

# Khurrum Mahmood

## TV Drama Director

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### PROFILE

**Royal Television Society Midlands Award Winner: Best Director 2023, Broadcast Now: Hot Shot 2022 & Edinburgh TV Festival: Ones to Watch 2022.** Khurrum has over 15+ years' experience directing international documentaries & commercials. In 2021, Khurrum started directing continuing drama then rapidly moved into directing prime-time drama. He is a **DirectorsUK Member**, was a participant on the **Film London: Breaking the Glass Ceiling** and is on the **Channel 4 Rise scheme** where he is mentored by directors **Yann Damange** ('71, Top Boy, Blade) and **James Hawes** (Slow Horses, Black Mirror, One Life). Khurrum has shadowed director **Saul Dibb** (The Sixth Commandment) on his upcoming **Left Bank Pictures**, BBC drama series 'This City is Ours'. Khurrum has a Neurodivergent disability. Directors Showreel: <https://youtu.be/j6pROoABoPs>

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### PRODUCTION CREDITS

**THE SPLIT UP**, (BBC), Sister Pictures, TV Drama, **Finale Director**, Oct 2024 **\*(Currently Paused)**

Exec: Jane Featherstone, Abi Morgan & Lucy Dyke

- Directing 3x60' episodes on THE SPLIT UP, Series 1, Episodes 4, 5 & 6, Finale Block.

-Starring: TBC

**SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY**, (BBC), BBC Studios, TV Drama, **Lead Director**, Aug 2024 – Present

Exec: Neil Irvine

- Directing 2x45' episodes on SHAKESPEARE & HATHAWAY: PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS, Series 5, Episodes 1 & 2, Opening Block.

- Starring: TBC

**WATERLOO ROAD**, (BBC), Warner Bros. / Wall to Wall / Rope Ladder Fiction, TV Drama, **Director**, Feb 2024 – May 2024

Exec: Cameron Roach

- Directing 2x60' episodes on WATERLOO ROAD, Series 15, Episodes 3 & 4.

- Starring: Lindsey Coulson, Adam Thomas, James Baxter, Jo Coffey, Katherine Pearce, Shauna Shim, Rachel Leskovic, Neil Fitzmaurice and Kym Marsh.

**MCDONALD & DODDS**, (ITV), Mammoth Screen, TV Drama, **Lead Director**, Apr 2023 – Nov 2023

Exec: Damien Timmer, Robert Murphy & Charlotte Webber

- Directing a 120' feature-length episode called 'Rule of Three' on prime-time drama MCDONALD & DODDS, Series 4, Episode 1, Opening Block.

- Starring: Jason Watkins, Tala Gouveia, Toby Stephens, Lydia Leonard, Daniel Lapaine, Dipo Ola, John Gordon-Sinclair, Pixie Lott, Ace Bhatti and Claire Skinner.

- TX'd: July 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.

**VERA**, (ITV), Silverprint Pictures, TV Drama, **Director**, May 2022 – Nov 2022

Exec: Kate Bartlett & Will Nicholson

- Directing a 120' feature-length episode called 'Blue' on prime-time drama VERA, Series 12, Episode 3.

- Starring: Brenda Blethyn, Kenny Doughty, Jon Morrison, Ibinabo Jack, Riley Jones, Matthew Marsh, Gary Mavers and Sarah Kameela-Impey.

- TX'd: February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**\*Winner: Royal Television Society: Midlands Award (RTS), Best Director, 2023**

**\*Nominated: National Television Awards (NTA), Best Returning Drama, 2023**

**HOLLYOAKS**, (Channel 4), Lime Pictures, TV Drama, **Director**, Oct 2021 – Apr 2022

Exec: Lucy Allen

- Directing 10x30' episodes on continuing drama HOLLYOAKS, under strict covid-19 protocols.
  - Clips from episodes used for the Jan 2022 HOLLYOAKS New Year's Trailer.
  - Block 1, TX'd: January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 – storylines directly after the New Year's stunt episode.
  - Block 2, TX'd: May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 – storylines for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee week.
- \*Winner: Royal Television Society: Craft and Design Award (RTS), Best Continuing Drama, 2022*

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## PRODUCTION TRAINING

- *BAFTA Albert+ Editorial- Trained*
- *First Option: Risk Management of Production- Certified*
- *Screenskills: Tackling Harassment and Bullying at work- Certified*
- *Screenskills: Risk Management of Productions- Certified*
- *BBC Studios: Working Safely at the BBC- Certified*
- *BBC Studios: Safety, Security and Safeguarding- Certified*
- *BBC Studios: Data Protection and Cyber Security- Certified*
- *BBC Studios: Code of Conduct (incl Bullying and Harassment Awareness)- Certified*

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## ADDITIONAL

- *Channel 4: Rise (HETV Directing) 2024*
- *ITV: Step Up 60 (Prime-Time Directing) 2023*
- *Edinburgh TV Festival: Ones to Watch 2022*
- *Broadcast Now: 'Hot Shot' Directors List 2022*
- *Film London: Breaking the Glass Ceiling 2021*
- *DirectorsUK Member*

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## EDUCATION

- *MA Film Production, London Film School (U.K.) 2009-12*
- *1st Class BA (Hons) Creative Media Production, University of Lincoln (U.K.) 2006-09*