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Born Wakefield 1952; studied Bradford College and Fine Art at Brighton Polytechnic: Arts Council Video Bursary at the North East London Polytechnic 1982/3; work shown extensively in Europe and North America; currently teaching Fine Art at NELP and Brighton Polytechnic.

The Science Mix (with Tony Steyger) 1982 7mins U-Matic Two washing machine commercials, cut up and re-joined.

Bad Reasons 1982 22mins U-Matic A trilogy of pieces exploring language and logic, using humour and editing.

Glory (with Rose Finn-Kelcey) 1983 20mins **U-Matic**

A specially produced treatment of Rose Finn-Kelcey's performance at the Serpentine in 1983.

The Dictionary 1983 25mins U-Matic A sort of language lesson, except that the language is totally invented.

On and Off the Maps (with Jane Wells) 1984 25mins U-Matic A music/video collaboration, using imager derived from Dutch still-life painting.

It's almost impossible to discuss video as an without raising the spectre of its progenitor and (sometimes) mentor, television. I used to think it was impossible to make work in video that did not acknowledge directly their relationship, but now I'm not so sure. The Dictionary employs a number of forms found within TV - the language lesson, the music video, the children's story - but turns them on their heads to pursue a common theme. The nature, and use, of language. Later work like On and Off the Maps ignores what TV does best (give information) but concentrates on what it represents best (objects).

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