature, *The Listening Service*, 2019
Live On-Stage BA at WOMAD festival (2009 & 2010)
- BBC Radio 6: Recording of seismic elephant seals, *Freak Zone Playlist*, 2025
Field recordings and narration, *Lose Yourself with Racheal Dadd*, 2023
Recording of Ghanaian singing from BBC Earthshot, *Cerys Matthews*, 2021
- BBC Radio Devon: Interviewee on recording for *Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles*, Daytime, 2025
- BBC Radio Bristol: Studio BA and Location Sound, *BBC Introducing*, 2012-2018

ONLINE

- The Royal Family & Nat Geo - 'Ocean' interview - Sir David Attenborough & HRH Prince William, 2025
- Waterstones - 'Ocean' book launch with Sir Michael Palin, 2025
- Survival International (NGO) - VO recording of multi-Grammy-nominated Anoushka Shankar, 2022
- Outrage and Optimism Podcast, location interviews inc now Canadian PM Mark Carney, 2019
- Peoples' Walk for Wildlife - Music recording of Billy Bragg & Chris Packham - 2018

DRAMA

2AS (dailies):

- McDonald and Dodds, Amazon/Apple TV/ITVX (Mammoth Screen), 2023
- The Flatshare, Paramount+ (42), 2022
- His Dark Materials, BBC1/HBO (Bad Wolf), 2021
- The Outlaws, BBC1/Amazon Prime (Big Talk), 2020-2021
- Chloe, BBC1/BBC Drama (Mam Tor Productions), 2021
- Alex Rider, Amazon Prime (Eleventh Hour Films), 2021
- Becoming Elizabeth, Amazon Starz (The Forge), 2021
- The Spanish Princess II, Amazon Starz (New Pictures), 2019-2020

COMMERCIAL

- Ffern 2024-2025, Enviral 2025, Little Thief 2025, Our House 2025, Untold Fable 2025, Holmes Productions 2024, JS Productions 2024, Mint Cake 2023, Idol Films 2023, We Are Reach 2023, Woven Films 2022, Happy Hour Productions 2019-2022, Jones Millbank 2022, Hoi Palloi 2021, Five Films 2019

CREATIVE ARTS

- Live music recording: BBC 2 Folk Singer of the Year, Rioghnach Connolly, 2024
- Live music recording: 'Orchard Street' opera with string quintet, composer Emma Butterworth, 2024
- National Trust: Sound Walks with award-winning Novelist Ellen Wiles, 2021-2023
- Distant Dances: Field recordings used by Emmy award-winning composer, Barnaby Taylor, 2023
- Hydrophone recordings: Racheal Dadd's 'River Spirit' (Memphis Industries Label), 2022
- Deutsche Welle: Interview with Artist Grayson Perry, Jan 2020.
- Venice Biennale: Location Recordist for Artist Charlotte Prodger (Turner Prize winner) in the Okavango Delta, Botswana, Dec 2018.

SPECIALIST TECHNIQUES

- Immersive (Ambisonics 360), surround (DMS), macro, seismic, hydro, ultrasound

KIT owned includes: Sennheiser Ambeo VR Ambisonics array, DMS Surround rig - Sennheiser MKH8040s & MKH30. Sennheiser MKH50, MKH8060, MKH418S, MKH816 mics. DPA 6060 lav mics, Wisycom radios, Lectrosonics wireless camera hop, Timecode Systems UltraSynchs, Sound Devices mixers, Lectrosonics IEM. Geophones, contact mics, Ambient (ASF-1) & DolphinEar hydrophones, ultrasonic mics. Camera mics - Sennheiser directional and Audio Technica stereo rigs.

TRAINING

BBC: Sound Recording on Location (Residential at BBC Wood Norton), Remote Location First Aid, Safe Management of Production.

DOSIT: Marine Invertebrates and Sound - Certificate of Professional Development, 2025

Leaping Wing: Drone A2CofC, 2025

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Motion Picture Sound 'AMPS', (Vice-Chair 2022-2023, member since 2019)

International Bioacoustics Society

Bristol Crew

GENERAL

EU Citizen (British/Irish dual nationality).

US i-visa valid until April 2027

Vaccinated for worldwide travel

Marine medical valid until March 2028

Security checked: DBS 2025, Crown 2025, Secret Service 2022

Full clean UK & international driving licences / VW Transporter Van

MASTERCLASSES

Panel Discussion & Screening: 'Earthsounds' for a BAFTA audience, Battersea Power Station, Feb 2025

Workshop 'The Art of Interviews', Wildscreen Film Festival, 2024

Panel Discussion 'Sound Design: Levelling up Creativity', Wildscreen Film Festival, 2024

Panel Discussion for the Earthsounds series, Bristol IMAX for the Festival of Nature, 2024

Panel Discussion 'Post Production Sound for Natural History', Olympia Media Production Show, 2024

Panel Discussion for 'Earthsounds' (webinar), Wildscreen, 2024

FILM SCHOOL SESSIONS

Location Sound Recording Training, University of Bristol, 2026

Drama Sound Assistant Training, Screenskills, 2022 & 2025

Panel Discussion 'Freelance Filmmaking', Screenology Film College, 2023

'In conversation with...', Sound Film Students, University of the West of England, 2021, 2023, 2025

'In conversation with...', Film Students, Boomsatsuma Film College, 2023

'In conversation with...', Sound Film Students, University of York, (Audio Engineering Society), 2018

PODCAST CONTRIBUTIONS

Natural Wanders:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/ellie-williams-sounds-really-connect-us-to-a-place/id1505398599?i=1000714952802>

Wild Film Hub:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/what-does-it-take-to-record-the-sounds-of-our/id1682763309?i=1000653832977>

Association of Motion Picture Sound:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ep46-amps-awards-ellie-williams-secret-world-of/id1496561446?i=1000704434021>

ARTICLES

<https://antonspice.substack.com/p/sound-recordist-ellie-williams-captures>

<https://www.dpamicrophones.com/news/2025/ellie-williams-answers-the-call-of-the-wild/>

<https://eu.bubblebeeindustries.com/blogs/inthewild/ellie-williams-the-sound-of-nature>