



# KEVIN KJETIL WHELAN

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## SKILLS

### PROFESSIONAL

Strong Storyteller  
Effective Leader  
Clear Communicator  
Process Driven

### TECHNICAL

Avid, Final Cut, Premiere  
Work Sharing Platforms  
Final Draft  
Excel

### LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)  
Norwegian (fluent)  
French (intermediate)  
German (basic)  
Irish (for fun)

## INTEREST

Cycling  
Kayaking  
Cooking  
International Travel

## SOCIAL

[LinkedIn](#)  
[IMDb](#)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Instagram](#)

## HIGH FIVES

Eco Challenge: Morocco  
Emmy 2000  
Critter Fixers: Country Vets  
Critics' Choice Award 2022

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- **Over a decade of experience** as an Executive Producer for National Geographic and Disney+, specializing in ensemble cast shows, follow-doc series, competition reality, and multi-camera productions.
- **Expert in end-to-end production management**, from preproduction to postproduction, ensuring seamless execution while maintaining creative excellence.
- **Proven track record in budget oversight**, managing productions ranging from **\$3 million to \$8 million**, optimizing resources while delivering high-quality content.
- **Strong leadership in creative vision**, shaping storytelling, directing editorial teams, and elevating the overall impact of each series.
- **Effective manager of schedules and logistics**, streamlining workflows across departments to meet deadlines and network expectations.
- **Skilled in fostering talent and network relationships**, working closely with on-screen talent, field crews, and postproduction teams to create compelling programming.
- **Collaborative problem-solver**, adept at navigating production challenges, negotiating contracts, and ensuring a productive, creative environment.

## MY WORK EXPERIENCE

### Most Recent

Digital Wine Content | Wine Industry Group | Writer & Producer (2024/2025)  
Author Lili Wiegert | 30 Wines Under \$30 | Consultant (2024)

### Executive Producer | Showrunner

Critter Fixers: Country Vets | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 4 (2023/24)  
Critter Fixers: Country Vets | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 3 (2022)  
Critter Fixers: Country Vets | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 2 (2021)  
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 18 Episodes, Season 4 (2021)  
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 18 Episodes, Season 3 (2020)  
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 16 Episodes, Season 2 (2019)  
Secrets of the Zoo | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 12 Episodes, Season 1.5 (2018)  
Adventures of Dr. Buckeye Bottoms | Nat Geo Wild, 8 Episodes, Season 2 (2017)  
Adventures of Dr. Buckeye Bottoms | Nat Geo Wild, 3 Episodes, Season 1 (2016)  
The Incredible Dr. Pol | Nat Geo Wild, 16 Episodes, Season 3 (2015, 2014)  
The Incredible Dr. Pol | Nat Geo Wild, 16 Episodes, Season 2 (2013)  
The Incredible Dr. Pol | Nat Geo Wild, 8 Episodes, Season 1.5 (2012)  
The Winemakers | PBS, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2011)  
Uncorked: Wine Made Simple | PBS, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2010,2011)

## MY FAVS

### SHOWS

Diners, Drive-in & Dives  
Travel Man  
8 Out 10 Cats  
Would I Lie to You?  
The Bear

### FOOD INSPIRATION

New York Times Cooking  
Otto Lenghi Cookbooks  
All Things Korean

### PLACES

Lyon, France  
London, UK  
Copenhagen, Denmark

### BOOKS

DIRT, by Bill Buford  
Blood, Bones & Butter By G. Hamilton  
Garlic & Sapphires by Ruth Reichl

### WORKOUT

Orange Theory

## SIDE HUSTLES

### MY SCREENPLAY

"Famously Anonymous"

### MY OTHER SCREENPLAY

"The Handsome Mr. Singh in  
Room 318"

### MY FOOD & TRAVEL BLOG

NextStopLyon.com

## LIFE LEARNING

University of On the Job  
French Culinary Institute, NYC  
Johnson & Wales College, Providence RI  
Hofstra University, Long Island NY  
Queens College, Queens NY  
University of Bergen, Norway

## WORK LOCATIONS

Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, California,  
Hawaii, Norway, Sweden, Denmark,  
Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania,  
Russia, UK, France, Germany, Ukraine,  
Portugal, Albania, Greece, Morocco,  
Tunisia, Argentina, Chile, Thailand ...

## WORK EXPERIENCE | Continued

### Consulting Executive Producer | Consulting Producer

On the Block with Tamar | OWN, Pilot (2022)  
Park Rangers | National Geographic Television, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2021)  
Meet the Chimps | Nat Geo Wild/Disney+, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2019)  
Fish My City | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2018)  
Animal ER | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2017)  
Dog Nation with Cesar Milan | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2017)  
Puppy Days | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2016)  
Safari Brothers | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2016, 2015)  
Second Chance Chihuahuas | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2015)  
Shear Madness | Nat Geo Wild, 6 Episodes, Season 1 (2014, 2013)

### Producer | Field Producer

Little People, Big World | TLC, 2 Episodes Special, Season 10 (2016)  
Leonardo's Hidden Mural | National Geographic Channel (2012)  
Gift of Life | Discovery Channel, 8 Episodes, Season 1 (2005)  
Double Agents | Discovery Channel, 13 Episodes, Season 1 (2003)  
Everything You Need to Know | Discovery Channel, 26 Episodes, Season 1 (2005)  
National Geographic Today | National Geographic Channel (2002, 2003)  
The Story of Drayton Hall | PBS (2002)  
Eco Challenge: Argentina | Discovery Channel, 1 Episode (2001)  
Amazing Destinations: Argentina | Travel Channel, 1 Episode (2001)  
Eco Challenge: Morocco | Discovery Channel, 1 Episode (2000)  
Amazing Destinations: Morocco, 1 Episode (2000)

### Development Producer

Reel Men of Mystery | Roam Pictures (2019)  
America's Best Buffets | Indigo Films for Travel Channel (2015)  
Men of Steel | NG Studios for National Geographic Studios (2014)  
Welcome to Weedville | NG Studios for National Geographic Channel (2014)  
Lucky Catch | NG Studios for National Geographic Channel (2014)  
The Interns | Tiger Tigress Productions for Court TV (2006)  
Death By Chorus | Tiger Tigress for Discovery Channel (2006)  
Arctic Summer | Tiger Tigress for Warner Bros/PBS (2006)  
Mission Ops | Tiger Tigress for Discovery Channel (2006)  
The Hypnotist | Tiger Tigress for A&E (2005)  
Dangerous Places | Beyond Productions for Discovery Channel (2005)  
Risk Takers/History Makers | Beyond Productions for History Channel (2005)

### My Culinary Detour

One day I decided to quit my day job, enroll at The French Culinary Institute in NYC, and become America's next top chef. Well, that was the plan anyway. A year later, I graduated with a Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) and landed my first kitchen job. Six weeks in a posh Upper East Side restaurant as an apprentice nearly did me in. So, what did I do? I jumped from the frying pan into the fire and took off for Europe where I did a stint at a restaurant in Paris. Luckily, my visa expired before the chef's patience, so I headed to Norway where I landed another restaurant job. And it was there, along the icy shores of some Norwegian fjord, that I realized the recipe for fulfillment probably lay elsewhere.