

Simon Farnaby

Writer

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Simon Farnaby is a screenwriter and actor and author. He is known for writing PADDINGTON, PADDINGTON 2 and the WONKA film alongside long-term collaborator Paul King. In recent years, he has also wrote the adaptation of the book THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN (co-written with Scott Murray) into a feature film of the same name, starring Mark Rylance. On the TV side, Simon is known as a long time member of the THEM THERE theatrical production collective, starring in and writing HORRIBLE HISTORIES and the long-running BBC comedy GHOSTS. Simon's first children's book—THE WIZARD IN MY SHED has also been picked up by a major studio, and his follow up THE WARRIOR IN MY WARDROBE has just hit the shelves.

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2023	WONKA (Co-writer)	Heyday Films / Warner Bros	DIRECTOR: Paul King STARRING: Timothée Chamalet, Olivia Colman, Sally Hawkins PRODUCED BY: David Heyman, Luke Kelly, Alexandra Derbyshire EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY: Rosie Alison, Kevin McCormick, Michael Siegal
2020	THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN	BabyCow Films / Cornerstone Films / AI Film / BBC Films	DIRECTOR: Craig Roberts STARRING: Mark Rylance PRODUCED BY: Nichola Martin, Tom Miller and Kate Glover EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY: Christine Langan and James Swarbrick
2017	MISTER BENN	Mandeville / Disney	
2016-17	PADDINGTON 2 (Co-Writer)	Heyday / Studiocanal	DIRECTOR: Paul King STARRING: Ben Whishaw, Hugh Grant, Sally Hawkins PRODUCED BY: David Heyman
2016	MINDHORN	Scott Free / BBC Films / Studiocanal	DIRECTOR: Sean Foley
	MAGIC FARAWAY TREE	StudioCanal	Producer: Sam Mendes IN DEVELOPMENT

TELEVISION

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2021	GHOSTS (US)	CBS	Executive Producer
2019 - 2021	GHOSTS	BBC ONE	Co-Writer & Executive Producer 6 x 30' "With wonderful costumes and just the right balance of hammy and withering, this is jolly good fun. In all: an original and imaginative concept, slickly executed." Sarah Carson, The i "The comedy is gentle and nicely observed and, for a show about death, curiously life-affirming." Carol Midgley, The Times "... a landslide of puns and slapstick... repeatedly whacking you over the funny bone till you succumb." Christopher Stevens, Daily Mail
2013-16	YONDERLAND	Working Title / Sky	x 4 episodes