

**Profession:** Audio Supervisor | Production Sound Mixer | Boom Op

**Experience:** 2000 – 2002: 2 Years Camera and Sound Assistance / Boom Swinger  
2001 – 2002: Completed Courses in Sound and TV Production  
Commercial Voice Training  
2003 – Present: 13 Years **Location Sound Mixer | Boom Swinger**  
2009 – Present: 7 Years **Audio Supervisor**

*Travelled to 55 countries and worked in more than half of them.*

*Member of The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences*

*Listed on **IMDB** - the Internet Movie Database*

**Awards / nominations for Shows on seasons that I have worked on:**

- **Masterchef** season 1 (South Africa) was nominated for “**Best International Reality Series**” at the 2013 International Emmy Awards. Show credit: Audio Supervisor.
- **Survivor** was nominated 5 times for an Emmy in the category “**Outstanding Sound Mixing for Nonfiction Programming**” in 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2013. Show credit: Sound.

**Head of Sound / Audio Supervisor on:**

**Survivor (American. CBS / Mark Burnett) season 31, 32, 33 & 34 | Audio Supervisor (HOD) and Production Sound Mixer.**

**Survivor (American. CBS / Mark Burnett) season 29 & 30 | Reality Audio Supervisor.**

**Giada Entertaining – Food Network**

**Survivor (South African franchise) season 5 | Audio Supervisor (HOD) and Production Sound Mixer.** 20 Contestants – all mic’d and multi-tracked, 1 Host. 8x reality sound kits. All Challenges and Tribals were set up with a line cut mix, no rehearsals. All Live to Tape.

**MasterChef season 1, South Africa – MNET & Shine Network (50 contestants; 3 hosts – all mic’d, multitracked plus line cut mix and in-ear Phonak directors feed to Hosts) | Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer.**

**Fear Factor India season 3 (filmed in South Africa) (26 contestants; 1 host – all mic’d and multitracked) | Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer.**

**Tropika Island of Treasure season 5 (14 contestants; 2 hosts – all mic’d and multitracked) | Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer.**

**Vodacom Thumb Wars season 1 (E-TV) (16 contestants; 1 host – all mic’d in amazing race style reality show) | Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer.**

**“Fortuin Soekers” season 1 for Kyknet (18 contestants; 1 host – all mic’d in amazing race style reality show) | Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer.**

**Dans Dans Dans season 1 (Live-to-Air dancing show with PA, live judges and contestants mic’d) – the formula for this show resembled “So You Think You Can Dance?” very closely | Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer.**

**Mountain Movers season 1 (National Geographic) | Audio Supervisor and Mixer.**

**Cruise Ship Diaries (National Geographic) | Audio Supervisor and Mixer.**

**Inside Nature's Giants for Nat Geo and Channel 4 UK – for the shows filmed in Southern Africa | Audio Supervisor and Mixer.**

**Carte Blanche Extra (10 war-room journalists mic'd and multitracked; roaming crews for field assignments) | Audio Supervisor and Mixer.**

**Various high-end commercials filmed in South Africa | Audio Supervisor and Mixer.**

**Sound Mixer Career Highlights:**

**22 Seasons of the American Survivor for CBS U.S.A.**

**The Celebrity Apprentice – Mark Burnett Productions, USA (season 14 & 15)**

**Expedition Impossible for Mark Burnett CBS**

**Expedition Africa for the History Channel**

**Survivor South Africa (2<sup>nd</sup> season)**

**Live Free or Die - National Geographic Channel**

**So You Think You Can Dance?**

**Giada Entertaining – Food Network**

**Tia and Tamera Show – Style Network**

**Hell's Kitchen**

**Celebrity Wife Swap**

**The Great Christmas Light Fight**

**Food Paradise**

**Beyond the Horizon for Al-Jazeera International – in the warzones of Sudan**

**ESPN World Cup 2010 documentaries**

**The Apprentice (season 1 South Africa)**

**Documentary on Invictus for Warner Bros**

**BBC, CNBC, Sky News.**

**Wildlife Warriors**

*Worked in most genres as a location audio mixer: Commercial, Documentary, Reality, Drama, Magazine Show, News and Journalism, Feature (short film only), - with a wealth of experience on international reality shows and documentaries.*

**Travelled on production to Cambodia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Singapore, South Africa, Jamaica, Philippines, Morocco, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Namibia, Samoa, Tanzania, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Croatia, Gabon, Liberia, Tunisia, Zanzibar, Cameroon, Sudan, Swaziland, Lesotho, India, Guatemala, Panama, Cook Islands, Fiji, Malaysia, Palau and China.**

**Other countries visited: Australia, Brazil, New Zealand, U.K., Canada, Spain, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Comores Islands, Hong Kong, Japan, Qatar and Gibraltar.**

## Work Experience

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September 2016

- **The Great Christmas Light Fight** (Season 5)  
A show for ABC where entrants compete to put on the best, home-grown, Christmas Light display.

