

# Richard Laxton

Director

## TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2025	MCKENZIE	New Pictures / ITV	Sole Director and Executive Producer  Created and written by George Kay
2023	JOAN	Bronte Film And TV/ ITV / Britbox	Episodes 1,2 & 3 Executive Producer
2022	RAIN DOGS	Sid Gentle Films/ BBC	Episodes 1, 2, 7 & 8  Nominated - Best Breakthrough Series Under 40 Mins 2023 Gotham Awards Nominated - Best Comedy-Drama Series C21 2023 Drama Awards
2022	THE THIEF, HIS WIFE AND THE CANOE	Story Films/ITV	Based on the story of John Darwin Directed by Richard Laxton  Starring Monica Dolan and Eddie Marsan  Shortlisted - Best Drama Series Broadcast Awards 2022 Nominated - Best Drama Series Broadcasting Press Guild Awards 2023 Nominated - Best Mini Series BAFTA TV Awards 2023 Nominated - Best Drama Edinburgh TV Awards 2023
2022	MARRIAGE (Executive Producer)	The Forge/ BBC	Written and Directed By Stefan Golaszewski Starring Sean Bean and Nicola Walker
2020	SAFE SPACE	Avalon / Sky One	Pilot Written by Greg Davies and Stephen Morrison
2020	HONOUR	Hera Pictures/Buddy Club/ITV	Sole Director Written By Gwyneth Hughes Starring Keeley Hawes
2019	MUM (Series III) - Executive Producer	Big Talk/BBC	Written and Directed By Stefan Golaszewski Starring Lesley Manville and Peter Mullen

2018	MRS WILSON	Bronte/BBC	<p>Sole Director</p> <p>Written by Anna Symon</p> <p>Starring Ruth Wilson, Iain Glen, Keeley Hawes and Fiona Shaw</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Mini-Series 2019</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Leading Actress – Ruth Wilson 2019</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Supporting Actress – Keeley Hawes 2019</p>
2018	MUM (Series II) - Executive Producer	Big Talk/BBC	<p>Written and Directed By Stefan Golaszewski</p> <p>Starring Lesley Manville and Peter Mullen</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Female Performance in a Comedy Programme - Lesley Manville 2019</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Male Performance in a Comedy Programme - Peter Mullen 2019</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Scripted Comedy Programme 2019</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA TV Craft - Writer: Comedy - Stefan Golaszewski 2019</p>
2017	DIRK GENTLY'S HOLISTIC DETECTIVE AGENCY (Series II)	BBC America	<p>Episodes 5 and 6</p> <p>Written By Max Landis</p> <p>Starring Elijah Wood, Alan Tudyk and Dustin Milligan</p>
2017	THE MIST	Great Idea Productions, Inc/Spike TV	<p>Episode 5</p> <p>Written By Christian Torpe</p> <p>Starring Lola Flanery and Frances Conroy</p>
2016	MUM (Series I)	Big Talk / BBC	<p>Sole Director</p> <p>Written by Stefan Golaszewski</p> <p>Starring Lesley Manville and Peter Mullen</p> <p>Winner BAFTA Best Writer: Comedy - Stefan Golaszewski 2017</p> <p>Winner Broadcast Award Best Comedy Programme 2017</p> <p>Winner Broadcasting Press Guild Award Best Comedy 2017</p> <p>Winner BAFTA TV Craft Best Writer: Comedy - Stefan Golaszewski 2017</p> <p>Nominated RTS Craft Awards Best Director 2016</p> <p>Nominated RTS Awards Best Writer Stefan Golaszewski 2017</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Best Supporting Actress – Lesley Manville 2017</p>
2014	RIVER	Kudos / BBC	<p>Lead director</p> <p>Episodes 1 and 2</p> <p>Written By Abi Morgan</p> <p>Starring Stellan Skarsgard</p> <p>Winner Rose D'or Best Drama 2016</p> <p>Winner Golden Nymph Award Monte Carlo Festival Best Drama Series 2016</p>
2014	FORTITUDE (Series I)	Fifty Fathoms/Sky	<p>Episodes 2 and 3</p> <p>Written By Simon Donald</p> <p>Starring Michael Gambon and Stanley Tucci</p>

