

## DUNCAN COPP

### Biography



Dr. Duncan Copp is a celebrated international film producer and director. His first commission in 2001 was *Rocket Men of Mission 105* (National Geographic) which followed the training and flight of a space shuttle crew during their mission to the International Space Station.

Other credits include *Hunt for the Death Star* (Channel Four and National Geographic) which won a Gold Hugo at the Chicago international TV and Film festival, *Magnetic Storm* (Channel Four and PBS / NOVA) and *Global Dimming*, (for the BBC and PBS / NOVA), both of which he directed, and both won prestigious WildScreen awards. *Magnetic Storm* was also a finalist at the 2004 Grierson Awards; *Global Dimming* received the international Earthwatch Award in 2007. He worked with PBS / NOVA again in 2005 directing *Hitler's Sunken Secret*, awarded the gold plaque for best history documentary at the Chicago international TV and Film festival.

During 2005-7 Duncan conceived and produced the much acclaimed feature documentary *In the Shadow of the Moon* (Channel Four / Discovery / Film 4 / THINKFilm / Vertigo Films) the intimate story of the Apollo astronauts. Distributed world wide as a theatric and television release, *In the Shadow of the Moon* received over 15 awards internationally, including the Audience Award for Best International Film at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival.

In 2007-2008 he series produced and co-directed *Moon Machines*, a six part series for Discovery's Science Channel, recounting the trials and tribulations of the engineers who built the machines that took the Apollo astronauts to the Moon. The series was awarded a coveted Grand Remi.

He directed and produced *Inside the Milky Way*, a two hour showcase documentary for National Geographic in 2010, taking the viewer on a CGI rich grand tour of our Milky Way galaxy. The film was showcased at the 2011 Vedere la Scienza film festival in Milan.

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Duncan's latest productions include the NOVA / National Geographic special *Secrets of the Sun* focusing on the exciting discoveries helping to unlock the secrets of our nearest star; *Doomsday Volcanoes*, and *Neil Armstrong: First Man on the Moon*, also both for NOVA.

In 2009 Duncan was the recipient of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics distinguished public service medal in Washington, DC, for stimulating public interest in science and technology, specifically in space exploration. Previous recipients include Walter Cronkite and Gene Roddenberry.

He currently sits on the Board of Advisors for The Golden Spike Company, a consortium of scientists, astronauts, engineers, and politicians who share a common vision for future lunar exploration.

Dr. Copp holds a Master's degree in Satellite Remote Sensing and a Doctorate in Astronomy, both from the University of London. He lives in Blackheath, London.