

Matthew Sunderland – Director's Biography

Matthew Sunderland was working as a Photographer in Leeds when he became interested in the moving image. Experimenting on an old Beta Recorder he, with the aid of his close friends, began to play with narrative form. Returning to Accrington he decided to proceed with a more formal training, studying at Accrington and Rosendale College a Btech in Media Studies, whilst using their equipment to further his knowledge and experience of both documentary and narrative television. Producing his first film, "The Devoted Friend", at the age of nineteen. The 25-minute film, an adaptation of an Oscar Wilde short story, set in various locations throughout the northwest, was a success and led to an offer from the **London College of Printing and Distributive Trades** on their renowned Film course.

Out of over a thousand applicants Matthew was accepted onto the course and worked for three years producing shorts and animations, working on various productions both in and outside of college, to expand his knowledge of the production process. After completing his course he went on to work in the commercial field on various projects, such as the rock and roll documentary "**Sex, Drugs and HIV**", before settling down at the **Jim Henson's Creature Shop** where he worked as Buyer on various projects from "**The Wolf Brothers**" to "**Lost in Space**". During this period he finally received funding for the Kung Fu Comedy "**Draining Lizards**" which he directed in 2000

Since 2000 Mat has been working in the corporate section and producing music videos in his spare time



FILMOGRAPHY (recent)

- 2005 – The STDers (Feature) 92mins – HD
- 2005 – Pest (Promo) –Ogres HDV
- 2005 – D'sliva (Promo) HDV
- 2005 – North Star (Promo) – Our time HDV
- 2005 – The Duel (Promo) Camden Town – HDV
- 2005 – Skibadee (Promo) TIKTOK – HDV
- 2005 – Slim (Comedy) something about slim – HDV
- 2005 – Get rich or die laughing (live DVD) -HDV
- 2004 - Tramps (short) 18mins – HD