

LUCA NAPPA

DIRECTOR

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2025 Showreel: [Link](#)

Award-Winning Shorts:

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Award-winning director based in London. I write and direct fiction, with extensive expertise in working with non-trained and young performers. Trained by renowned acting coach Miranda Harcourt (*Peter Jackson, Jane Campion*), currently mentored by BAFTA-winning director Jonny Campbell.

I am seeking new opportunities to direct in TV and commercials and am available to work in London and across the UK.

AWARDS / SKILLS

- Mentored by **BAFTA**-winning director Jonny Campbell (*Am I Being Unreasonable?*) under the DUK *INSPIRE* scheme, shadowing him on his feature film for **Studio Canal**, *Cold Storage*.
- Winner**: *Grand Prize* at **OSCAR/BAFTA**-qualifying Rhode Island Film Festival, *Best International Director* at Texas Shorts 2025, *Best Comedy Film Award* at Georgia Comedy 2025 and Portland Comedy 2024, *Semi-Finalist* at **BIFA**-qualifying Kino London 2024, *Rai Cinema Award* at Giffoni.
- UK Winner** of the JETS Initiative within the **Berlinale** Film Festival to develop a debut feature film.
- Short films acquired by **RAI CINEMA**, **OMELETO** and MYMOVIES (Italy's biggest film platform) for release on their channels and global distribution.
- Extensive experience **coordinating** professional and non-professional contributors and crews in HETV and feature films (**SKY**, **Netflix**, **BBC**)
- Winner of the **BARILLA** Company Video Factory Competition for short-form commercials.

SELECTED DIRECTING CREDITS

CRIMINAL RECORD

Shadow Director

TV Series

March, June 2025

Shadowed award-winning director Ben A. Williams (*Six Four, Sherwood*) during the filming and edit of *Criminal Record*, an APPLE TV series starring *Peter Capaldi* and *Cush Jumbo*. Training included shot-listing, blocking, and directing actors for TV.

COLD STORAGE

Shadow Director

Feature Film

May 2023 – Ongoing

Currently shadowing BAFTA-winning director Jonny Campbell (*Am I Being Unreasonable?*, *Westworld*) during the filming and edit of his feature film *Cold Storage*. Starring *Liam Neeson*, *Joe Keery*, *Georgina Campbell*. Produced by **STUDIO CANAL**.

LONDON ROYAL CENTRAL SHORTS

Writer/Director

Short Films

May 2023 – Jan 2025

COMMISSION by the RCSSD to write and direct multiple shorts, including *Shortage* (11') **WINNER** *Best International Director* at Texas Shorts 2025, *Best Comedy Film* at Georgia Comedy 2025 and Portland Comedy 2024, semi-finalist at the **BIFA**-qualifying Kino London 2024, Official Selection at *BFI-funded Miraban UK, Matera Film Festival, Visioni Verticali*. Picked up for streaming by MYMOVIES (Italy's largest film platform) and **OMELETO**.

DEEP SOUTH

Writer/Director

Feature

2023 – In development

WINNER: feature project selected as UK Winner at the *JETS Initiative* within the *Berlinale Film Festival*, where it was picked by major commissioners and sales agents for development.

INSTINCTUAL ACTING

Resident Director

Workshop

November 2023 - Ongoing

Resident Director for the Instinctual Acting for Camera workshop, held by long time Broadway acting coach Michael Duvall, where I coach and direct actors in their day-to-day work.

PLP ARCHITECTURE

Director

Promo Campaign

September 2021 – March 2022

Promo campaign for PLP Architecture's new corporate center. Filmed at the London PLP headquarters. Distributed on the Accenture Italia YOUTUBE channel.

WARRIORS OF SANITA

Writer / Director

Short Film

January 2018 – August 2020

WINNER: *Grand Prize* at the **OSCAR/BAFTA**-qualifying Rhode Island Film Festival, *Rai Cinema Award* at Giffoni Film Festival, *Best Short* at Sele d'Oro Film Festival. Acquired by **RAI CINEMA** and **OMELETO** for global distribution and release on their channels.

SELECTED OTHER EXPERIENCE
(Prior to moving into freelance directing full-time)

December 2021 – March 2022	PRODUCTION MANAGER (CONTRACTED)	Title: Fado (Prep) <i>Smiling Fox</i> - Feature Film Director: Jason Wingard Producer: Gareth Wiley	Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Production Supervisor: Jacopo Miceli
November 2020 – August 2021	PROD MANAGER 2nd UNIT - ASSISTANT TO THE LINE PRODUCER Ms. Giulia Salvadori (CONTRACTED)	Title: Devils Season 2 <i>SKY, Smiling Fox</i> - TV Drama Director: Nick Hurran Producer: Luca Bernabei	Line Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Production Supervisor: Jacopo Miceli Production Manager: Nicola Innocenti
February – April 2021	ASSISTANT TO THE LINE PRODUCER: Ms. Giulia Salvadori (CONTRACTED)	Title: BBC Houdini Diaries <i>BBC, Smiling Fox</i> - TV Documentary Director: Simon George Producer: Fiona Crawford	Line Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Executive Producer: Fiona Crawford Production Manager: Amy Grant
January – March 2020	ASSISTANT TO THE LINE PRODUCER: Ms. Giulia Salvadori (CONTRACTED)	Title: The Lost Girls (Prep) <i>Ingenious, Smiling Fox</i> - Feature Director: Livia de Paolis Producer: Alexa Waugh.	Line Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Production Manager: TBC 1st AD: TBC
September - December 2019	ASSISTANT TO THE LINE PRODUCER: Ms. Giulia Salvadori (CONTRACTED)	Title: Alive and Kicking <i>Dynamo, Smiling Fox</i> - TV Drama Director: Roger Gual Producer: Guadalupe Balaguer.	Line Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Production Manager: Bernat Lloch 1st AD: Javier Rodriguez
Juy - August 2019	ASSISTANT TO THE LINE PRODUCER: Ms. Giulia Salvadori (CONTRACTED)	Title: Penny on M.A.R.S <i>DISNEY, Smiling Fox</i> - TV Drama Director: Claudio Norza Producer: Piero Crispino.	Line Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Production Manager: Arturo Capparelli 1st AD: Pasquale Mascia
November 2018 - April 2019	ASSISTANT TO THE LINE PRODUCER: Ms. Giulia Salvadori (CONTRACTED)	Title: Devils <i>SKY, Smiling Fox</i> - TV Drama Director: Nick Hurran Producer: Luca Bernabei.	Line Producer UK: Giulia Salvadori Production Supervisor: Jacopo Miceli Production Coordinator: Elena Santamaria
October - November 2018	FLOOR RUNNER (CONTRACTED)	Title: Devils <i>SKY, Smiling Fox</i> - TV Drama Director: Nick Hurran Producer: Luca Bernabei.	1st AD: Davide Sacchetti 2nd AD: Terry McShane 3rd AD: Sataish O'Shea
August - September 2018	LOCATION MARSHAL (DAILIES)	Title: Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker <i>LUCASFILM</i> - Feature Director: J.J Abrams Producer: Kathleen Kennedy.	Location Manager: Lex Donovan Unit Manager: Matt Craufurd

REFERENCES

Jonny Campbell
Director (Bafta-winner) contacts on request

Matthew Button
Art Director (Bafta-nominee) contacts on request

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
Italian (fluent)

OTHER INFORMATION

- Member of Directors UK
- UK Health and Safety Procedures
- Bectu First Aid at Work Training
- Clean Driving Licence
- MA in filmmaking at the London Film School (Distinction)