



yap films

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CORPORATE BIO

The Company

Founded 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. Yap is owned and managed by Elliott Halpern and Elizabeth Trojan.

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 has been nominated for two 2022 Rockie Awards, including one for **The Machine That Feels**, nominated in the category of Documentary Factual: Science & Technology, and another for **Black Liberators WWII**, nominated in the category of Documentary Factual: History & Biography.

Elliott Halpern - President

Elliott Halpern, Co-Principal and President of yap films, is an Emmy Award-winning producer, writer and director of documentary specials and series.

Most recently, he was the Executive Producer on the 2022 Rockie-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 Award; three Banff World

Media Festival Rockie Awards; the Donald Brittain Award for Social/Political Documentary; and the Silver Nymph Award - Monte-Carlo Television Festival.

Elizabeth Trojian – Chief Creative Officer

Elizabeth Trojian is a Co-Principal and CCO of 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 was the Executive Producer and Producer for 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

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



2020 **Gangster Gold 1 hr**
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



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| 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

2004/2005 **Zapped 2 hr Special**
Discovery US/Discovery Canada/C4I

2004 **Canada's War in Colour 3 x 1 hr series**
CBC/TWI

2003/2004 **Friendly Fire 1 hr Special**
CBC/CBC Enterprises

2003/2004 **O'Shea's Big Adventure Specials 4 x 1 hr**
Animal Planet Worldwide

2002/2003 **Going to the Dogs 13 x 30 min Series**
Life Network/Animal Planet/ID Distribution

2002/2003 **Witness: A Deathly Silence 1 hr Special**
CBC/International Distribution

2001/2002 **O'Shea's Big Adventure Specials 4 x 1 hr Series**
C4/Animal Planet US

2001 **King Midas' Feast 1 hr Special**
C4/History Television

2001 **Boxing –In and Out of the Ring 2 hr Special**
A & E/International

2001 **A Child's Choice 1 hr Special**
C4/Discovery US /Life Network

2001 **Gladiatrix (Gladiator Girl) 1 hr/90 min Special**
C4/ Discovery US/History Television

2000/2001 **O'Shea's Big Adventure II (O'Shea's Dangerous
Reptiles II) 13 x 30 min Series**
C4 & Animal Planet

2000/2001 **Planet Storm 2 hr Special**



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

