

# DAVID ALLAIN

DIRECTOR (FILM & SCRIPTED TV)

Award-winning Director with a background in production and creative direction. David's directing credits span film, TV, documentaries, and advertising for clients including BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Sky Arts, The Guardian, CNN and O2. David is collaborative, versatile, and is an expert communicator. With a Masters in Screenwriting, he has also written for screen and radio.

## SELECTED DIRECTING CREDITS:

ITV 'The Bay' (Series 4, Episodes 4, 5, 6) - Director 2023

Director of 3 x 60-minute episodes for a prime time crime drama made for ITV. <https://davidallain.com/portfolio/the-bay>

'Revelations' - Scriptwriter, Director & Producer 2022

Raised funding, wrote, directed and produced this 17-minute drama about family, grief and acceptance. Inspired by true events. Screened in film festivals in Europe, the UK, USA and Canada. <https://davidallain.com/portfolio/revelations>

ITV 'The Long Call' - 2nd Unit Director 2021

4 x 60-minute HETV crime drama. Also mentored by and shadowed series director Lee Haven Jones.

<https://davidallain.com/journal/the-long-call-interview>

BBC 'Bravo Two Charlies' - Director 2021

11-minute scripted comedy pilot starring Martin Trenaman.

<https://davidallain.com/portfolio/bravo>

AFREXIMBANK 'In an Instant' - Scriptwriter & Director 2021

TV commercial shot using cutting edge Virtual Production.

<https://davidallain.com/portfolio/afreximbank-papss>

OBV 'Fake Views' - Director 2019

Award-winning charity film for Saatchi & Saatchi starring BAFTA-winner Will Poulter and Nathalie Emmanuel ('Game of Thrones'). <https://davidallain.com/portfolio/obv>

CNN Create - Scriptwriter & Director 2019 - 2023

Freelance Scriptwriter, Director, and Story Producer for CNN's brand studio. Scriptwriter and Story Producer on projects for clients including BMW, DHL, Afreximbank, and Dubai Tourism.



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## SKILLS & EXPERTISE:

\* Directing TV, Film and  
Advertising across various genres

\* Cinematic Storytelling

\* Expert interpersonal skills,  
communication and collaboration

\* Diligence and adaptability

\* Leading teams to create  
award-winning content

## RECENT AWARDS:

'Revelations': FilmTeenth, Best  
Narrative Short, 2023; Golden  
Knight Film Festival, Malta, 2022.  
Winner of Directors UK x ARRI  
Challenge Alexa, 2020/2021

OBV 'Fake Views': British Arrows  
(Gold), D&AD (Graphite) and  
Creative Circles (Gold), 2020/2021

CNN 'Travel Tomorrow':  
UNWTO Distinction Award: Best  
Communication Campaign, 2020

## ADDITIONAL FILMMAKING CREDITS:

### Hat Trick Mercurio: Original Crime Drama - Creator

Writer and creator of a crime drama currently in development with Jed Mercurio ('Line of Duty') as an Executive Producer.

### GIRL EFFECT - Lead Scriptwriter & Director

Extensive work in Rwanda and Malawi from 2016–2018: teaching scriptwriting to local teams, running a writers room, scripting a radio drama for teens and directed a documentary promoting gender equality.

### RANKIN FILM PRODUCTIONS - Creative Director

Helped setup RFP as Creative Producer from 2011–2013, then was Creative Director until 2016. Writing, Directing, and Exec Producing across branded content, events, film and TV projects.

### 'Shadin' - Director

Short Film, Drama (6mins) shot in Croatia.

<https://davidallain.com/portfolio/shadin>

### 'Will You Marry Me?' - Scriptwriter, Director & Producer

Award-winning Short Film, Comedy (9mins).

<https://davidallain.com/portfolio/willyoumarryme>

### SKY ARTS 'Rankin Presents' - Director & Producer

Director and producer of 4-part Factual Entertainment series.

<https://davidallain.com/portfolio/rankinpresents>

### THE GUARDIAN x SADLER'S WELLS 'H/Y' - Director

Dance Film (3mins) broadcast on Channel 4's: Random Acts.

<https://davidallain.com/portfolio/theguardian>

## INDUSTRY TRAINING:

### S.O.U.L FEST x SCREENSKILLS & BFI: PRO-CREATE 2021

Mentored on a programme for emerging filmmakers.

### BFI NETWORK x BAFTA CREW 2019-2021

Participant on a new filmmakers talent programme.

### DIRECTORS UK: INSPIRE 2019

Mentored by BAFTA-winning director Lucy Forbes shadowing her on set of 'The End of the F\*\*\*ing World' (C4/Netflix).

### ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY 2012

Masters in Screenwriting for Film and TV.

## SPECIAL PROJECTS:

I enjoy working with charities and on projects that raise awareness of social causes. This sometimes provides the chance to work in different creative disciplines, which in turn inform my filmmaking craft.

### GLOBAL True Crime Podcast - Scriptwriter (2022)

Writer of a 5-part true crime podcast about LBC presenter Shelagh Fogarty's chilling experience of being stalked.

<https://davidallain.com/journal/the-followers-podcast>

### CALM 'Smokescreen Silence' - Scriptwriter & Director (2016)

Film (2mins) for CALM, raising awareness of mental health and suicide prevention. <https://davidallain.com/portfolio/calm>

### Charity Auctions (Since 2010)

Created pieces of art for charities supporting homeless people in the UK and USA. Sold at auction for Shelter (2010 and 2012) and for Safe Place For Youth (2019).

<https://davidallain.com/journal/charity-auction-artwork>

## PRESS & INTERVIEWS:

Collected articles about my work.

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