Michael Samuels

Director

Michael Samuels is an award-winning director who directed the Channel Four adaptation of William Boyd's 'Any Human Heart'. The mini series, which starred Jim Broadbent, Matthew Macfadyen, Sam Claflin and Gillian Anderson, won the BAFTA for Best Drama Serial. He directed 'Man In An Orange Shirt' starring Vanessa Redgrave for the BBC, which won the 2018-International Emmy for Best Mini-Series/TV Movie, and 'The Windermere Children', which won the 2020 Prix Europa for Best European TV Movie.-Michael also won an-RTS for Best Single Drama for 'The Curse of Steptoe' made for the BBC.

TELEVISION

DATE 2023-24	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY CBS / Channel 5 / Roughcut TV	PROJECT DETAILS 4-part Thriller
	(Series Director)	OBS / Ghanner S / Noughout TV	With Jason Watkins, Claire Skinner and David Bradley
2021	CLOSE TO ME (Series Director / Executive Producer)	Channel 4 / Viaplay / The Development Partnership	6-part Psychological Thriller With Connie Nielsen and Christopher Eccleston
2020	THE WINDERMERE CHILDREN (Director / Executive Producer)	Warner Brothers TV / BBC	TV Film With Romola Garai, Iain Glen, Tim McInnerny and Thomas Kretschmann WINNER - Prix Europa, Best European TV Movie NOMINATED - Best Single Drama BAFTA
2016-17	MAN IN AN ORANGE SHIRT (Series Director)	BBC 2 / Kudos	2 Part Drama written by Patrick Gale With Vanessa Redgrave WINNER - International Emmy 2018 Best Mini-Series/TV Movie
2014-15	BLACK WORK (Series Director)	ITV	3 part drama With Sheridan Smith Written by Matt Charman
2012	THE FEAR (Series Director)	World Productions / Channel 4	4 part mini-series With Peter Mullan and Richard E Grant



2010	ANY HUMAN HEART (Series Director)	Carnival / Channel 4	4 part mini-series By William Boyd With Jim Broadbent, Matthew Macfadyen, Gillian Anderson, Hayley Atwell and Kim Cattrall WINNER - Best Serial Drama BAFTA
2009	THE LAST DAYS OF LEHMAN BROTHERS (Director)	BBC Drama / BBC Two	TV Film With James Cromwell and James Bolam
2008-09	MRS MANDELA (Writer / Director)	BBC Four / Two	TV Film With Sophie Okonedo, David Harewood and David Morrissey
2008	CAUGHT IN A TRAP (Director)	Greenlit / ITV	TV Film With Geraldine James, Jim Carter and Connie Fisher
2007-08	THE CURSE OF STEPTOE (Director)	BBC Drama / BBC Four	TV Film With Jason Isaacs and Phil Davis WINNER - Best Single Drama RTS
2006	AMEN (Writer)	Channel 4 Drama / Touchpaper	Feature-length script
2005	OUR HIDDEN LIVES (Director / Producer)	BBC Four	TV Film With Sarah Parish, Ian McDiarmid, Lesley Sharp, Richard Briers and Michael Fassbender
2004-05	THE SLAVERY BUSINESS (Director / Producer)	BBC Two	TV Film With Jack Shepherd and Robert Pugh
2004	A MOST MYSTERIOUS MURDER (Director)	Touchpaper / BBC One	Pilot drama for series With Julian Fellowes and Michael Fassbender
2003	THREE SISTERS (Director)	BBC Four	Television version of West End play With Kristin Scott Thomas
2002-03	THE VICE (Director)	Touchpaper / ITV	Drama series With Tim Pigott-Smith and Nigel Terry
2002	THE FALKLANDS PLAY (Director)	BBC Drama	TV Film With Patricia Hodge, James Fox and Robert Hardy
2001	EASTENDERS (Director)	BBC One	4 Episodes
1999-00	EASTENDERS (Director)	BBC One	12 episodes including a 40-minute Special

BROOKSIDE (Director)

18 episodes

IN DEVELOPMENT

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
Current	THE ORCHESTRA (Currently Writing to Direct)	Sid Gentle Films	Single film for BBC 2
Current	THE BOY WHO WOULD BE SHAKESPEARE	Ecosse Films	Feature Film
Current	BLOOD OVER WATER (Co-writer, to direct)	Harbour Pictures/Tideway Films	Feature Film
2015	UNSAID (Writer, to direct)	Nick Wechsler	Feature Film

DOCUMENTARY

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2003	TRAVELS WITH MY UNFIT MOTHER (Director / Producer)	Lion / BBC One	
2001	CASTLE (Director / Producer)	Lion / Channel 4	History documentary
2001	AGAMEMNON (Director)	BBC Factual	
2000	EQUINOX - THE SCIENCE OF STRESS (Director / Producer / Writer)	Lion / Channel 4	
1997	DANIEL HANDLEY: A STOLEN LIFE (Director / Producer / Writer)	BBC One	Drama-documentary
1996-97	CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (Director / Producer)	BBC Documentaries (6 Episodes)	

RADIO

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2003-04	THE DUEL (Writer)	Radio 4	90 minute drama
			With David Threlfall and Patricia Hodge

FEATURE FILM

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