# David Leon

# Writer / Director

David Leon is a Writer/ Director named by Screen International as one of their prestigious "Stars of Tomorrow." His short film Man and Boy won Best Narrative Short at Robert De Niro's Tribeca Film Festival and was shortlisted for both an Oscar and a Bafta. David's debut feature Orthodox, which he wrote and directed, starring Stephen Graham and Michael Smiley was shortlisted for the Douglas Hickox award by Bifa for "Best Debut Director". He is currently in development with BBC Films on his next feature "Land of Hope and Glory" and adapting for Television the novel "You could do something amazing with your life" the account of the final days of vigilante gunman Raoul Moat with producer Daisy Allsop. In addition to this he is working alongside BBH London/ Black sheep to adapt his short form documentary for Nowness about Ruqsana Begum, the only female British Muslim to be a world champion in any sport, into a narrative feature film and is also in development with "Driven" a feature, the script of which appeared on the Brit list. David is an alumni of the Belinale talent labs.

#### **TELEVISION**

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2018	Killing Eve (2nd Unit Director)	Sid Gentle / BBC America / BBC 1	
2018	Vera (Director)	ITV Studios / ITV1	Series 8 1 x 60' Transmitted 18th Jan 2018

### **FEATURE FILM**

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2015	Orthodox (Writer / Director)	Archface Films, Ingenious Media, Zeitgeist Films	Producer Daisy Allsop

#### SHORT FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
Currently	STABLE	The Albatross Film	Writer & Director.
			Winner of the 'Best Director' Gold Award & 'Best Film' Gold Award by Kinsale Sharks
2017	RUQSANA BEGUM ENDURANCE TEST	Zeitgeist Films / Archer's Mark Production / Nowness	Short documentary about Ruqsana Begum, the only female British Muslim to be a world champion in any sport.



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2010	Man and Boy (Co - Director)	Motion Picture House
2009	Father (Co - Director)	

## IN DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
SHY BAIRNS	BBC Films	Feature
Spirit (Writer)	Wild Mercury	Original drama series
You Could Do Something Amazing With Your Life (Writer / Director)	Ingenious Media	Producer Daisy Allsop
Land of Hope and Glory (Writer / Director)	Ingenious Media / BBC Films	Producer Daisy Allsop and BBC Films
Brother in the Land		