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ABOUT ME

I graduated from the NFTS with The Happiness Thief, a spellbinding fantasy short that premiered in competition at Cannes and went on to screen at major international film festivals.

My first feature screenplay Blackout, a gritty micro-budget thriller, was optioned by Ipso Facto Films after it beat over two hundred feature projects to reach the final of The Big Pitch development scheme.

Despite taking several years out to bring up my daughter, I've continued to develop imaginative features and explore more resourceful and innovative ways to tell unique and engaging shorts on the smallest of budgets.

I love collaborating with a diverse pool of talent to bring fresh, original and compelling content to screens of all sizes.

SKILLS

Filmmaking	Storytelling	Editing
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Color Grading	VFX	Sound Recording
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Sound Design	Camera Operating	Film Marketing
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SELECTED SHORT FILMS

2021



THE INFECTIOUS IMAGINATION
OF HENRY BRAMBLE

Writer/Director/Editor/VFX

Bfi/Screen South/Delfilm/Hopscotch Films

When a stuffy retired Judge is forced to spend time with his 10 year-old nephew, the boy unexpectedly reignites his imagination, changing his life forever.



2018



LAST NIGHT

Writer/Producer/Director/Editor

Delfilm/The Guerilla Filmmakers Lab

Sarah wakes up in the middle of a wood next to the blood soaked body of a guy she met in a club a few hours earlier, but that is all she can remember.



2008



TOUCHED BY A STRANGER

Director

Screen South/UK Film Council/Trinamite Films

A desperate man sets out one dark night looking for sex. This he finds but with it comes a terrible reminder of his past.



OTHER FILM & TV WORK

- **Soulboy (2008)**
Electronic Press Kit
- **28 Weeks Later (2005)**
Video Assist
- **Murder (2001)**
Production Runner
- **The Snow Goose (2001)**
Director's Assistant
- **Gosford Park (2001)**
Assistant Video Assist
- **Jack and the Beanstalk (2000)**
Rushes Runner
- **The Affair of the Necklace (2000)**
Director's Assistant
- **Birthday Girl (1999)**
Director's Driver
- **Whatever Happened to Harold Smith? (1999)** *Assistant Co-ordinator*
- **Sleepy Hollow (1999)**
Publicity Assistant
- **Esther Kahn (1998)**
Production Runner
- **An Ideal Husband (1998)**
Production Runner
- **Star Wars - Episode One (1997)**
Photography Assistant
Archive Co-ordinator
Continuity (March Pick-ups)

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- **Closr Development (2017)**
Raising Films/Creative England
- **Creative Business Base (2012)**
Screen South/Maidstone Studios
- **The Big Pitch (2008)**
Ipso Facto/Soda/Moviehouse
- **Think, Shoot, Distribute (2007)**
Bfi London Film Festival
- **Berlin Talent Campus (2005)**
Berlin Film Festival

SHORT FILMS (CONTINUED)

2005



LIFE'S LIKE THAT



Director

BBC BIRMINGHAM - BRIEF ENCOUNTERS

*Transmission Date: 17/05/06 BBC1 15:00

A selfish family make a surprised weekend visit to see their good old Auntie Edith, in the hope of getting some of her lottery winnings. But Edith is a lot sharper minded than they give her credit for.

2004



THE HAPPINESS THIEF



Writer/Director

National Film & Television School

A miserable girl curses her brother for being so happy, inadvertently summoning a grotesque nocturnal figure who materializes in their bedroom to suck the boy's happiness from his heart using a magical glass straw.

SCREENWRITING

THE UNREST
(short)

When a teenager fatally stabs another boy to prove his status, the subconscious guilt brewing beneath his 'gangsta' mask begins to haunt him, manifesting as his victim's ghost seeking revenge.

THE INFECTIOUS
IMAGINATION OF
HENRY BRAMBLE
(feature)

10 year-old Henry's vivid imagination runs riot when he is forced to stay with his estranged Great Uncle in an old country house. But he must learn to control it if he is to stand any chance of saving his family.

THE
HAPPINESS THIEF
(feature)

The first of a trilogy of Dickensian family fantasy films about Emily, a ten-year-old girl who uncovers the truth behind a mysterious magician who is stealing happiness off unsuspecting children.

THE TERRIBLE
TANGLES OF
TIME TRAVEL
(tv series)

After inheriting his eccentric grandma's time-travelling clock, Logan Baxter is determined to prevent her death. But if he has any chance of a happy future he must learn to overcome his grief and let go of the past.

BÊTE NOIR
(feature)

After a botched investigation fails to uncover the suspicious disappearance of his sister, deep in the Ardennes forest, Bane, a highly experienced British soldier goes AWOL to wreak havoc on the isolated community.

TORN
(feature)

Accused of infanticide, a British teenage mother escapes custody and travels illegally to Norway determined to uncover the truth behind her ex-boyfriend's deceit, convinced her baby is alive and well. (co-writer).

BLACKOUT
(feature)

A young man wakes up with amnesia on a remote island next to the battered body of a local girl. Forced on the run, he attempts to buy enough time to recall his fragmented memory and prove his innocence.