Brian Percival

Director

Brian is an award-winning British director. Recent lead director credits for television include five seasons of ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL (C5/Playground) and the opening season of DOWNTON ABBEY (ITV/Carnival), for which he won the BAFTA TV Award and Primetime Emmy for Best Director. He was nominated for a second Primetime Emmy for his episodic directing on the second season. He directed all episodes of miniseries DARK ANGEL (ITV/World) and NORTH & SOUTH (BBC) and five single films for television, including Frank McGuinness' A SONG FOR JENNY (BBC); Adrian Hodges' adaptation of THE RUBY IN THE SMOKE (BBC); and David Nicholls' retelling of MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (BBC), for which he won another BAFTA Award for Best Director. His debut studio feature THE BOOK THIEF (20th Century Fox), based on the novel by Marcus Zusak and starring Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson, received BAFTA Award, Golden Globe and Academy Award nominations for its score by John Williams. His short film ABOUT A GIRL (Silver Films) won the BAFTA Award for Best Short Film.

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2022	ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (S3)	Playground/C5	Lead Director
2021	ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL (S2)	Playground / C5	Lead Director
2020	ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL	Playground / C5	Lead Director
2016	DARK ANGEL	ITV	Lead Director Two part drama
2015	A SONG FOR JENNY	BBC	TV Movie
2010-12	DOWNTON ABBEY	ITV / Carnival	Lead Director
2011	DOWNTON ABBEY: CHRISTMAS SPECIAL	ITV	
2009	GRACIE!	BBC 4	TV Movie Starring Jane Horrocks and Tom Hollander
2007	THE OLD CURIOUSITY SHOP	ITV	TV Movie Andrew Davies adaptation starring Derek Jacobi
2006	RUBY IN THE SMOKE	BBC 1	TV Movie Adrian Hodges's adaptation of the Philip Pullman novel Starring Billie Piper and Julie Walters

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2005	MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING	BBC 1 (Single Film)	David Nicholls's reworking of the Shakespeare classic Starring Damian Lewis and Sarah Parrish BAFTA 2005 and RTS 2005 nominated BAFTA Craft Awards 2005 Winner Best Director
2004	NORTH & SOUTH	BBC 1	4 X 1 hour episodes Adapted by Sandy Welch
2003	PLEASURELAND	Kudos / Channel 4 (Single Film)	Wr. Helen Blakeman
2002	CLOCKING OFF	BBC / Red	3 x 60 minute episodes Wr. Daniel Brocklehurst (Episode 1) Wr. John Fay (Episode 5) Wr. Richard Zajdlic (Episode 6) BAFTA Best Series Nomination
2003	OUTSIDE IN	GRANADA	1 X 30 minutes New single drama, shot February 2003

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2018	DOWNTON ABBEY THE MOVIE	CARNIVAL FILM & TV	
2013	THE BOOK THIEF		First Feature Film Based on the best selling novel by Marcus Zusak Prod. Karen Roselfelt Starring Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson Score John Williams
2009	A BOY CALLED DAD		Debut Film Starring Ian Hart Shown at the 2009 Edinburg Film Festival Released May 2010

SHORT FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	PROJECT DETAILS

2002	ABOUT A GIRL	Debut Short Film
		BAFTA Winner for Best Short Film 2002
		Best Short Film Shine Awards 2002 National Museum of Film and Photography
		Official Jury Selection Sundance Film Festival 2002
		Edinburgh International Film Festival 2001 Winner Best British Short Film (shared)
		Raindance Film Festival London 2001 Winner Best Short Film
		Official Jury Selection Kino Film Festival 2001, City Life Award for Best Short Film
		Granada Television 2001 Best North West Short Film
		Turner Classic Movies London 2001 Winner Best British Short Film