2013	HIM & HER (Series IV)	Big Talk / BBC 3	<p>Sole Director</p> <p>Written By Stefan Golaszewski</p> <p>Starring Russell Tovey and Sarah Solemani</p> <p>Nominated RTS Awards Best Comedy 2015</p> <p>Nominated Broadcast Awards Best Comedy 2015</p> <p>Winner BAFTA Best Situation Comedy 2014</p> <p>Nominated BAFTA Television Award Best Female Performance in Comedy Role- Kerry Howard 2014</p> <p>Nominated Best Comedy Broadcast Award 2014</p> <p>Nominated Best Multichannel Programme Broadcast Award 2014</p> <p>Nominated Writers' Guild of Great Britain Best Television Comedy 2013</p>
2013	BURTON & TAYLOR	BBC / BBC America / BBC 4	<p>Written by Billy Ivory</p> <p>Starring Dominic West and Helena Bonham Carter</p> <p>Nominated Golden Globe Best Actress in Mini-Series- Helena Bonham Carter 2014</p> <p>Selected for BAFTA BRIT TO WATCH 2013</p> <p>Hamptons Film Festival 2013</p> <p>Hollywood Film Festival 2013</p> <p>Nominated Broadcast Award 2014</p> <p>Nominated Satellite Award Mini series 2014</p> <p>Nominated Broadcasting Press Guild Awards 2014</p> <p>Nominated for Best Single Drama RTS 2014</p> <p>Nominated Television Critics Association Awards 2014</p> <p>Nominated Satellite Awards Best Actor- Dominic West 2013</p> <p>Nominated Satellite Awards Best Actress- Helena Bonham Carter 2013</p>
2012	THE JOB LOT (Series I - Pilot)	Big Talk / ITV	<p>Written by Claire Downes, Stuart Lane and Ian Jarvis</p> <p>Starring Russell Tovey and Sarah Hadland</p>
2012	HIM & HER (Series III)	Big Talk / BBC 3	<p>Sole Director</p> <p>Written By Stefan Golaszewski</p> <p>Starring Russell Tovey and Sarah Solemani</p>
2011	HIM & HER (Series II)	Big Talk / BBC 3	<p>Sole Director</p> <p>Written By Stefan Golaszewski</p> <p>Starring Russell Tovey and Sarah Solemani</p> <p>Winner RTS Best Comedy Performance 2012</p>
2011	NIGHTWATCH	BBC	<p>Written by Paula Milne</p> <p>Starring Anna Maxwell Martin, Jodie Whittaker and Claire Foy</p> <p>San Francisco Frame Line Festival Official selection</p> <p>Nominated LA Gay &amp; Lesbian Film Festival Official selection</p> <p>Stonewall Award 2011</p> <p>Winner Long Island Gay &amp; Lesbian Film Festival Audience Award 2011</p>
2009	HIM & HER (Series I)	Big Talk / BBC 3	<p>Sole Director</p> <p>Written by Stefan Golaszewski</p> <p>Starring Russell Tovey and Sarah Solemani</p>

2007	HANCOCK & JOAN	World Productions / BBC	Written by Rik Cotton Starring Ken Stott and Maxine Peak Winner BAFTA Scotland Best Acting Performance in Television 2008 Nominated BAFTA Best Single Drama 2009 Nominated BAFTA Best Actor 2009 Nominated BAFTA Best Actress 2009 Nominated Broadcast Awards Best Single Drama 2009
2007	FREE AGENTS (Pilot)	Big Talk Productions / Ch4	Written by Chris Neil Starring Stephen Mangan, Sharon Horgan and Anthony Head
2005	THE GHOST SQUAD	Company Television / Channel 4	Lead Director Episodes 1,6 and 7 Written By Tom Grieves Starring Elaine Cassidy
2004	OUTLAWS	World / BBC	Episodes 5,6,7 and 8 Written By Jimmy Gardner and Steven Coombes Starring Phil Daniels Nominated BAFTA Best Drama Series 2005
2004	BODIES (Series I)	Hat Trick	Episodes 3 and 4 Written by Jed Mercurio Starring Max Beesley Nominated RTS Best Drama Series 2005 Nominated BAFTA 2005
2003	SEA OF SOULS (Series I)	BBC Scotland	Episodes 5 and 6 Written By David Kane Starring Bill Paterson
2002-03	HEARTS OF GOLD	BBC Wales	Written By Matthew Baylis and Catrin Collier Starring Jeremy Sheffield
2001-02	INSPECTOR LYNLEY MYSTERIES	BBC	Lead Director Episodes 1, 4 and 5 Written By Lizzie Mickery Starring Nat Parker
1999-00	BORDER CAFE	Hartwood / BBC	Lead Director Episodes 1, 2, 3 and 4 Written by Tim Firth
1998-99	LIFE SUPPORT	BBC Scotland	Lead Director Episodes 1, 2 and 3 Written By Ashley Pharoah
1997	INVASION EARTH	BBC Scotland	Episodes 4, 5 and 6 Written By Jed Mercurio
1997	WING AND A PRAYER (Series I)	Thames / Channel 5	Lead Director Episodes 1, 2,3,5 and 6 Written By Matthew Hall Nominated BAFTA Best Drama Series 1997

1996	MCCALLUM	STV	Episode 4 Written By Mike Cullen
1995	OUT OF THE BLUE (Series I)	BBC	Episodes 3 and 4 Written By Peter Bowker
1994	BAND OF GOLD (Series I)	Granada Television	Lead Director Episodes 1,3 and 4 Written By Kay Mellor Nominated BAFTA Television Award Best Drama Serial 1996 Nominated BAFTA Television Award Best Actress - Geraldine James 1996
1993	THE RIFF RAFF ELEMENT (Series II)	BBC	Nominated BAFTA Television Award Best Drama Series 1994

## FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2011-12	EFFIE GRAY	Sovereign Films	Written by Emma Thompson Starring Dakota Fanning, Tom Sturridge, Greg Wise, Julie Walters and Emma Thompson
2008	AN ENGLISHMAN IN NEW YORK	Leopard Drama / ITV	Written by Brian Fillis Starring John Hurt and Cynthia Nixon Berlin Film Festival premiere 2009 London Gay & Lesbian Film Festival 2009 Tribeca Film Festival, Best Narrative Feature 2009 Dinard Film Festival's Opening film 2009 Nominated BAFTA Best Actor (John Hurt) 2010 Rose D'Or Nomination 2010 The Frameline Film Festival's Opening Film 2010
2007	GROW YOUR OWN	BBC Films/UKFC/Warp/Pathé	Written by Frank Cottrell Boyce Starring Eddie Marsan, Benedict Wong, Olivia Colman
2005	LIFE AND LYRICS	Fiesta Productions/BBC Films/UKFC/Universal	Written by Ken Williams Starring Ashley Walters Premiered at Edinburgh Film Festival 2006 In competition for Michael Powell Award

## SHORT FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	PROJECT DETAILS
1992	I BET IT WILL RAIN	Starring Janet McTeer London Film Festival Official selection 1992

SKILLS / QUALIFICATIONS

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BBC Drama Director's Course, 1992

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