

Simon Curtis

Director

Simon Curtis is an award-winning British director and producer of film, television and theatre. He began his career at the Royal Court Theatre, where he was Deputy Director to Max Stafford Clark and director of the Theatre Upstairs. His many productions there included the world premiere of Jim Cartwright's ROAD, which transferred to the Lincoln Center, New York. Through the 1990s, he worked extensively with BBC Television and Films, where he accrued over fifty directing and producing credits and originated the theatrical anthology strand PERFORMANCE. His other directorial work for British television includes period dramas CRANFORD (BBC/WGBH),-TWENTY THOUSAND STREETS UNDER THE SKY-(BBC)-and-DAVID COPPERFIELD-(BBC/WGBH);-sitcom-FREEZING-(BBC Comedy/BBC);-crime drama THE SINS-(BBC);-and single films A SHORT STAY IN SWITZERLAND-(BBC);-MAN AND BOY-(BBC);-MY SUMMER WITH DES-(BBC)-and PRINCE OF HEARTS-(BBC). His directorial work for US television includes episodes of psychological drama BLACK BOX-(Bold Films/ABC);-legal drama-THE PRACTICE-(David E. Kelley Prods/ABC)-and sketch comedy TRACEY TAKES ON...-(HBO). Alongside his work for television and theatre, Simon has directed five feature films; his sixth DOWNTON ABBEY 3 (Carnival Films/Focus Features) is due to be released later this year. His debut feature MY WEEK WITH MARILYN (David Parfitt/BBC Films/The Weinstein Company) earned Academy Award nominations for Michelle Williams and Sir Kenneth Branagh; his second WOMAN IN GOLD (Origin/BBC Films), starring Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds and Jonathan Pryce, was honoured by Cinema For Peace and the Political Film Society; his third GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (Fox Searchlight Pictures/Pathé/Pinewood Films) earned a BIFA nomination for Kelly McDonald; and his fourth THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN-(20th Century Fox), an adaptation of the 2008 novel of the same name by Garth Stein, starred Kevin Costner, Milo Ventimiglia and Amanda Seyfried. His most recent film DOWNTON ABBEY 2: A NEW ERA (Carnival Films/Focus Features) received the second-widest UK release of all time. He has been nominated for six BAFTAs and a Primetime Emmy and worked with thirty-six Academy Award winners and nominees, ranging from 1963's Anne Bancroft to 2024's Margot Robbie, Carey Mulligan and Paul Giamatti.

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2022	DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA	Carnival Films / Focus Features	
2018	THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN	20th Century Fox	Based on the New York Times best-selling novel by Garth Stein Starring Amanda Seyfried and Milo Ventimiglia
2017	GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN	Fox Searchlight Pictures / Pathe / Pinewood Films	Starring Domhall Gleeson & Margot Robbie
2015	WOMAN IN GOLD (Director / Executive Producer)	Origin / BBC Films	Screenplay by Alexi Kaye Campbell Starring Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds and Daniel Bruhl

2011	MY WEEK WITH MARILYN (Director / Executive Producer)	David Parfitt / BBC Films / The Weinstein Company	Wr. Adrian Hodges
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Starring Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne, Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench, Emma Watson, Dominic Cooper and Derek Jacobi

“Delightful, classy entertainment” Daily Mail

“A performance that fully deserves Oscar recognition” Daily Express

“Glorious performances” The Guardian

7 BAFTA Nominations including Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress and Best British Film, 2012

2 Academy Award (Oscar) Nominations for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor, 2012

Winner of the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy Motion Picture, 2012

