

## Joe Simmons

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### Bio

I am a Yorkshire filmmaker with a passion for human stories set in the worlds of Science Fiction and Horror. I like narratives that make the audience question the world as it is, and wonder about where, as a society, we are going. I tend to make work that combines my interests in philosophy, psychology, modern technology and folklore whilst striving to achieve a recognisably present day aesthetic.

Directors UK Inspire Program 2023 (Mentor **Tom Shankland**), Finalist at Enter The Pitch 2023, Finalist at the Jewish Film Fund 2022, BFI Funded 2021, Rejavik Talent Lab 2019, Represented for Commercials with Ballistic @ Great Guns

# **Filmography**

#### All In

Director (SHORT FILM) 2021 Producer - Almaz Rish Screened on FilmShortage and set to go onto Minute Shorts later in the year

#### **The Grade**

Writer/Director (WEBSERIES) 2019 Award Winning Webseries screened at a series of Webseries festivals globally

#### Waveform

Writer/Director/Producer (SHORT FILM) 2018 Screened at Oscar Qualifying Tampere Film Festival, Kino Film Festival and Chicago International Genre Film Festival

#### **Project Peters**

Director (MUSIC VIDEO) 2022 1st Narrative Music Video Made in Unreal Engine 5 Screened at Berlin Music Video Festival

#### From Scratch

Director (SHORT FILM) 2020 Producer - Tomos Roberts Screened on Omeleto

#### Lacuna

Writer/Director (SHORT FILM) 2019 Screened at BAFTA Qualifying Kino Film Festival and Lift Off Sessions

#### **IMPRESSION**

Director (SHORT FILM) 2017 Writer - Sean Brown Producer - Rebekkah Karen Haysom Graduation film for MA Filmmaking Best Opening Night Short at Eat My Shorts Festival, Nominated for Golden Star at El Gonna Film Festival, Screened at BAFTA Qualifying Fastnet Film Festival and Kerry Film Festival

# **Upcoming Work**

#### **Vestige**

Writer/Director (SHORT FILM) 2023 Co-Writer - Guðni Líndal Benediktsson Producer - Lewis Coates Made in conjunction with the BFI Short Film Fund About to start festival run

#### Shell Island

Writer/Director (SHORT FILM) 2023
Producer - Al Eales & Almaz Rish
Executive Producer - Laura Gregory
Made in conjunction with the Isle of Man Arts Council
and Great Guns Production Company
About to start post-production

#### **Gnome Alone**

Writer/Director (SHORT FILM) 2023 Producer - Almaz Rish Pending Sponsored Post Production With Absolute Post and Sound Canvas

#### **Vestige (Feature)**

Writer/Director 2023/24
Co-Writer - Guðni Líndal Benediktsson
Producer - Lewis Coates
In development with Static Flow
Productions seeking funds from BFI

### **Commercials**

Project Peters - Director (MUSIC VIDEO) - 1st Narrative Music Video Made in Unreal Engine 5 Screened at Berlin Music Video Festival - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L31BaYUffsY

Stronghold - Director (Promo) - Interviews - https://vimeo.com/799802001

Lauren Duffus - Director (Music Video) - https://vimeo.com/799456947

Hugh Broughton Architects - Director (Promo) - https://vimeo.com/488099206

Spec Tetley's Ad - Director - https://vimeo.com/809728966

### References

Tom Shankland (BAFTA and Emmy Nominated Director)

Laura Gregory
(CEO and Founder of Great Guns)

References available on request

## **Academics**

MA with Merit in Filmmaking at The Northern Film School

The University of Manchester B.A. Philosophy (2.1) Hons.