August 2016

- **Food Paradise** (Season 8 - Travel Channel)  
Sound Mixer for this **Travel Channel** show that discovers the best of local cuisine in cities across the United States.

August 2016

- **Flipping Virgins** (Season 2 – HGTV)  
Sound Mixer for this show about first time home flippers in Atlanta.

March – July 2016

- **Survivor** (Season 33 and Season 34 – Reality Show. Filmed in Fiji)  
**Audio Supervisor (HOD) and Production Sound Mixer** on the **American Survivor Series**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.

Jan – Feb 2016

- **The Celebrity Apprentice (Season 15 – Reality Show) – Hosted by Arnold Schwarzenegger**  
Sound Mixer. NBC. MGM Studios.

November 2015

- Discovery series: **“Deadliest Job Interview”**. Sound Mixer

October 2015

- Lonely planet. Sound Mixer.

September 2015

- **Giada Entertains**  
**Audio Supervisor and Production Sound Mixer** on this show for the Food Network

March – July 2015

- **Survivor** (Season 31 and Season 32 – Reality Show)  
**Audio Supervisor (HOD) and Production Sound Mixer** on the **American Survivor Series**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.

January – February 2015

- **America's Great Outdoors** (reality / documentary)  
Sound Mixer on this Travel Channel show about iconic landscapes and environments all over the U.S. and the unique individuals from all walks of life that are drawn to them.

September – October 2014

- **America's Great Outdoors** (reality / documentary)  
Sound Mixer on this Travel Channel show about iconic landscapes and environments all over the U.S. and the unique individuals from all walks of life that are drawn to them.

July - August 2014

- **Survivor** (Season 30 – Reality Show)  
**Reality Audio Supervisor** on the **American Survivor Series**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.

May – July 2014

- **Survivor** (Season 29 – Reality Show)  
**Reality Audio Supervisor** on the **American Survivor Series**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.

March – April 2014

- **The Celebrity Apprentice (Season 14 – Reality Show)**  
Sound Mixer. NBC. Mark Burnett Productions.

February 2014

- **Live Free or Die (Reality / Documentary)**  
**Sound Mixer**. National Geographic Channel show about Americans that use primitive skills to live and survive entirely off the grid, in the wild.

January 2014

- **Celebrity Wife Swap (Reality)**  
**Sound Mixer**. ABC Network.

November 2013

- **Tim Ferris Experiment**  
New York Times bestselling author Tim Ferris (The 4-hour Workweek), learns to surf big waves in Hawaii with pro surfer Laird Hamilton. Tru TV, USA.

September – October 2013

- **Survivor** (Season 5 – South African version)  
HOD Sound Supervisor and Mixer, for “Survivor Champions” on Multichoice Network, SA.

July – mid August 2013

- **Survivor** (Season 28 – Reality Show)  
Sound Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.

May – June 2013

- **Survivor** (Season 27 – Reality Show)  
Sound Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 27 “Blood VS Water” was filmed in the Philippines.

March 2013

- **Tia and Tamera (reality – Style Network)**  
Sound Mixer for this show about the lives of the twin sisters Tia and Tamera.

December 2012 – Feb 2013

- **Mountain Movers (Season 1 – National Geographic – Reality Show)**  
HOD Sound Supervisor for this Reality docu-drama about the rugged crew that shape and build the slopes and stadiums for the Winter X-Games and other international events. The Characters face tough and harsh working conditions and challenges in blizzards, avalanches and far below freezing temperatures.

November 2012

- **Tropika Island of Treasure (season 5)**  
HOD Sound Supervisor for this reality show, taking place in Jamaica. 14 contestants compete in Island games and fun activities for a grand prize of 1 Million Rand. For SABC 3.

October 2012

- **Hell’s Kitchen (Reality Show season 11)**  
Sound Mixer on Hell’s Kitchen. Eighteen aspiring restaurateurs brave Ramsay and his wrath as he once again puts the competitors through rigorous challenges to see who has the skill and to become Head Chef of his restaurant in Las Vegas.