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2015-16	INDIAN SUMMERS (Executive Producer)	New Pictures / Channel 4 (Series 1 & 2)	
	BLACK BOX	ABC TV (2 Episodes)	Two opening episodes of 13 part US series Starring Kelly Reilly
	THE TOWN (Excutive Producer)	Big Talk / ITV 1	3 part series
	A SHORT STAY IN SWITZERLAND	BBC	1 x 90' single film Wr. Frank McGuinness Prod. Liz Trubridge Starring Julie Walters, Stephen Campbell-Moore and Harriet Walter “I doubt that any viewer will fail to be inspired or unsettled by this impassioned, harrowing, commendably unflinching film” The Scotsman “Julie Walters' excellent, mercurial performance... the drama itself tightened a hand around your throat until it ached” The Independent International Emmy Award - Julie Walters, Best Actress Broadcast Award - Best Single Drama BAFTA Nomination - Best Single Drama RTS Nomination - Best Single Drama

2008-09	FREEZING (Director / Co-Producer)	BBC 2 / 39 Steps Productions	3 x 60' comedy series Wr. James Woods Starring Hugh Bonneville, Tom Hollander and Elizabeth McGovern "If only all new comedy were up to the stonkingly high standard of this gem...Unmissable" The Telegraph
2007-09	CRANFORD	BBC 1	5 x 60' series and 2 x 90' specials Wr. Heidi Thomas Starring Judi Dench, Eileen Atkins, Michael Gambon and Imelda Staunton "Impressively cast, beautifully acted, wonderfully humorous, plausibly surreal and skillfully adapted" Daily Telegraph 3 Golden Globe Nominations including Best Mini-series 11 BAFTA Nominations and 3 Awards BANFF Award for Best Miniseries
2007	FIVE DAYS (Director / Executive Producer)	BBC 1 / HBO (2 Episodes)	5 x 60' Wr. Gwyn Hughes "Harrowing and superbly crafted... plays like an impossible-to-put-down novel... extraordinary, wrenching... brilliant cast... builds to a fever pitch... holds you in its thrall from beginning to end... a riveting ride" Hollywood Reporter Golden Globe Nomination - Best Mini-Series BAFTA Nomination - Best Drama Serial
2005	TWENTY THOUSAND STREETS UNDER THE SKY	BBC 4	3 x 50' Adapted by Kevin Elyot from the novel by Patrick Hamilton "BBC 4's excellent adaptation... captures Hamilton's world in all its compelling, tarnished glory... outstanding" Observer "A masterpiece... beautifully filmed and acted" Daily Telegraph Nominated for four Best Drama awards, including Banff Festival 2006
2003	THE PRACTICE	ABC	Starring James Spader and Sharon Stone
2002	MAN AND BOY	BBC (TV Movie)	Starring Pauline Collins and Ioan Gruffudd
2000	THE SINS	BBC 1	2 x 60' Starring Pete Postlethwaite
1999	DAVID COPPERFIELD	BBC	Starring Maggie Smith, Ian McKellen, Bob Hoskins, Imelda Staunton and introducing Daniel Radcliffe WINNER - Peabody Award 2001
1997	THE STUDENT PRINCE	BBC	Starring Robson Green and Rupert Penry-Jones

THEATRE (SELECTED CREDITS)

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
SERENADING LOUIE	Donmar Warehouse	By Lanford Wilson Starring Jason Butler Harner, Charlotte Emmerson, Jason O'Mara and Geraldine Somerville "splendidly acted production... consummate characterization' (Variety) "sensitive production has excellent performances' (The Independent) "beautifully played, fielding fine, precisely focused performances.' (Financial Times) "beautifully directed production' (The Daily Mail) "Go to 'Serenading Louie' for the surgical exactitude of Simon Curtis's staging and an exemplary cast" (The New York Times)
OTHERWISE ENGAGED	Criterion Theatre	Starring Richard E. Grant "Simon Curtis's well paced, exceptionally funny production proves totally engaging" (Mail on Sunday)
THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE	Steppenwolf Theater, Chicago / Broadway	
A LIE OF THE MIND	Royal Court Theatre	Starring Miranda Richardson and Will Patton
DINNER WITH FRIENDS	Hampstead Theatre	Starring Kevin Anderson and Elizabeth McGovern
MAKING HISTORY	Royal National Theatre	