

TOM NICOLL: BIOGRAPHY

Tom Nicoll is an award-winning Scottish writer director, whose work has received Vimeo Staff Picks, and been shown on online film channels Alter and Short Of The Week. His films have screened at festivals including Palm Springs ShortFest, Tallinn Black Nights, and Edinburgh International Film Festival. He has had a short film funded through Creative Scotland's SFTN Emerging Talent Scheme which screened on the BBC, and is in funded development for a feature film with Screen Scotland.

Tom's background is in comedy sketch writing for the stage, before spending years shooting, producing and directing commercial films. His commercial clients include HSBC, Williams F1, and Lidl. He is now freelance and focuses on narrative projects.

His micro-budget feature film *Retreat* premiered at the Mark Kermode curated Screenplay Festival in Shetland, and had its international premiere at RiverRun Festival in the USA. The film won Best Music at the 2018 British Independent Film Festival.

In 2018, he completed a development course with Creative Scotland through SFTN's Shorts2Features scheme, and was shortlisted for participation in the inaugural Young Films Foundation residency. He attended the 2018 EIFF Talent Lab, the 2018 Stowe Story Lab, and the 2019 GoShort Talent Campus. He was made a member of BFI NETWORK x BAFTA Crew in 2019, and attended the Reykjavik Talent Lab in 2021. Tom participated in the Screen Scotland-funded LIM Prewriting Workshop in September 2022.

His short film *Educated* was produced with Sigma Films after being commissioned through the SFTN Emerging Talent Shorts scheme. After a successful festival run the film was selected to appear on the *Next Big Thing* strand on the BBC iPlayer.

Tom is in development with Screen Scotland for his feature film *The Family* - a psychological horror film - with producer David Jack of Sigma Films. Tom won the Outstanding Comedy Award at The Pitch Film Fund and attended the Berlinale Talents campus at the Berlin Film Festival in February 2023.

Selected Filmography

THE FAMILY - Feature Film

Writer/ Director

In development with Screen Scotland

LIGHTING TESTS - Short Film

<https://vimeo.com/682661192>

Writer/ Director/ Producer

OFFICIAL SELECTION - PÖFF Shorts 2020

MARKET PICK - Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Glasgow Short Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Flatpack Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Palm Springs ShortFest 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Flickers' Rhode Island International Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Edmonton International Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Aesthetica Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Bolton Film Festival 2021

BEST COMEDY - Bolton Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Reykjavik International Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Short Com International Comedy Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Inverness Film Festival 2021

OFFICIAL SELECTION - British Shorts Berlin 2022

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Kingston International Film Festival 2022

OFFICIAL SELECTION - The Shortest Nights 2022

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Little Wing Film Festival 2022

BEST ACTOR NOMINATION - Little Wing Film Festival 2022

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Festival de Cine de Alcalá de Henares [Alcine] 2022

Short Of The Week Premiere 2022

Vimeo Staff Pick 2022

EDUCATED - Short Film

<https://vimeo.com/339713227/de34fb6df8>

Writer/ Director

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Edinburgh International Film Festival 2019

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Glasgow Short Film Festival 2020

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Palm Springs ShortFest 2020

Screened on BBC in August 2020 as part of the Next Big Thing strand

THE COST OF LIVING - Short Film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SNB8Dgkkjw>

Writer/ Director/ Producer

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Frightfest 2018

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Monster Fest 2018
OFFICIAL SELECTION - London Short Film Festival 2019
OFFICIAL SELECTION - Glasgow Short Film Festival 2019
OFFICIAL SELECTION - Landshut Short Film Festival 2019
OFFICIAL SELECTION - Rhode island international Film Festival 2019
OFFICIAL SELECTION - Alpine Short Film Festival 2019
Currently playing on Alter, 130k+ views

RETREAT - Feature Film
Writer/ Director/ Producer
OFFICIAL SELECTION - Screenplay 2017
OFFICIAL SELECTION - RiverRun International Film Festival 2018
OFFICIAL SELECTION - British Independent Film Festival 2018 [Winner - Best Music]
OFFICIAL SELECTION - Aesthetica Film Festival 2018
NOMINATED FOR BEST FEATURE FILM AND BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR - National Film Awards 2019
WINNER FOR BEST SCORE - National Film Awards 2019