Jon Gilbert

Writer

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https://www.jongilbert.co.uk/ After making several successful shorts as writer-director, Jon's career as a screenwriter kickstarted when he was one of eight writers selected for the First Film Foundation's 'First Development' scheme, during which he wrote his debut feature script The Sculptress and The Thief. The same script later placed third in the internationally-renowned Final Draft 'Big Break' contest, where judge Joel Schumacher described it as "original, fascinating, visual and full of surprises". Jon co-wrote the film adaptation of David Grossman's novel The Zigzag Kid, starring Isabella Rossellini, which premiered at the 2012 Toronto Film Festival before screening at Berlin and numerous other festivals worldwide ahead of a European and U.S. release. The Zigzag Kid won various awards, including the Young Audience Prize at the 2013 European Film Academy and the Golden Elephant for Best Screenplay at the 18th Indian Children's Film Festival. Over the past decade, Jon has developed scripts with various well-known production companies including Pulse Films, Bedlam, Big Talk and Agile, and has collaborated with new and established directors including Jaume Collet-Serra, Trudie Styler and Julius Amedume. His original feature film The London Odyssey of Vasile Belea, produced by Kristian Brodie (Beast), is currently in development with the BFI. Earlier this year, Jon wrote one episode of TEACHER, a brand-new four-part Channel Five drama created by Barunka O'Shaughnessy and starring Sheridan Smith. In addition to his writing, Jon is a senior tutor at the MetFilm School and visiting tutor at institutions including the London Film School, City University and the London Film Academy. He is represented by Independent Talent in the U.K. and Elevate Entertainment and the Gersh Agency in the States.

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2024	BONDS WILL BE BROKEN (Writer)		DIR. Paula Elle / TV Movie
2024	LIES MY BABYSITTER TOLD (Writer)	RNR Media	DIR. Ben Meyerson / TV Movie
2023	LOVE RAT	Channel 5	
2022	TEACHER	Channel 5	Writer: Episode 3 Starring Sheridan Smith

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
	THE LONDON ODYSSEY OF VASILE BELEA	BFI	In Development Producer: Kristian Brodie

2012	THE ZIG ZAG KID (Co-Writer)	BosBros Productions	Dir. / Co-Writer: Vincent Bal, from David Grossman's novel Cast Isabella Rosselini, Burghart Klausner and ThomasSimon Screened at 2012 Toronto Film Festival and Berlin Film Festival 2013 Best Screenplay Award, Indian Children's Film Festival 2013

OPTIONED & COMMISIONED SCRIPTS (SELECTED)

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
THE CARER	Sky Studios	Original Treatment Commission
OPEN VERDICT	Big Talk / Cotton Reel Productions	Pilot episode and treatment for 8 episode TV series
THE SCULPTRESS AND THE THIEF	Maven Pictures	Prod. Trudie Styler Awards: 2005 Final Draft Big Break Contest (3rd Place)
WAR GAME	Bedlam Productions / Takedown Films	Dir. Simon Egan
DISTURBED	Agile Films	Dir. David Stoddart
SPOTTER	Screenchannel / Cotton Reel Productions	
HERE ON EARTH (Co-Writer)	Sound Films	Dir. / Co-Writer John Williams
NEW BEST FRIEND	Trinamite Productions / Screen South	

SHORT FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2009	TOSHI (Writer / Director)		Cast Kentaro Suyama and Sandy Foster Winner of Special Prize at Bradford Film Festival Screened at festivals during 2009-2010 inc. Palm Springs and Berlin Interfilm
2007	TIMEBOMB (Writer / Director)	Wild Honey	Cast Richard Chegwidden
2003	THE CONFIDENCE TRICK (Writer / Director)	Wild Honey / The British Council	Cast Daniel Lapaine and Jeremy Sheffield Festival Screenings: Dresden 2004; Raindance 2003, St Louis 2003, Portobello 2003, L.A. Shorts Fest 2003

THEATRE

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2006	THE SPERM MONOLOGUES (Co-Writer)	Edinburgh Fringe Festival	Dir. / Co-Writer James Farrell Time Out’s Critic’s Choice