September 2012

- **Tia and Tamera Show** (reality – Style Network USA)  
Sound Mixer on the twin sister reality show Tia and Tamera

June – August 2012

- **Survivor** (Season 26 – Reality Show)  
Sound Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 26 was filmed in the Philippines.

April – May 2012

- **Survivor** (Season 25 – Reality Show)  
Sound Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 25 was filmed in the Philippines.

December 2011 – March 2012

- **MasterChef South Africa** (reality show – season 1) – Audio Supervisor  
HOD Sound Supervisor and Mixer for MasterChef South Africa. A hit reality show where contestants compete to become master chefs. 50 contestants; 3 judges. All mic’d and multitracked. Massive. Endemol Shine Group.

November 2011

- **Tia and Tamera Show** (reality – Style Network USA)  
Audio Mixer on the twin sister reality show Tia and Tamera

October 2011

- **Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy** (Documentary for Oprah’s **O! Network in the States**)  
Audio mixer on this documentary about Oprah Winfrey and her **Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls**, based just outside Johannesburg, South Africa. Oprah came to South Africa, a number of celebrities were invited to address and motivate the girls. We followed some of the girls from their homes in disadvantaged communities, the documentary showed the stark contrast of their life at a First Class Boarding School and then their homes and conditions in the townships.

July - September 2011

- **Survivor** (Season 24 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 24 was filmed in Samoa.

May – July 2011

- **Survivor** (Season 23 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 23 was filmed in Samoa.

April – May 2011

- **Expedition Impossible** (Season 1 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on Mark Burnett's new brainchild in the reality expedition genre. 39 contenders traverse the wilderness of Morocco in a race to claim a million dollars worth of prizes. For CBS United States.

March 2011

- **Fortuin Soekers** (Season 1 – Reality Show) – Audio Supervisor  
**Head of Sound Department** – a new reality show for Kyknet, produced by Meerkat Media. It was a fairly large production - 9 reality crews (9 audio rigs) and a Task Crew. 38 Wireless systems used, stereo wireless links to camera and multitrack on the tasks.

February 2011

- **SA Tourism**  
**HOD Sound** on this reality show featuring foreigners who embark on the many adventure activities and recreational experiences South Africa has to offer. Shot by a total of 4 crews. Time Frame Productions.

January 2011

- **Carte Blanche Extra** (M-NET)  
**HOD Sound** on a new reality version of Carte Blanche, showing what goes on behind the scenes, as stories are chased. The audio for this show is unique in the sense that it is multi-tracked to 8 tracks running a total of 10 wireless mics on talent plus 1 director monitoring and 2 mono wireless sends to camera.

August – September 2010

- **Survivor** (Season 22 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 22 was filmed in Nicaragua.

June – July 2010

- **Survivor** (Season 21 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on the **American Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 21 was filmed in Nicaragua.

May 2010

- **Outsurance** (Television Commercial)  
**HOD Audio** / Sound Mixer on this Commercial aired on all South African Networks.

April 2010

- **ESPN** (Sports Channel – US)  
World Cup 2010: direct bureau in JHB (Time Frame) – Links and interviews with various football personalities.

March 2010

- **Outsurance** (Television Commercial)  
**HOD Audio** / Sound Mixer on this Commercial aired on all South African Networks.
- **ESPN** (Documentary) **"Through the Eyes of My Father"**  
Sound Recordist for this Documentary filmed locally starring ESPN Celeb Selema Masekela and the legendary musician, also his father, Hugh Masekela; on a journey of discovery where Selema gets in touch with his South African roots in rural South Africa for the first time in his life.

February 2010

- **Mistubishi Pajero** (Commercial)
- **MK** (Music Television)  
Location Sound on this South African Music Television show for DSTV.

January 2010

- **ESPN**  
**Audio Supervisor** and Mixer for a series of ESPN documentaries and inserts being shot in run up to the World Cup 2010 in SA.

December 2009

- **Outsurance** (Television Commercial)

November 2009

- **Wildlife Warriors** (Wildlife Feature Documentary – for US distribution)  
Sound Recordist for this reality documentary about two highly esteemed Wildlife Veterinarians who perform all sorts of missions and operations on Wild Animals (Lions, Elephants, Giraffes, Hippos, Rhinoceros, etc). This takes place on the entire African Continent and abroad. This Episode filmed in Namibia.
- **MTV Africa** (Music Television)  
African Music and Design Awards. DSTV.

