



**yap films**

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## CORPORATE BIO

### **The Company**

Founded by Elliott Halpern and the late Pauline Duffy in 2002, yap films is a highly respected independent production company specializing in entertaining, original and high-profile documentary specials and factual series on a wide range of subject matter for broadcast and cable networks in North America and internationally.

The award-winning company recently received a 2021 Primetime Emmy Award nomination for Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series and a 2022 NAACP image Award nomination for Outstanding Documentary (Television) for the film **How It Feels To Be Free**.

Adding to 18 Canadian Screen Award nominations in the past five years, yap films received three 2022 CSA nominations, including Best Picture Editing, Documentary for **Gangster's Gold** and Best Editorial Research and Best Visual Research for **How It Feels To Be Free**.

Yap films' 2021 film, **The Machine That Feels**, has just been nominated for a 2022 Golden Sheaf award in the category of Documentary Science/Nature/Technology.

### **Elliott Halpern - Creative Director**

Elliott Halpern is an Emmy Award-winning producer and director of documentary specials and series and the Creative Director of the Toronto-based production company, **yap films**.

Most recently, he was the Executive Producer on the 2022 Golden Sheaf nominated film, **The Machine That Feels**, for ARTE and CBC's *The Nature of Things*. He was also an Executive Producer on the Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series (2021) Emmy nominee, **How It Feels to Be Free**, for PBS American Masters, the Rob Stewart Award-winning film, **A Day in the Life of Earth** for CBC, BBC, and ZDFE; the CSA nominated series, **Unabomber: In His Own Words** for Netflix, REELZ and Discovery; the CSA nominated webseries, **My Trans Journey** for OUTtv; the CSA winning film for best history documentary or series, **Ice Bridge** for CBC, Smithsonian Channel, France 5, UKTV and SBS; the 2018 Banff Rockie Award winner **Mosquito** for Discovery Channel US (2017); the CSA and Banff nominated **Black Watch Snipers** for HISTORY Canada (2016); the CSA nominated **Loretta Lynn: Still a Mountain Girl** for PBS/American Masters, BBC Four/Arena and Sony Music (2016); and the CSA nominated **Building Star Trek** – the highest rated documentary in the history of Smithsonian Channel (2016).

Among his many prestigious Canadian, American and international awards are two Emmy Awards for Investigative Journalism; the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award; three Banff World Media Festival Rockie Awards; the Donald Brittain Award; and the Silver Nymph Award - Monte Carlo.

## Elizabeth Trojian – Chief Creative Officer

Elizabeth Trojian is an executive producer at yap films, as well as an award-winning producer, writer and director. She has worked on, and created many television documentaries and series for North American and international broadcasters including – the Emmy nominated **How it Feels to Be Free**, **Unabomber: In his own Words**, **The Genetic Revolution**, **Mosquito**, **Made by Destruction** and **My Trans Journey**.

Currently, she is executive producing **The Tao Of Trek** (wt), CBS’ officially licensed Star Trek documentary series airing on Smithsonian Channel. She is also producing and executive producing season two of **Battle of the Alphas**, a 12-part natural history series for Love Nature exploring the reasons animals enter into competition with each other, along with **Loons** (wt), a documentary about the mysterious and iconic bird for Blue Ant Media. For ARTE and Discovery US, she is producing and executive producing **The Americas: 30,000 BCE**, a documentary that re-examines commonly accepted ideas about when humans first set foot in North America.

Recently, Elizabeth directed the Emmy nominated non-fiction series **How It Feels To Be Free** for PBS American Masters.

Elizabeth was also the Executive Producer and Producer on **D-Day in 14 Stories**, a feature-length docudrama for History and BBC, and executive producer and producer on the CSA winning **Ice Bridge** for CBC’s *The Nature of Things*, Smithsonian Channel, France 5, UKTV and SBS, about a group of archaeologists who set out to prove their theory of a cross-Atlantic migration 20,000 years ago.

