

FREDERIC CASELLA

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director

writer

I am director and writer specialising in character comedy and psychological drama.

My six short films have won multiple awards, and screened at the world's most competitive festivals, including the Sundance Film Festival, the inaugural Sundance London, Palm Springs ShortsFest, and Encounters Short Film Festival.

My work is grounded and informed by my background in broadcast documentaries at the highest level. I have directed over 11 hours of prime-time TV for ITV, BBC, Channel 4, Sky, Discovery etc. Projects I have worked on have won BAFTA, Royal Television Society, and International Emmy awards.

Broadcasters in the UK and US have trusted their best performing shows (as well as high-risk one off films), to my ability to deftly handle dramatic and comedic tone.

Growing up as an immigrant, I am peculiarly sensitive to the subtle nuances of the social tribes that define us. Exploring the comedic absurdities and dark consequences of these forces continues to fascinate me and drive my work.

VERY SELECTED DIRECTOR CREDITS

- SHORT FILM

The King (2016) 12' drama

St Giles Films

A kid, on the verge of his first drug deal, has his plans questioned by a storytelling stranger.

vimeo.com/fredcasella/theking password: stgilesfilms

WINNER: Best Cross Over, International Discover Film Festival (London)

OFFICIAL SELECTION: LA ShortsFest, London Lift Off, NYC Short Film Fest, (and 8 others)

Tooty's Wedding (2011) 19' comedy

Hoot Comedy

A marriage breaks down at a friend's wedding.

Starring: Ben Willbond (*Horrible Histories*), Laura Solon (*Fast & Loose*), Daisy Haggard (*Uncle, Episodes, Psychoville*) and Mathew Baynton (*The Wrong Mans, Gavin & Stacey*).

vimeo.com/fredcasella/tootyswedding

WINNER: Best Short, London Comedy Film Festival (LOCO)

WINNER: Best Director & Best Foreign Short, LA Comedy Festival

WINNER: Best Comedy, Rhode Island International Film Festival

WINNER: Best Comedy, Asthetica Short Film Festival

OFFICIAL SELECTION: Sundance Film Festival, Sundance London, Vimeo Staff Pick

Exit Strategy (2008) 7' comedy

Exit Strategy Productions

A man plots the murder of his wife.

Starring: Miranda Raison (*Silk, My Week with Marilyn, Spooks*) & Ben Willbond (*Imagine Me & You, The Catherine Tate Show*).

vimeo.com/fredcasella/exitstrategy

OFFICIAL SELECTION: Palm Springs Shortsfest, Encounters, Bradford International Film Festival, DC Shorts

- WEB SERIES

Have a Heart with Art (2010) 26 x 2' comedy

Hoot Comedy

A troubled war veteran gives his tips on painting with oils.

Improvised by Toby Longworth (*Four Lions, Skins, Extras, Nighty Night*). vimeo.com/album/1630314

Shot in the Dark (2009) 35 x 2' comedy

Hoot Comedy

Inept paparazzi plot their next move.

Improvised by Alex Macqueen (*Slow West, Hunderby, Thick of It*) and Chris Adlington (*Take 3 Girls*).

vimeo.com/album/1630618

- BROADCAST

Dara O'Briain's School of Hard Sums (2013) 8 x 30' factual entertainment

Dave

Comedy sketches starring: Josh Widdicombe, Marcus Brigstocke, Andrew Maxwell, Stephen Mangan, Miles Jupp, Susan Calman, and Richard Herring. dave.uktv.co.uk/shows/dara-o-briain-school-of-hard-sums

Jessica the Hippo (2007) 1 x 46' observational documentary

Animal Planet (US)

Family life with an Afrikaner bushman, his beauty therapist wife, and their live-in hippo, Jessica.

vimeo.com/43575347

One of the most heart-warming pieces of television of the year Metro tinyurl.com/hfbjllr