# **COLIN MACDONALD**

## **Current:**

**MR MAC AND ME** – writing screenplay for Wislocki Films, based on the novel by Esther Freud

## **FILM**

THE PRETENDER (formerly THE 45) – wrote screenplay for Arcade Pictures Ltd

THE 45 (THE PRETENDER) – treatment written for Reiver Pictures Ltd

**LAMENTATION** – adapted the sixth Shardlake book by CJ Sansom. BBC Radio 4.

**PARADISE** – commissioned by Rob Roy Films to write screenplay treatment.

**MR MAC AND ME** – treatment for screenplay based on the novel Mr Mac and Me by Esther Freud. Commissioned by Wislocki Films.

**CLOSE** – spec feature screenplay

**SOME KID** – spec feature screenplay set in the US

**IVANHOE** – delivered first draft of feature adaptation of the Walter Scott novel for Twickenham Productions.

**WEIR OF HERMISTON**: written screenplay adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's unfinished novel.

**THE FELL** – delivered revised treatment of drama idea to Gordon Kennedy at Absolutely Productions.

**CONFESSIONS OF A JUSTIFIED SINNER**: written screen adaptation of James Hogg classic novel

## **TELEVISION Produced**

**BLUE MURDER** – script for Granada/Gina Cronk Producer.

**HEARTBEAT** 

## **CASUALTY**

**SHARPE**: 2 hr episode, **Sharpe's Honour**, for Celtic/Picture Palace for Central Films.

**DOCTOR FINLAY**: wrote episode for ITV/STV.

**WRECK ON THE HIGHWAY:** third film for BBC Scotland, , directed by Sandy Johnson. The film starred Tam White and the American country singer, Lyn Anderson.

**THE GIFT**, commissioned by BBC Scotland, directed by Sandy Johnson The film boasted a guest appearance by Tommy 'The Doc' Docherty.

THE DUNROAMIN' RISING, commissioned by BBC Scotland. A 75' film directed by Moira Armstrong. Cast included Russell Hunter, Elizabeth Sellars, and Hugh Lloyd. Transmitted in PLAY ON ONE slot 1988. Excellent reviews. The film was a finalist in the Royal Television Society Awards along with Tumbledown and Journey's End.

**PARA HANDY** wrote episode for BBC Scotland comedy/drama series.

# **TELEVISION Scripts developed**

KING OF THE CEILIDH – original screenplay

**BELONGING** - delivered 2 x 25' children's drama. BBC Scotland.

THE WHOLE OF THE MOON: 90' screenplay. BBC Scotland.

**LOVEDAY BROOKE**: wrote first & second episodes of drama series for Zenith/ BBC Scotland.

**FISCALS:** wrote first episode and bible of drama series. BBC Scotland.

**MILLER'S GOLD**: original 4-part serial for Wall to Wall TV/ Itel. Originally conceived as series - wrote first two eps and storylines also for Wall to Wall.

**WALK THE LINE:** wrote 75′ pilot for series for Diverse Prod / Yorkshire.

**CHARNLEY:** 50' pilot screenplay & storylines for Carlton

**GILLESPIE**: wrote treatment for drama series for Wall to Wall TV.

STRATHBLAIR: wrote 10 stories for BBC Scotland's 2nd series.

**GROWING UP IN THE GORBALS**: commissioned by Karel Reisz to adapt.

# **CHILDREN'S TELEVISION**

**THE REAL THING** wrote, produced and directed for BBC Scotland Education Department.

**SIMON'S CHALLENGE** adapted novel into 2x 20' for BBC Scotland.

#### **RADIO DRAMA**

AN EYE FOR A KILLING – 5x28' Drama written for BBC Radio 4

**REVELATION, SOVEREIGN, DARK FIRE, DISSOLUTION** and **HEARTSTONE** – adaptations of C J Sansom's Shardlake novels as 10 x 15' for Radio 4.

CALUM'S ROAD - BBC Radio 4 Saturday Drama

THE PENALTY: Radio 4 commission

THE WHOLE OF THE MOON 2: BBC Radio 4 serial, second series

**THE BONES BOYS**: BBC Radio Scotland.

ALL AT SEA - BBC Radio 4

THE WHOLE OF THE MOON 1: BBC Radio 4 serial

KILLING THE BUTTERFLY Saturday Play for BBC Radio 4

KING OF HEARTS BBC Radio Scotland

HILL OF RAINS - Saturday Play for BBC Radio 4/Catherine Bailey productions.

Stars Bill Paterson and was directed by Marilyn Imrie.

HOSSACK'S CHILD Afternoon Play, BBC Radio 4

**DOING A RUNNER** Afternoon Play, BBC Radio 4

THE COLOUR OF SUMMER, Afternoon Play, BBC Radio 4.

BURNING THE BALLROOM DOWN, BBC Radio Scotland and BBC Radio 4

TWO SHADOWS CREEPING, BBC Schools Radio,

**BOTTLE** and **THE BATTLE OF THE AIRWAVES**: children's radio plays.

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#### **STAGE PLAYS**

**THE BONES BOYS -** 50' stage play produced November 2008 at Oran Mor, Glasgow, directed by Marilyn Imrie. Colin to adapt for BBC Radio Scotland.

**THE HEART OF SATURDAY NIGHT**, Theatre PKF at the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh 1984

**THE GOWK STORM**: adapted Nancy Brysson Morrison's novel for the stage for the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, for Spring Season 95.

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## **BOOKS**

**UNDER A NORTHERN SKY**, Exiles Press 1980 **HEARTLAND**, Pulteney Press 1985

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