## Filmography

<b>2022</b>	<b>Ice and Fire: Tracking Canada's Climate Crisis 1 hr</b> CBC
<b>2021</b>	<b>The Machine That Feels 1 hr Special</b> CBC, ARTE France
<b>2021</b>	<b>Black Liberators WWII 90 min Special</b> History Channel
<b>2021</b>	<b>Battle Of The Alphas S1 12x30min Series</b> Blue Ant Media, Love Nature
<b>2021</b>	<b>How It Feels To Be Free 2 hr Special</b> PBS/American Masters, CBC’s Documentary Channel, Fremantle
<b>2020</b>	<b>Gangster Gold 1 hr</b> PBS, Discovery Canada



**2020** **Surviving the Block 2 hr**  
OUTtv

**2020** **The Cobra Killers 2 hr**  
OUTtv

**2020** **Killer in the Village 2 hr**  
OUTtv

**2020** **Translating Beauty 1 hr**  
OUTtv

**2020** **My Trans Journey 4x30 min Series & 12x7 min webseries**  
OUTtv

**2020** **Construction Fails 8x30 min Series**  
Discovery Canada, ZDFe

**2019** **Unabomber: In His Own Words 4x1 hr Series**  
REELZ, Netflix, Discovery Canada

**2019** **D-Day in 14 Stories 90 min Special and 2x1 hr**  
History Channel, BBC

**2018** **The Genetic Revolution 1 hr Special**  
CBC, ZDFE

**2018** **A Day in the Life of Earth 1hr Special**  
CBC, BBC, ZDFE

**2017** **Made By Destruction Season 2 13x30 min Series**  
Discovery Canada, Discovery International

**2016/2017** **Ice Bridge 1 hr Special**  
CBC, Smithsonian Channel, France 5, UKTV

**2015/2017** **Mosquito 90 min Special**  
Discovery Channel

**2015/2016** **Building Star Trek 2 hr Special**  
Smithsonian Channel, Discovery Canada

**2015/2016** **Black Watch Snipers 90 min Special**  
History Channel



**2014/2016**                      **Made By Destruction 13x30 min Series**  
Science Channel, Discovery Canada, Explora, NTV,  
Discovery International

**2014/2016**                      **Loretta Lynn: Still A Mountain Girl 2 hr Special**  
PBS/American Masters, BBC Four/Arena, Sony  
Music, CBC's Documentary Channel

**2014/2016**                      **Battle Factory 14 x 30 min Series**  
History Channel, Historia, UKTV, Discovery  
International

**2014/2015**                      **Close Up Kings 8 x 1 hr Series**  
OLN, SyFy, and Discovery International

**2013/2014**                      **Camp X: Secret Agent School 2 hr Special**  
History Channel, Smithsonian Channel, Channel 4,  
Historia, BBC Worldwide

**2013/2014**                      **The Real Noah's Ark 2 hr Special**  
History Channel, Channel 4, PBS Nova, National  
Geographic International, France 5

**2013**                              **Warehouse Wonderland 2 x 30 min Pilots**  
Slice

**2012/2013**                      **Shred! 13 x 30 min Series**  
Discovery Channel CAN, Science Channel,  
Discovery UK/Europe, NGCI Latin America

**2012**                              **World's Strangest 8 x 1 hr Series**  
Discovery Channel Canada/UK/Europe/Science US,  
Fremantle

**2011/2012**                      **Things You Need to Know Season 2**  
**6 x 30 min Series**  
BBC2, BBC Worldwide, Science Channel,  
Discovery Channel Canada

**2011/2012**                      **Curse of the Axe 2 hr Special**  
History Channel, Discovery UK



**2011/2012** **Dig WW2 4 x 1 hr Series**  
History Channel, BBC2, BBCNI, BBCWW

**2011/2012** **Explosion 1812 2 hr Special**  
History Channel, UKTV, DRG

**2010/2011** **Things You Need to Know 3 x 30 min Series**  
BBCNI, BBC Worldwide, Discovery Channel  
Canada

**2010/2011** **March of the Dinosaurs 90 min Special**  
HistoryTelevision, National Geographic US,  
ProSieben, France5, ITV

