

Nicole Volavka

Director

Nicole is an award-winning drama director working across TV, film and commercials. Her pilot for her feature film SEEKERS was funded by the BFI. She was nominated twice for the Cannes Lion Young Director award for her work in commercials. She has directed actors such as Bill Nighy (Love Actually), Sam Claflin (Daisy Jones and The Six), Tom Burke (Furiosa) and Clare-Hope Ashitey (Children of Men). Actress Rakie Ayola won Best Actress at the BAFTA CYMRU Awards 2023 for The Pact, for which Nicole was the Lead Director. She holds an MA in Filmmaking from The London Film School and prior to that studied Psychology and Philosophy. Website: <http://nicolevolavka.com/>

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2025	LAZARUS	Quay Street/ Amazon	Episodes 3 and 4 Harlan Coben Series
2023	DI RAY (Series II)	HTM Television	Episodes 5 & 6
2022	THE PACT (Series II)	Little Door/ BBC One	Episodes 1, 2 & 3
2021	THE BAY (Series III)	ITV	Episodes 4,5 & 6
2019	THE DUMPING GROUND	CBBC	Directing series
2018	HOLLYOAKS	Lime Pictures/Channel 4	
2017	SILENT WITNESS (Shadow Scheme)	BBC	Shadowing Director on Series 21
2014	DOCTORS	BBC 1	Directed 12 Episodes
2013	THE TUNNEL	Kudos / Sky Atlantic	Second Unit Director

SHORT FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2015	SEEKERS TEASER	BFI	Teaser for feature film in development: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0EdmcGCyMk
2012	ONE WRONG WORD	RedCam / Electric Ballroom Productions	10 minutes Starring Paul Ready, Anna Madeley, Tom Burke and Annabel Scholey

2010	LAUNDRY	LFS	<p>22 minutes, 35mm</p> <p>In Competition at: Rushes Soho Film Festival, London Motovun Film Festival, Croatia Molodist Film Festival, Ukraine Women In Direction, Spain</p> <p>Selected for: Cannes Short Film Corner Cinemagic Belfast Estoril Festival Portugal Les Arcs, France The London Short Film Festival The British Palestine Film Festival 2011</p>
2007	SURVIVOR	LFS	<p>15 minutes, 35mm</p> <p>Screened at:</p> <p>Pan-African Film Festival, Los Angeles East-End Film Festival, London (nominated for Audience Award) Brighton Film Festival Exodus Refugee Film Festival Exposures Film Festival International Community Festival Lodz Mediaschool Molodist Film Festival, Kiev</p> <p>Selected by the British Council for representation</p> <p>Winner - BEST SCRIPT and BEST ACTOR at the BFM Film Festival, London 2008</p> <p>The script is being developed into a feature with the BBC Writer's Room</p>

COMMERCIAL

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2015	FEEL GOOD		A commercial for Lithuanian's No 1 pharmaceutical brand Eurovaistine. 2015.
2012	RAIN		<p>A commercial for a Czech charity for blind children.</p> <p>*Nominated Golden Drum Award 2013</p>
2011	AUCTION	RedCam / Lucky Man Films	<p>60 seconds</p> <p>Nominated Young Director Award, Cannes Lions 2011</p>
2008	BARNADO'S "Rubbish"	LFS	<p>30 seconds, 16mm</p> <p>Nominated for the Young Director Award, Cannes Lions 2009</p> <p>Winner Special Prize at Porsche Int'l Student Advertising Film Awards 2009</p>
2007	SLIM FAST "Slim Happy"	LFS	<p>30 seconds, 16mm</p> <p>Winner of Best in Category at the Kodak Student Commercial Awards 2008</p>

