

Brian Kirk

Director

Brian Kirk is an award-winning Irish director of film and television. Recent credits for UK and US television include THE DAY OF THE JACKAL (Carnival/Universal/Sky),-HARD SUN-(Euston/BBC/Hulu),-GREAT EXPECTATIONS-(BBC/PBS),-GAME OF THRONES-(HBO),-BOARDWALK EMPIRE-(HBO)-and-LUTHER-(BBC). Feature film credits include 21 BRIDGES-(Agbo/Huayi/STX), starring Chadwick Boseman, Sienna Miller and J.K. Simmons, and MIDDLETOWN-(Green Park/Chapter 4/BBC), starring Matthew Macfadyen and Daniel Mays, for which he received IFTA nominations for Best Director and Breakthrough Talent. His upcoming feature THE DEAD OF WINTER (Stampede/Wild Bunch), starring Emma Thompson, Judy Greer and Marc Menchaca and produced by Greg Silverman and Jon Berg, is currently in post-production. Over the course of his career, Brian has been nominated for a BAFTA and five IFTAs and honoured by Brooklyn International Film Festival, Dublin Film Critics Circle and Galway Film Fleadh. He has worked with numerous Academy Award winners and nominees, including producers Martin Scorsese, Sam Mendes, Michael Mann and Mark Wahlberg; screenwriter Terence Winter; and actors Dustin Hoffman, Eddie Redmayne, Emma Thompson, Chadwick Boseman, Michael Fassbender, Carey Mulligan, John Lithgow, Vanessa Kirby and Kerry Condon.

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2024	THE DAY OF THE JACKAL	Sky Atlantic / Peacock	Lead Director
2020	CITADEL	AGBO / Amazon	Various Episodes
2017	HARD SUN	BBC One / HULU / Euston Films	Lead Director
2015	BROOKLYN ANIMAL CONTROL	NBC Universal / USA Network	Pilot Episode
2014	PENNY DREADFUL	Neal Street / Desert Wolf / Sky Atlantic / Showtime	Various Episodes
2012	ROGUE	Entertainment One / Audience Network / Movie Central	Pilot Episode Starring Thandie Newton
2013	GUILDED LILYS	ABC Studios	TV Movie
2012	LUCK	HBO	Starring Dustin Hoffman Various Episodes
2011	GREAT EXPECTATIONS	BBC	Directed whole series Starring Douglass Booth and Ray Winstone
2010	GAME OF THRONES	HBO	Various Episodes
Jan 2010	BOARDWALK EMPIRE	HBO	

Aug 2009	LUTHER	BBC	Starring Idris Elba
Jun 2009	DEXTER	John Goldwyn Productions / Showtime	
Jun 2009	FATHER & SON	Left Bank / ITV	Starring Dougray Scott, Sophie Okonedo, Stephen Rea and Ian Hart
Nov 2007	MY BOY JACK	Ecosse TV Productions	Starring Daniel Radcliffe, David Haig and Kim Cattrall
Mar 2007	THE RICHES	FX	Starring Mini Driver and Eddie Izzard
Jun 2006	THE TUDORS	Maple Film Productions / Showtime	Starring Jonathon Rhys Meyers, Sam Neill and Jeremy Northam
Nov 2005	BROTHERHOOD	Gangtackle Productions / Showtime	Starring Jason Isaacs and Annabeth Gish
May 2005	MURPHY'S LAW	Tiger Aspect / BBC	Starring James Nesbitt
Feb 2005	FUNLAND	BBC	
Mar 2004	PULLING MOVES BBC	Northern Ireland	
Jan 2004	DONOVAN	Granada	
Aug 2002	ANYTIME NOW	Comet Productions	

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2024	THE FISHERWOMAN	Stampede Ventures	Action thriller starring Emma Thompson, Laurel Marsden, Judy Greer, Gaia Wise and Marc Menchaca.
2019	21 BRIDGES	MWM Studios / STX Entertainment	Crime thriller starring Chadwick Boseman. A disgraced detective in the NYPD is given a shot at redemption
Mar 2007	MIDDLETOWN	Greenpark Films	Starring Matthew MacFadyen

SHORT FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY
Feb 2001	DO ARMED ROBBERS HAVE LOVE AFFAIRS?	BBC
Jan 1999	GUTWALLOPS	FilmFour
Aug 1999	BILLY AND ZORBA	BBC

AWARDS

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	PROJECT DETAILS
2016	Broadcasting Press Guild Awards	Nominated – Best Director – PENNY DREADFUL
2016	Irish Film & Television Awards	Nominated – Best Director – PENNY DREADFUL
2012	Broadcasting Press Guild Awards	Nominated – Best Director – GAME OF THRONES
2012	Hugo Awards	Winner – Best dramatic presentation – GAME OF THRONES
2012	Irish Film & Television Awards	Nominated – Best Director – GAME OF THRONES
2010	Broadcasting Press Guild Awards	Nominated – Best Single Drama – FATHER & SON
2010	Irish Film & Television Awards	Nominated – Best Single Drama – FATHER & SON
2008	Irish Film & Television Awards	Nominated – Best Director For Television – THE TUDORS
2008	Shanghai International TV Festival	Winner – Best TV Film ‘Silver Magnolia Award’ – MY BOY JACK
2007	Irish Film & Television Awards	Nominated – Breakthrough & Best Director – MIDDLETOWN
2006	Dublin Critics Film Awards	Nominated – Breakthrough Award – MIDDLETOWN
2006	BAFTA Awards	Nominated – Best Drama Series – FUNLAND

SKILLS / QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION / TRAINING:

Edinburgh University MA in English (1987 – 1991)

Bristol University Post Graduate Diploma in Film & Television (1994 – 1995)