

# ELLIE WILLIAMS AMPS

## Sound Recordist

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*I have two decades' experience working in filmmaking, starting out at the BBC's Natural History Unit. Along with a passion for creatively and authentically capturing sound, I bring a solid background of production knowledge, location experience and BBC training to each shoot.*

*My work has taken me to six of the world's continents. My recordings have been broadcast by the BBC, Netflix, Apple, National Geographic, Disney, Amazon, Sky Nature, PBS, HBO and (by President Biden) from the White House. I have filmed with Sir David Attenborough, HRH Prince William, FLOTUS Jill Biden and Greta Thunberg. I love the adventure, learning and friendships that every shoot brings.*

*I sometimes appear on the other side of the lens and contribute to radio as a wildlife sound specialist.*

*I am part of the multi award-winning Wounded Buffalo sound family:  
<https://woundedbuffalo.co.uk/people/ellie-williams/>*

### **SOUND ROLES**

Location Sound Recordist, Boom Op, OB Sound Mixer, 2AS (Drama)

### **RECORDING STYLES**

Documentary, Drama, Studio, Virtual Production, Live

### **SPECIALIST TECHNIQUES**

Macro, seismic, hydro, surround

### **REMOTE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS**

Heat, humidity, cold, altitude - savanna, jungles, mountains, glaciers, deserts, tiny islands

### **LOCATION EXPERIENCE**

**BBC:** New Zealand (15 months), Japan, Mongolia, Borneo, India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Cape Verde, North America, Iceland (Arctic Circle), Costa Rica, Brazil, Vanuatu, UK (including Skomer, Lundy, Orkney and the Shetland Isles)

**Indie:** North America, Bermuda, The Falkland Islands, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Peru (Amazon), South Africa (Kalahari), The Gambia, Botswana, Liberia, Germany, Sweden (Arctic).

## **PROJECTS**

### **FILM/TV**

#### **Sound and On-Camera:**

Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2024  
BBC 'NDA Dolphin', Apple TV (BBC Studios), 2023, 2024  
Earthsounds, Apple TV (Offspring Films), 2021-2022

#### **Sound:**

Blue Planet III, BBC1, 2024  
Sentient, Nat Geo/Disney+ (Wildstar Films) 2024  
Earthshot III, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2023  
Oceans, Netflix (Silverback Films), 2023  
Secret World of Sound, Netflix/Sky Nature (Humblebee Films), 2023  
A Real Bug's Life, Disney+/Nat Geo (Plimsoll Productions), 2023  
Wild Isles, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2022  
America's National Parks, National Geographic (Wildstar Films), 2022  
Prehistoric Planet, Apple TV (BBC Studios), 2022  
The Earthshot Prize: Repairing Our Planet, BBC1 (Silverback Films), 2021  
Lucy the Human Chimp, HBO Max/Channel 4 (Keo Films), 2021  
Breaking Boundaries, Netflix (Silverback Films), 2021  
Animals with Cameras II, BBC1 (BBC Studios), 2021  
Gathering Storm, National Geographic (Keo Films), 2020  
The One Show - Natural History Inserts, BBC1 (BBC Studios), 2018-2020  
Yellowstone Live, National Geographic (Plimsoll), 2019  
Animal Babies: First Year on Earth, BBC2 (BBC Studios), 2019  
Hugh's Wild West, BBC2 (Keo Films), 2018  
Frozen Planet (BTS Interviews), BBC Worldwide, 2011  
Springwatch, Countryfile, Gardeners' World, BBC1 & BBC2, ongoing

#### **Sound and Production:**

Big Cats, BBC1, 2018  
This Wild Life, BBC2, 2015  
Springwatch, Autumnwatch, BBC2, 2009-2011

#### **Production:**

America, National Geographic (Wildstar Films), 2019  
Hidden Kingdoms (3D), BBC1, 2014  
Land of the Lost Wolves, BBC1, 2012  
Ocean Giants, BBC1, 2011  
South Pacific, BBC2, 2009  
Wild China, BBC2, 2008  
Big Cat Diary, BBC1, 2007  
Orangutan Diary, BBC1, 2007  
Natural World: Buddha, Bees & The Giant Hornet Queen, BBC2, 2007  
Atlas HD India, Discovery Channel, 2004