**2010/2011** **Monster Snake: Titanaboa 2 hr Special**  
HistoryTelevision and the Smithsonian Channel

**2010/2011** **Pirate City 2 hr Special**  
National Geographic, France 5, History Television

**2009/2010** **Beast Legends 6 x 1 hr Series**  
Syfy, History Television, BBC Worldwide

**2009/2010** **Storm Worlds 3 x 1 hr Series**  
History Television, Nat Geo US, Nat Geo Intl, BBC  
Worldwide

**2009/2010** **Dive Detectives 6 x 1 hr Series**  
HistoryTelevision, Nat Geographic, Smithsonian  
Channel

**2009** **Ancients Behaving Badly aka Absolute Tyrants  
8 x 1 hr Series**  
History Channel, History Television, ITV Global

**2008/2009** **Fire Jammers 1 hr Series Pilot**  
Discovery Canada

**2008/2009** **Finding the Fallen 2/The Trench Detectives 2  
6 x 1 hr Series**  
History Television, History Channel UK, BBC



WorldWide

- 2007/2008**                    **Pet Food: A Dog's Breakfast**  
CBC
- 2007**                            **The Cave**  
HistoryTelevision
- 2007**                            **The Last Soldier**  
HistoryTelevision
- 2007**                            **Revealed: The Captain Bligh Conspiracy**  
Five, History Television, History Channel UK and  
ProSieben
- 2006/2007**                    **VIMY RIDGE: Heaven to Hell**  
History Television, History Channel UK
- 2006/2007**                    **Tiger's Attack 2 hr Special & 2 x 1 hr**  
Discovery Networks
- 2006/2007**                    **Bloodlines 3 x 1 hr series**  
History Television
- 2006**                            **Battle of the Somme: The True Story**  
**90 min special**  
FIVE/History Television/RDF Rights
- 2006**                            **The Trench Detectives 5 x 45 min Series**  
Five
- 2005/2006**                    **Children of the Valley 1 hr Special**  
ITV Network/RDF Rights
- 2005/2006**                    **Warrior Empire: The Mughals of India**  
**2 x 1 hr and 2 hr Special**  
History Channel US
- 2005/2006**                    **Put Me Together Again 2 x 1 hr**  
C4/C4I
- 2005**                            **Finding The Fallen 5 x 1 hr Series**



History Television/Discovery UK &  
EMEA/BBCWW

<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>Zapped 2 hr Special</b> Discovery US/Discovery Canada/C4I
<b>2004</b>	<b>Canada's War in Colour 3 x 1 hr series</b> CBC/TWI
<b>2003/2004</b>	<b>Friendly Fire 1 hr Special</b> CBC/CBC Enterprises
<b>2003/2004</b>	<b>O'Shea's Big Adventure Specials 4 x 1 hr</b> Animal Planet Worldwide
<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>Going to the Dogs 13 x 30 min Series</b> Life Network/Animal Planet/ID Distribution
<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>Witness: A Deathly Silence 1 hr Special</b> CBC/International Distribution
<b>2001/2002</b>	<b>O'Shea's Big Adventure Specials 4 x 1 hr Series</b> C4/Animal Planet US
<b>2001</b>	<b>King Midas' Feast 1 hr Special</b> C4/History Television
<b>2001</b>	<b>Boxing –In and Out of the Ring 2 hr Special</b> A & E/International
<b>2001</b>	<b>A Child's Choice 1 hr Special</b> C4/Discovery US /Life Network
<b>2001</b>	<b>Gladiatrix (Gladiator Girl) 1 hr/90 min Special</b> C4/ Discovery US/History Television
<b>2000/2001</b>	<b>O'Shea's Big Adventure II (O'Shea's Dangerous Reptiles II) 13 x 30 min Series</b> C4 & Animal Planet
<b>2000/2001</b>	<b>Planet Storm 2 hr Special</b> C4/Discovery US



**1999/2000**                      **Murder at Stonehenge 1 hr Special**  
C4 & WNET (PBS)

**1999/2000**                      **Criminal Evidence 1 hr/2 hr Special**  
A&E, CBC, C4

**1999/2000**                      **Penn & Teller's Magic & Mystery Tour**  
**3 x 1 hr Series**  
C4/TLC/CBC

**1999/2000**                      **O'Shea's Big Adventure/O'Shea's Dangerous**  
**Reptiles I 13 x 30 min Series**  
C4/Animal Planet

**1999/2000**                      **Stunt School 3 x 1 hr Series**  
TLC/C5

**1999**                                **Frozen Hearts 1 hr Special**  
C4/CBC/Discovery US

