

seanchai films

With offices in Wales and Ireland, Seanchai is a company that develop feature film, TV drama, documentary and light entertainments formats along with theatrical productions.

We invite you to consider our current slate of projects

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FEATURE FILMS

THE FIELDS OF ATHENRY (Feature or TV Mini-Series)

Sung in every Irish bar around the World, the famous song tells of how a loving father is deported to Australia for stealing corn to feed his family during the Famine. But what happened to Michael and Mary? Can he fight his way back to Ireland? Can Mary and their child survive without him? This film continues the story to its dramatic conclusion.

THE SURVEYOR

Local Hero set in Connemara immediately after the Famine. A Welsh surveyor is commissioned by a shady investment company with plans to clear the land for wealthy Victorian tourists to hunt and fish. For Thomas Thomas this is his biggest commission but the consummate professional cannot understand why he has such an affinity with the ravaged land and its people.

TEXAS VENOM

The Sheriff of a one-horse west Texan town is struggling to keep the lid on his Rednecks, angered by the blow in of a fanatical group of snake-handling Pentecostals. When a high maintenance LA film crew turns up to make a vampire remake of Shane the lid blows off. 'Step on our town and y'all better have your boots on.'

THE GENTLEMEN'S CUP

The true story of how lowly Clapham Rovers won the 1880 FA Cup, breaking through the Victorian class system that tried everything to prevent their victory. A team of shopkeepers and tradesmen take on the establishment teams of former public school boys and Army officers. Probably the only FA Cup win that can be directly attributed to the Suffragette Movement.

FROTHY COFFEE AND HOME MADE ICE CREAM

When the Carpanini brothers arrived from their Italian home of Bardi to set up a coffee shop in the thriving Welsh Valleys of the 1920s they had to overcome racist hostility before being accepted by the community. Twenty years later they have both married local Welsh girls. Then Italy declares war on Britain and the brothers are to be deported to Canada aboard the doomed Arandora Star.

THE GREAT GERMAN ESCAPE

Based on the true story of the largest POW escape of World War 2. Despite the war reaching its final act prisoners of the Island Farm POW camp in south Wales were still under firm Nazi control. When 76 German Officers tunnel out the camp it triggers the biggest manhunt in British history. A week later the British authorities are proudly claiming every German was successfully captured. But three got away, a fact that needs to be somehow covered up.

YOUR TOP THREE

A love story about how the only person to understand an eleven year-old boy with Asperger's, and share his love for old movies, is his Father's ex-girlfriend and true love. A relationship triangle not welcomed by a Mother who is struggling to deal with a child that does not fit neatly into image conscious lifestyle.

LIVES

A bitter sweet, ensemble cast feature film starting at an annual Elvis Festival in south Wales and ending twelve months later. Five lives, linked by their passion for Elvis, are about to be all shook up. Love Actually meets Stella.



TELEVISION

FIREFLY (Drama)

A love story. On what was to be the last day of his life, Noel Coward and Graham Payn, his partner of twenty-five years, are at their beloved Jamaican home, Firefly, working on the memoirs that would finally reveal the struggle and pain of the country's best known celebrity maintaining a gay relationship through the judicially homophobic Britain of the 1950 and 60s.

PROMISED LAND (Documentary)

Chuck Berry's iconic road song told the story of a young black man making a journey from Norfolk, Virginia to the promised land of California; a journey that would have taken him through the racially segregated southern states at the height of the Civil Rights movement. British comedian Steven K. Amos makes the same journey, reflecting during a journey's end stand-up gig in LA on the extent that social attitudes in the deep south have, or have not, changed.

HUMANITY DICK (Documentary)

The life and times of Richard Martin, the eccentric Irishman who pioneered animal rights in Georgian London but was paradoxically also the champion duellist of Ireland. A politician who strode London society whilst living off smuggling revenue from his remote Connemara estate. Martin was the driving force behind the formation of the SPCA prior to being thrown out of Parliament for rigging the Galway election. He remains the only man ever to have called a donkey to give evidence in court.

COLONEL PARKER (Documentary)

'For Elvis to be a God I have to be the Devil.' A quote the legendary manager of the King of Rock 'n Roll used to say to his inner circle. Those people now tell, for the first time, the true story of The Colonel from his 'Carny' background through to managing the biggest names in country music before discovering a raw young singer in Memphis. Everything you have heard about the Colonel could be wrong.

1866 (Drama / Documentary)

Ireland has only invaded a foreign country once. In the year after the American Civil War an army of 10,000 Irishmen put an audacious plan into force. They invaded Canada intending to trade it with Britain for an independent Ireland. After defeating the British Army at the Battle of Ridgeway the rest of the plan very nearly succeeded.

LILY (Documentary)

Two days after 76 German officers escaped from the Island Farm POW Camp in 1945 a deserter from the Canadian Army, while attempting to capture a prisoner, accidentally shot and killed Lily Griffith, his common law wife. Howard Grossley was eventually hanged for her murder but is listed by the Canadian Army as missing in action. The truth hides a heart rendering tragedy across three families and two continents.

AON (Light Entertainment)

A Talent contest format linked to the inaugural AON Award, given in association with IMRO, to the best emerging Singer-Songwriter in Ireland. The Winner is going to Nashville to record in the legendary Grand Victor Studio and perform at the famous Bluebird Café. (NB Aon means solo in Irish)

HINDSIGHT (Light Entertainment)

A Celebrity panel game, based on historic trivia and with a proven track record on BBC Radio, has been now been adapted for Television.



STAGE

ET TU ELVIE

Critically acclaimed at the 2014 Edinburgh Fringe Et Tu Elvie tells the life story of Elvis Presley as a seven part Shakespearian tragedy. An ensemble musical play that uses many of Shakespeare's best known texts and characters, along with Elvis' greatest hits, to take the audience on a journey from Memphis in the early fifties to Graceland on the night of 16 August 1977. After all, the world's a stage and Elvis played many parts. www.ettuelvie.com

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HUT 9 (Stage or Radio Drama)

Two old friends are reunited in the cramped hut of a Welsh Prisoner of War Camp during the final stages of World War Two. Both had gone to war as young men with a passion to restore Germany's dignity. Max became the golden boy of the Luftwaffe before being shot down during the Battle of Britain. Five years in an American camp has made him fully aware of the Fuhrer's real motives. His boyhood friend Otto rose up through the ranks of the SS and still believes that the Third Reich will succeed. His Nazi officers control the POW Camp and any officer not taking part in the forthcoming escape will be executed.

HUMANITY DICK – A MUSICAL NARRATION

The champion duellist of Ireland. A man who strode the high society of Georgian London whilst living off the illicit proceeds of smuggling along the coasts of his remote Irish estate. A Musical Narration from Peter Phillips, the author of Martin's biography, with original songs from the renowned Irish musician Micky Martin.

FOURTH REICH – THE MUSICAL

Set in heaven where Hermann Goring and Heinrich Himmler are now back on Broadway. Goring as an Elvis Impersonator and Himmler as a comedy magician. They hear that Hitler's cabaret bar and hotel resort in Vermont is struggling. With the help of their old friends Joseph and Magna Goebbels, who are hosting a daytime TV chat show, they make some phone calls to their network of 20th Century dictators and put on a show for their old Fuhrer.