

Orla Doherty



Orla Doherty trained as a producer and director with BBC Television in London. She worked for their Youth & Entertainment and Music & Arts departments for five years, then took up freelance status producing prime-time factual programming and documentaries for BBC and Channel 4 for five years.

From the years 2000 to 2008, Orla joined the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation's ship at sea and was Managing Director of the expedition and the Coordinator for the coral reef science program (www.pcrf.org).

In 2004 she headed up "*Studio of the Sea*" – a film studio onboard the ship that produced web films about coral reefs, island cultures and life at sea.

She is a Director for the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation and is now based in Indonesia, co-managing a dive centre at an eco-resort in north Bali while continuing her work with the conservation of coral reefs in the area.

Recent film work includes :

'Canary is Dead', a report on the devastating effects of global warming on the remote reefs of the Phoenix Islands, Kiribas, aired on Link TV and Current TV

Cultural films from the South Pacific islands featured at the 2008 World Water Expo, Zaragoza, Spain

Archive of a decade of underwater and cultural film work featured at Global Image Works, New York, USA www.globalimageworks.com

Inclusion in a National Research Defence Council film about the global ocean crisis

Inclusion in 'An Inconvenient Truth', Al Gore's film about climate change

Film premiers for Studio of the Sea at the October Gallery, London

'Too Deep to Anchor', relating experiences on a four and a half month voyage across the North Pacific Ocean

A collection of forty short films about coral reefs, the oceans and island cultures on Studio of the Sea's website www.studioofthesea.org

Scientific Publications :

Catastrophic coral mortality in the remote central Pacific Ocean : Kiribati Phoenix Islands
by Abigail Alling, Orla Doherty, Heather Logan, Lindsey Feldman and Phillip Dustan
Atoll Research Bulletin No. 551

Acetonides of α -Hydroxy-d-lactones, *Tetrahedron: Asymm* 1991 : 2 : 901-912
by C Bichard, A Fairbanks, G Fleet, N Ramsden, K Vogt, O Doherty, L Pearce and D Watkin

Acetonides of Heptonolactones: Powerful Chirons, *Tetrahedron: Asymm* 1991 : 2 : 883-900
A Beacham, I Bruce, S Choi, O Doherty, A Fairbanks, G Fleet, B Skead, J Peach, J Saunders
and D Watkin

Oxetane Nucleosides with Fluorine and Azide Substituents: Nucleophilic Displacements on an Oxetane Ring, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 1991 : 32 : 1675-1679
Y Wang, G Fleet, F Wilson, R Storer, P Myers, C Wallis, O Doherty, D Watkin, K Vogt, D Witty
and J Peach

Synthesis of the Potent Antiviral Oxetane Nucleoside Epinoroxetanocin from D-Lyxonolactone,
Tetrahedron: Asymm., 1990 : 1 : 527-530
Y Wang, G Fleet, R Storer, P Myers, C Wallis, O Doherty, D Watkin, K Vogt, D Witty, F Wilson,
J Peach

Other publications :

Geographical (magazine for the Royal Geographical Society) : a nine month series of reports from the PCRf expedition

Nautique (magazine for Raffles Marina, Singapore) : a two year series of reports from the PCRf expedition with photographs above and underwater

Expedition logs on the PCRf website from 2000 to 2008 with photographs above and underwater

National Geographic Investigates: Animals on the Edge: Science Races to Save Species Threatened With Extinction by Sandra Pobst : underwater photographs

Past television credits include :

2001 : Sex on TV : Channel 4 : producer/director of a 3 part documentary series

2000 : Five Star Cooking : Lifestyle Channel, Australia : directing Sydney's finest chefs

1999 : She's Gotta Have It : Channel 4 : series producer for two hit series on the latest fashions

1999 : Don't Look Down : BBC2 : series producer on engineering of six of the UK's tallest buildings

Education :

13 A Levels (8 As, 3 Bs, 2 Cs)

MA Hons Chemistry, Oxford University (1986-1990)

Skills :

PADI Rescue Diver

Underwater photographer (www.studioofthesea.org and www.orla.tv)

Final Cut Pro editor

Lecturer in coral reefs in USA, UK, Singapore, Guam, Chuuk (Micronesia), Solomon Islands, Philippines, Cook Islands, Fiji

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