## **BBC RADIO/PODCASTS**

BBC Podcast: Interviewee on Sir David Attenborough and his sound recordings, 2022  
BBC Radio 4: Interviewee on wildlife sound recording, *Ramblings* with Clare Balding, 2021  
Reporter from India on Elephant Corridors, *Saving Species*, 2012  
BBC Radio 3: Interviewee on sounds of the night in nature, *The Listening Service*, 2019  
Live On-Stage Broadcast Assistant at WOMAD festival (2009 & 2010)  
BBC Radio 6: Recording of Ghanaian singing from BBC Earthshot, *Cerys Matthews*, 2021  
Field recordings and narration, *Lose Yourself with Racheal Dadd*, 2023  
BBC Radio Bristol: Broadcast Assistant and Location Sound, *BBC Introducing*, 2012-2018

## **DRAMA**

*2AS (dailies):*

McDonald and Dodds, Amazon/Apple TV/ITVX (Mammoth Screen), 2023  
Flatshare, Paramount+ (42), 2022  
His Dark Materials, BBC1/HBO (Bad Wolf), 2021  
The Outlaws, BBC1/Amazon Prime (Big Talk), 2020-2021  
Chloe, BBC1/BBC Drama (Mam Tor Productions), 2021  
Alex Rider, Amazon Prime (Eleventh Hour Films), 2021  
Becoming Elizabeth, Amazon Starz (The Forge), 2021  
The Spanish Princess II, Amazon Starz (New Pictures), 2019-2020

## **COMMERCIAL**

*Mixer/1AS:*

Holmes Production 2024, JS Productions 2024, Mint Cake 2023, Idol Films 2023, We Are Reach 2023,  
Woven Films 2022, Happy Hour Productions 2019-2022, Jones Millbank 2022, Hoi Palloi 2021, Five  
Films 2019

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

National Trust - Sound Walks with Novelist Ellen Wiles, 2021-2023  
Distant Dances - Field recordings used by Emmy-award winning composer, Barnaby Taylor, 2023  
Bristol Arnolfini - I am Echoborg (event), 2023  
Deutsche Welle - Interview with Artist Grayson Perry, Jan 2020.  
Venice Biennale - Location Recordist for Artist Charlotte Prodger (Turner Prize winner) in the Okavango  
Delta, Botswana, Dec 2018.

## **ONLINE CONTENT**

Survival International (NGO) - VO for campaign film with musician Anoushka Shankar, 2022  
Chloe (BBC1 Drama) BTS Cast Interviews, 2021  
Outrage and Optimism (Climate Change Podcast), Location Recordist, 2019  
Billy Bragg & Chris Packham - Peoples' Walk for Wildlife (Lush), Location Recordist, 2018

## **MUSIC**

BBC 2 Folk Singer of the Year, Rioghnach Connolly - live music recordings, 2024  
'Orchard Street' opera with string quintet by composer Emma Butterworth - live music recording, 2024  
Rachael Dadd's single 'River Spirit' (Memphis Industries Label) - hydrophone recordings, 2022

**KIT** owned includes: DMS Surround rig - Sennheiser MKH8040s & MKH30. Sennheiser MKH50 & MKH8060 boom mics. Sennheiser MKH816. DPA 6060 lav mics, Wisycom radios, Lectrosonics wireless camera hop, Timecode Systems UltraSynchs, Sound Devices 633 & Mix-Pre 10 mixers, Lectrosonics IEM. Geophones, contact and ultrasonic specialist mics.

### **BBC TRAINING**

Sound Recording on Location (Residential at BBC Wood Norton), Remote Location First Aid, Safe Management of Production

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Vice-Chair of the Association of Motion Picture Sound (AMPS), 2022-2023 (member since 2019)

Member of Bristol Crew

Member of the International Bioacoustics Society

### **MASTERCLASSES/EVENTS**

Sound Workshop, The Listening Planet, 2024 (upcoming)

Panel Discussion for 'Earthsounds', Bristol IMAX for the Festival of Nature, 2024

Panel Discussion 'Post Production Sound for Natural History', Olympia Media Production Show, 2024

Panel Discussion for 'Earthsounds' (webinar), Wildscreen, 2024

Freelance Filmmaking Panel Discussion, Screenology Film College, 2023

'In conversation with...', Film Students, Boomsatsuma Film College, 2023

Drama Sound Assistant Training, Screenskills, 2022

'In conversation with...', Sound Film Students, University of the West of England, 2021-2023

'In conversation with...', Sound Film Students, University of York, (Audio Engineering Society), 2018

### **ARTICLES**

<https://antonspice.substack.com/p/sound-recordist-ellie-williams-captures>

<https://eu.bubblebeeindustries.com/blogs/inthewild/ellie-williams-the-sound-of-nature>

### **GENERAL**

EU Citizen (British/Irish dual nationality). US i-visa valid until April 2027

DBS, Secret Service & Crown security checked, 2022

Full clean driving licence / VW Transporter Van

Vaccinated for worldwide travel