

MJ Bassett

Director

MJ Bassett is a feature film and television writer/director.

As a teenager in the UK, MJ's career started as a wildlife photographer and documentary maker, subsequently becoming an on-camera host of various nature and science programs before writing and directing the feature film DEATHWATCH. Starring Jamie Bell, Matthew Rhys and Andy Serkis it was an original horror movie set in the trenches of World War

Following the success of Deathwatch, MJ directed the horror feature WILDERNESS with Toby Kebbell and Sean Pertwee, and then adapted and directed the heroic fantasy adventure SOLOMON KANE, starring James Purefoy, Max Von Sydow and Pete Postlethwaite based on the classic fantasy novellas by 'Conan' creator Robert E. Howard. MJ followed that with the video game adaptation SILENT HILL: REVELATION, shot in 3D and starring Sean Bean, Adelaide Clemens and Kit Harington and producer by Samuel Hadida.

In 2013, MJ began directing in television. Initially guest directing episodes of the Cinemax/HBO/Sky action show STRIKE BACK and then the first season finale of Starz' show, DaVINCI'S DEMONS, created by David Goyer.

The following season, MJ was invited to become lead director and subsequently a writer, co-producer and finally executive producer of the next 3 seasons of Strike Back before it's cancellation in 2015. As the shows' most prolific director MJ pushed the action, scale and intensity beyond any other show of its kind on TV. After a year off air, MJ was asked by HBO/Sky to return as executive producer and director for a reboot of the show with an entirely new cast.

Additional television credits include such shows as IRON FIST for Marvel/Netflix, NIGHTFLYERS, based on the George R.R. Martin novel for Syfy with Doug Liman's 'Hypnotic' productions, ASH VS EVIL DEAD for Sam Raimi and Robert Tapert at Starz where MJ was asked to direct the second and third episodes of season one after Sam Raimi's Pilot. MJ wrote an episode of season one and was brought into the writers' room as a Co-Executive Producer for Season Two as well as continuing to direct episodes. Other credits also include THE PLAYER, starring Phil Winchester and Wesley Snipes for NBC and TAKEN, again for NBC with Europacorp.

For 2015-2016, MJ was under an exclusive deal with Starz, continuing to direct for ASH VS EVIL DEAD and also multiple episodes of their hit drama POWER. While under the deal, MJ also wrote an original series pilot for the network.

Her most recent credits include episodes of IRONFIST, TAKEN, NIGHTFLYERS and feature INSIDE MAN 2.

MJ was born, and still lives part time, in Shropshire, England. Coming out as transgender in 2016 she currently spending a great deal of time shooting on locations around the world and divides her time between England and Los Angeles which she intends to eventually make a home base.

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2012	SILENT HILL: REVELATION 3D (Director / Writer)	Davis Films / Lionsgate / Open Road Films	Starring Kit Harington, Carrie-Anne Moss, Sean Bean and Malcolm McDowell
2009	SOLOMON KANE (Director / Writer)	Davis Films / International Film Company / Czech Anglo Productions	Starring Rachel Hurd-Wood, James Purefoy and Max von Sydow
2006	WILDERNESS	Momentum Pictures / Baker Street / Ecosse Films	Starring Sean Pertwee, Alex Reid and Toby Kebbell
2002	DEATHWATCH (Director / Writer)	Apollo Media / Film and Music Entertainment / Bavria Film / Odyssey Entertainment / Portobello Pictures	Starring Jamie Bell and Matthew Rhys

TELEVISION (INCLUDES)

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2018	NIGHTFLYERS	Syfy	
2018	IRON FIST	Marvel TV/ Disney- ABC TV	
2018	TAKEN	FLW Films/ NBC	
2017	STRIKE BACK 6	Left Bank/ Cinemax	Showrunner EP on the season
2016	OVERALL EXCLUSIVE DEAL WITH STARZ!	Starz!	12 month exclusive deal included directing and producing: POWER (2 episodes) ASH VS EVIL DEAD (2 episodes)
2015	BLINDSPOT	Berlanti Productions / NBC	Starring Jaimie Alexander and Ashley Johnson
2015	ASH VS EVIL DEAD (3 episodes)	Renaissance / Starz!	Starring Lucy Lawless and Bruce Campbell MJ was writer of 1 episode.
2015	POWER (1 episode)	CBS / Starz!	Starring Victor Garber, Omari Hardwick and 50 Cent
2015	THE PLAYER (2 episodes)	Davis Entertainment/ NBC	Starring Philip Winchester and Wesley Snipes
2014	STRIKE BACK 5	Leftbank/Cinemax	Showrunner EP on the season
2013	STRIKE BACK 4	Leftbank/ Cinemax	Showrunner EP on the season
2013	DA VINCI'S DEMONS	BBC / Starz! (2 Episodes)	Starring Laura Haddock, Lara Pulver and Tom Riley
2012	STRIKEBACK 3 (2 episodes)	Left Bank / Cinemax	Starring Leo Gregory and Phillip Winchester

IN DEVELOPMENT

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2017	CLANDESTINE	The Fyzz Facility	Writer
2016	Sanctuary	Left Bank	Writer
	THE HILLS HAVE EYES 3	Craven-Maddalena Films / Dune Entertainment / Major Studio Partners	
	THE MARK (Writer)	Treasure Entertainment	Script
	WARRIOR (Writer)	Working Title	Script