October 2009

- **Inside Nature's Giants** (Wildlife Feature Documentary – National Geographic, Channel 4 UK)  
HOD Sound on this Documentary investigating The Great White Shark. Produced by Windfall films. Presented by Mark Evans.
- **MK** (Music Television)  
Location Sound on this South African Music Television show for DSTV.

August – September 2009

- **Survivor** (Season 20 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 20 was filmed in Samoa.

June – July 2009

- **Survivor** (Season 19 – Reality Show)  
Audio Mixer on the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.; Season 19 was filmed in Samoa.

May 2009

- **Outsurance** (Television Commercial)  
Audio Supervisor of 9 commercials filmed for Outsurance – one of South Africa’s leading insurance companies. To be aired on all Southern African networks.
- **Vodacom Thumb Wars** (Reality Show – Season 1)  
Audio Supervisor of this Amazing Race style reality show – held across South Africa – where pairs of contestants race against the clock to win R 1 000 000.

April 2009

- **Invictus** (Behind the Scenes of the Feature Film)  
Behind the Scenes Documentary of the Feature Film directed by **Clint Eastwood**. Starring **Morgan Freeman** as Nelson Mandela and **Matt Damon** as Francois Pienaar. A Film reliving the history of South Africa’s victory in the Rugby World Cup Final of 1995. For **Warner Bros.**

March 2009

- **Inside Nature’s Giants** (Wildlife Feature Documentary – National Geographic, Channel 4 UK)  
A feature documentary about a group of scientists / wildlife researchers and their groundbreaking research conducted on various species of wild animals across the globe. Produced by Windfall films. Presented by Mark Evans. To be aired on National Geographic and Channel 4 in the UK.

Jan 2009 – March 2009

- **Roman’s Pizza Commercial** for Waterston Entertainment (High Definition)
- **Cartrack Commercial** for Militia Films (16mm Film)
- **Supersport Confederations Cup Commercial** (High Definition)
- **Supersport Commercial** for C-Squared (High Definition)
- **Cell Tone Commercial** for Glomail.

Oct 2008 – Nov 2008

- **Expedition Africa** (reality docu-drama – History Channel)  
A History Channel reality show / documentary about 4 renowned international Explorers retracing the footsteps and adventures of Henry Morgan Stanley and Dr Livingstone over the Great Rift Valley and through the Serengeti, to Lake Tanganyika. For Mark Burnett Productions, USA.

September 2008 – Oct 2008

- **Cruise Ship Diaries** (documentary – National Geographic)  
A National Geographic documentary about life on a cruise ship on the Mediterranean Sea. Ports of call were Venice - Italy, Bari, Katakolon – Greece, Izmir, Istanbul – Turkey and Dubrovnik – Croatia.

August 2008

- **So You Think You Can Dance?** (reality show - SABC)  
HOD Sound on this show for Endemol SA.

June – July 2008

- **Survivor** (season 17 – Gabon – CBS TV)  
Audio Mixer on the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.  
Season 17 was filmed in Gabon, Africa.

May 2008

- **Fear Factor India – season 2** (reality show)  
HOD Sound on the Indian Fear Factor – which was filmed on location in and around Johannesburg, South Africa. The contestants were 13 of Bollywood’s most popular female actresses. Facilitated and co-produced by Endemol SA.

April 2008

- **ESPN** (documentary – E:60)  
Shot on location in Liberia for the American Sports Channel: ESPN. A story about handicapped victims of war (Sierra Leone and Liberian Civil Wars), who have found purpose through the game of football. The African Cup of Nations for handicapped footballers was held and Liberia emerged as the Cup Winners.

March 2008

- **ESPN [E:60]**  
International Documentary for the American Sports Channel: **ESPN**, about Paralympic Gold Medalist and world 200m sprint record-breaker: Oscar Pistorius.

February 2008

- **Kuns!**

International Documentary on the best-selling artist and highly acclaimed director: William Kentridge and his works. **European Television, Dutch Network VPNO.**

November – December 2007

- **Survivor (season 16 – Palau)**  
Audio Mixer on the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.  
Season 16 was filmed in Palau.

October 2007

- **Dans Dans Dans (reality series)**  
HOD Sound and mixer on the dancing reality show produced for Kyknet.

June 2007 – August 2007

- **Survivor (season 15 – China)**  
Audio Mixer on the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.  
Season 15 was filmed in China.

May 2007 – June 2007

- **Survivor S.A. - Malaysia (season 2 – South African franchise)**  
Audio Mixer for Endemol's South African franchise of **Survivor** for M-NET. This Season was filmed off the Malaysian coast on Besar Island in co-production with Kanakna Productions (Belgium) and Strix Television (Sweden).

