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Film Director

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

British-Italian Award-winning Film Director with over a decade of experience in the international film industry. Films screened at prestigious festivals worldwide, including Oscar & BAFTA-qualifying events, with numerous accolades.

FEATURE FILMS

2024 *Behave* produced by Thespian Films. In competition at the Dracula Film Festival in Romania and sold internationally in numerous territories worldwide.

2024 *The Bad Nun 3* produced by Proportion Productions and distributed by ITN Studios.

2023 *Christmas Party* produced by Fire Flag Films and distributed by Left Films. Released in the UK in streaming and DVD in November 2023. Winner of Best Feature at Peephole Film Festival in Mexico and Best Actor at Venus International Film Festival in Spain.

2017 *Blue Hollywood* produced by Thespian Films, London Film School, G-Board in collaboration with the UCLA. Filmed between London and Los Angeles. Screened as the closing night film at the BAFTA Qualifying British Urban Film Festival, and I've been nominated for the Best Male Emerging Talent Award. Released in the USA and Canada in streaming, DVD and Blu-ray in February 2020.

SHORT FILMS

2023 *Cul-de-sac* produced by Thespian Films. In competition at Terrorificamente Cortos in Spain and winner of the Best Short Film Award at the Abruzzo Horror Film Festival in Italy and at the Peformance Short Film Competition in London. Released on Omeleto.

2020 *For Sale* produced by Thespian Films in collaboration with the Abruzzo Film Commission and the patronage of the city of Tagliacozzo. Starring Nicolas Vaporidis (Night Before the Exams) and Randall Paul (Eyes Wide Shut). In competition at over 50 international film festivals, including renowned genre festivals such as Bucheon (South Korea), Fantaspoa (Brazil) and Ramaskrik (Norway). Released on Omeleto.

2015 *Italian Miracle* produced by Thespian Films, in collaboration with the Latina Film Commission and the patronage of the city of Sermoneta. In competition in over 50 international film festivals, including the Oscar and BAFTA Qualifying LA Shorts Fest. Winner of the Jury Award at the Stony Brook Film Festival in New York. Released on Omeleto.

2013 *The Bicycle* produced by the London Film School. Filmed in 16mm. In competition at the PSSST Silent Film Festival in Croatia and winner of the Best Short Film Award at the Screen Stockport Film Festival in the UK.

EDUCATION

M.A. Filmmaking - *London Film School* | 2013-2016

Directing Intensive Program - *USC School of Cinematic Arts* | 2012

Producer's Foundation Certificate - *Raindance Film Institute* | 2015

The Art of Directing - *UCLA Extension Program* | 2012

A.A. Acting - *American Academy of Dramatic Arts* | 2010-2012
Merit Scholarship Recipient

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & TEACHING

Senior Lecturer in Screen Acting - St Mary's University, London | 2019 - Present

Member - Directors UK | 2017 - Present

Founder & Director - Thespian Films LTD | 2014 – Present

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

BEHAVE

2023 Best Sound Design - Skiptown Playhouse International Film Festival - USA

CHRISTMAS PARTY

2024 Best Feature Film - Peephole Film Festival - Mexico

CUL-DE-SAC

2024 Best Horror Comedy - Unrestricted View Horror Film Festival - UK

2023 Best Short Film - Abruzzo Horror Film Festival - Italy

2023 Best Horror Short - Performance Short Film Competition - UK

FOR SALE

2021 Best International Short - The Thing in the Basement Film Festival - USA

2021 Jury Award - Misty Moon International Film Festival - UK

2021 Best Foreign Short - Things 2 Fear Film Fest - USA

2021 Monument Award - Carnival of Darkness - USA

2021 Best Kill Award - Carnival of Darkness - USA

2021 Special Mention - Visioni Notturme Film Festival - Italy

2021 Best Suspense Short - Skiptown Playhouse Film Festival - USA

2021 Special Jury Award - Romford Horror Film Festival - UK

2021 Best Director - IHorrorDB Horror Fest - Italy

BLUE HOLLYWOOD

2018 Best Drama - Eurovision Palermo Film Festival - Italy

2018 Nom. Best Male Emerging Talent - British Urban Film Festival - UK - BAFTA Qualifying

2018 Best European Feature Award - Young Jury - Catania Film Festival - Italy

2018 Director Revelation Award - Catania Film Festival - Italy

2018 Diamond Award - California Film Awards - USA

2017 Best International Feature - Regina International Film Festival (RIFFA) - Canada

ITALIAN MIRACLE

2022 Best International Film - Highlands Comedy Film Fest - USA

2018 Best Screenplay Award - AShorts International Film Festival - Italy

2017 Fellini Award and Audience Award - Corto Fiction Chianciano Terme - Italy

2017 Special Mention - Premio Cinematografico Palena - Italy

2017 Best Screenplay Award - The Monthly Film Festival - UK

2017 Audience Choice Award - Exposure Short Film Festival - UK

2016 Jury Award Best Short - Stony Brook Film Festival - USA

2015 Nom. Best Comedy and Best International Short - LA Shorts Fest - Oscar & BAFTA Qualifying - USA

2015 Short Film Corner – Cannes Film Festival - France