February – April 2007

- **Lion King (reality series)**  
Supervising Sound Mixer on the behind-the-scenes documentary of the **Lion King** stage production, for SABC. The **Lion King** stage play has featured in some of the most prestigious theatres around the world, from Broadway to London and Paris. The SABC documentary heralded the coming of the show to South Africa and welcomed the directors from Walt Disney Enterprises who divulged their knowledge to a proudly South African cast.

January 2007

- **Culture Shock (reality series)**  
Audio Operator / Mixer on this reality series for M-NET. Graywhite Productions.

October – December 2006

- **Survivor (season 14 – Fiji Islands)**  
Audio Operator / Mixer on the 14<sup>th</sup> season of the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.  
Season 14 was filmed in Fiji.

September 2006

- **Outsurance (commercial)**  
Audio Operator / Mixer for **Outsurance** ad campaign, aired on all South African television networks.

August – September 2006

- **Beyond the Horizon (International Documentary)**  
Audio Operator / Mixer - documentary on the people, life and culture of post-war Sudan, titled **Beyond the Horizon**, for **Al-Jazeera International**.

June – August 2006

- **Survivor (season 13 – Cook Islands)**  
Audio Operator / Mixer on the 13<sup>th</sup> season of the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.  
Season 13 was filmed in the Cook Islands.

May 2006

- **Diamonds and Destiny (Short Feature)**  
Supervised and operated audio for this High Definition mini feature, recorded in true stereo and ultimately mastered in 5.1 Dolby Surround. **Diamonds and Destiny** is a narrative docu-drama set in the late 1890's, about the Great South African diamond rush.

April 2006

- **Swan Lake (Orchestral Ballet)**  
Supervised and operated audio for a recorded performance of this internationally acclaimed ballet. The State Orchestra performed **Swan Lake**, Tchaikovsky's classical masterpiece, live. Recorded in True Stereo.

March – April 2006

- **Vlok and Fordyce on the Run (reality / sport series)**  
Audio mixer for the reality show: **Vlok and Fordyce on the Run**, starring David Vlok (Egoli) and Bruce Fordyce (9 times Comrades Marathon Gold Medalist). **Supersport** channel on **DSTV**. The program is about the pair and their ten-year long running partnership, intertwined with their participation in races across South Africa.

October – December 2005

- **Survivor (season 12 – The Pearl Islands)**  
Audio mixer for the 12<sup>th</sup> season of the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A.  
Season 12 was filmed at the uninhabited Pearl Islands in Panama and is titled: "Exile Island".

June – August 2005

- **Survivor (season 11 – Guatemala)**  
Audio mixer for the 11<sup>th</sup> season of the American **Survivor**, produced by **Mark Burnett** for **CBS Television**, U.S.A. Season 11 was filmed in the wild, hostile jungles of Guatemala.

April – June 2005

- **The Apprentice (reality series)**  
Audio mixer for the South African reality version of the franchise owned by Mark Burnett: **The Apprentice**. The show was produced by Fremantle Media, for SABC 3.  
16 South Africans were chosen for the “job interview” and only one would become The Apprentice under Tokyo Sexwale.

### **Other Industry-specific Employment Experience**

Rian first began working in the television industry in 1999 as a Junior Camera / Lighting Assistant and Sound Assistant / Boom Swinger. He continued in this manner, becoming a professional Camera and then Sound Assistant, through the periods of 2001 – 2002, gaining invaluable industry experience (camera menus, filters, matte boxes, lenses, lighting, sparking, rigging microphones, using recorders, hands on with all makes and models of professional cameras, different lighting techniques, etc).

### **Courses Completed**

#### **Course in Information Technology [2000]:**

Acquired advanced skills in **Windows OS**, including: BIOS set-up and maintenance. Formatting, installation and maintenance of **Windows** operating system as well as driver support.

#### **Commercial Voice Training [2001 – 2002]:**

Training in vocal and communication skills, microphone techniques, customer service, public speaking, interviewing, commentary, vocabulary, and voice-production through the CVT Academy.

#### **Sound and Television Production Course [2001 - 2002]:**

Diploma in Audio-Visual Production from 2001 – 2002 through Studio M, Media Training and Production.

#### **Media Aesthetics [2001 – 2002]:**

Theoretical Course completed through Studio M, Media Training and Production. Textbooks: **Applied Media Aesthetics**, by Herbert Zettl, **The Five C's of Cinematography**, etc.