Sam Yates



Director

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Olivier Award winner Sam Yates works across theatre, film and television. He was a Screen International Star of Tomorrow and has been described as “a major talent” (The Guardian) and “a director of unusual flair” (The Observer). His feature debut Magpie starring Daisy Ridley garnered rave reviews internationally and was described by Screen Daily as a “visually adventurous, assured, gratifyingly cheeky debut.” Screen Rant wrote “Despite this being his first film, Yates handles Magpie with a genuine master’s touch.” Yates is known for his eclectic body of with leading talent. Recent projects include the Olivier and Drama League award-winning VANYA with Andrew Scott (West End and New York), and mini-series TOWARDS ZERO featuring Angelica Huston and Matthew Rhys (BBC). His production of GOLDEN BOY starring Josh O’Connor is running Golden Boy at the Almeida Theatre.

FILM/TV

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2025	TOWARDS ZERO (TV Mini-Series)	Mammoth Screen / BBC / Agatha Christie Productions	Based on the novel by Agatha Christie Screenplay: Rachel Bennette Cast: Angelica Huston, Matthew Rhys, Clarke Peters, Oliver Jackson-Cohen, Ella Lily Hyland, Mimi Keene, Anjana Vasan, Jack Farthing, Khalil Gharbia, Adam Hugill
2024	MAGPIE (feature debut)	Werewolf Films / 55 Films	Screenplay: Tom Bateman Cast: Daisy Ridley, Shazad Latif, Matilda Lutz, Hiba Ahmed, Cherrelle Skeete, Pippa Bennett-Warner and Alistair Petrie Producers: Kate Solomon, Daisy Ridley, Tom Bateman, Camilla Bray Cinematographer: Laura Bellingham
2020	AGATHA AND THE CURSE OF ISHTAR (TV movie)	Channel 5 / Darlow Smithson Productions / Endemol Shine	Cast: Lindsey Marshall, Jonah Hauer-King, Stanley Townsend, Crystal Clark
2016	THE HOPE ROOMS (short)	31Productions / Rather Good Films	Cast: Ciarán Hinds, Andrew Scott, Agnieszka Grochowska
2016	LOVE’S LABOURS LOST (short)	The Globe Complete Walk / BBC iPlayer	Cast: Gemma Arterton and David Dawson
2016	ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS WELL (short)	The Globe Complete Walk / BBC iPlayer	Cast: Ruth Wilson and Lindsay Duncan
2016	CYMBELINE (short)	The Globe Complete Walk / BBC iPlayer	Cast: Hayley Atwell and Kevin Harvey

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2016	EMERALDS and AULD WIVES (music videos)	Bear's Den / MTV's A-List	Cast: Aoife Duffin, Joseph Marcell, Lisa Dwyer Hogg, Eleanor Matsuura

THEATRE

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2026	GOLDEN BOY	Almeida Theatre	8th September – 31st October 2026 Cast: Josh O'Connor, Jason Barnett, Richard Fleeshman, David Ganly, Patrick Martins, Daniel Mays, Oliver Ryan, Hayley Squires, Stanley Townsend, Zubin Varla, Nicholas Woodeson Writer: Clifford Odets
2025	VANYA (Off-Broadway)	Lucille Lortel Theatre, New York	Cast: Andrew Scott Writer: Simon Stephens, after Anton Chekhov Creators: Andrew Scott, Simon Stephens, Rosanna Vize, Sam Yates * Best Revival – New York Outer Critic's Circle * Outstanding Revival of a Play – Drama League Awards * Outstanding Solo Show – Lucille Lortel Awards * Best Individual Performance – New York Drama Critic's Circle Awards * Outstanding Solo Performance – Drama Desk Awards * Nominated for Outstanding Director – Lucille Lortel Awards * Nominated for Outstanding Direction of a Play – Drama League Awards * Nominated for Outstanding Solo Performance – New York Outer Critic's Circle Awards * Nominated for Outstanding Off-Broadway Production – Dorian Theatre Award * Nominated for Outstanding Lead Performance – Dorian Theatre Award * Nominated for Distinguished Performance Award – Andrew Scott * Critics' Pick - New York Times
2024	VANYA (West End)	Duke of York's Theatre, West End	Cast: Andrew Scott Writer: Simon Stephens, after Anton Chekhov Creators: Andrew Scott, Simon Stephens, Rosanna Vize, Sam Yates * Olivier Award for Best Revival * Best Revival at What's On Stage Awards * Evening Standard Award - Best Actor - Andrew Scott * Best Actor - Andrew Scott - London Critics' Circle Awards
2021	THE TWO CHARACTER PLAY	Hampstead Theatre	By Tennessee Williams Cast: Kate O'Flynn, Zubin Varla
2021	A SEPARATE PEACE	Platform Presents / Curtain Call	By Tom Stoppard Cast: David Morrisey, Jenna Coleman, Ed Stoppard, Denise Gough, Maggie Service Performed via Zoom

2020	INCANTATA	Irish Rep, New York (2020) / The Gate, Dublin (2019) / Galway International Festival (2018)	From the poem by Paul Muldoon Cast: Stanley Townsend
2019	THE STARRY MESSENGER	Wyndhams Theatre, West End	By Kenneth Lonergan Cast: Matthew Broderick, Elizabeth McGovern, Rosalind Eleazar, Jim Norton
2019	COMPANY	Royal Academy of Music	By Stephen Sondheim
2018/2019	THE PHLEBOTOMIST	Hampstead Theatre Downstairs (2018) transfer to Main Stage (2019)	By Ella Road Cast: Jade Anouka, Rory Fleck-Byrne, Vincent Ebrahim, Cherrelle Skeete * Nominated for Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre
2017/18	GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS	Playhouse Theatre, West End (2017-18) and No.1 UK Tour (2019)	By David Mamet Cast: Christian Slater, Robert Glenister, Kris Marshall, Don Warrington
2018	MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG	Royal Academy of Music	By Stephen Sondheim
2017	DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS	Crucible Theatre, Sheffield	By Eugene O'Neill Cast: Aoife Duffin, Matthew Kelly, Theo Ogundipe, Sule Rimi, Michael Shea
2017	ASSASSINS	Royal Academy of Music	By Stephen Sondheim
2016	MURDER BALLAD	Arts Theatre, West End	By Julia Jordan & Juliana Nash Cast: Victoria Hamilton Barritt, Kerry Ellis, Ramin Karimloo, Norman Bowman *Nominated for 2017 Olivier Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical
2015	CYMBELINE	Sam Wanamaker Theatre, Shakespeare's Globe	By William Shakespeare Cast: Joseph Marcell, Pauline McLynn, Emily Barber, Jonjo O'Neill, Eugene O'Hare *Ian Charleson Award commendation
2015	OUTSIDE MULLINGAR	Ustinov Theatre, Bath	By John Patrick Shanley Cast: James Hayes, Carol Macready, Owen McDonnell, Deirdre O'Kane
2014/15	EAST IS EAST	Jamie Lloyd Productions & ATG, West End / 2 UK Tours	By Ayub Khan Din Cast: Jane Horrocks, Pauline McLynn, Ayub Khan Din, Sally Banks, Amit Shah
2014	BILLY LIAR	Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester	By Keith Waterhouse Cast: Harry McEntire, Jack Deam, Katie Moore, Rebeka Hinds, Emily Barber *Winner Best Actor and Best Newcomer Manchester Theatre Awards 2015

2013	THE EL. TRAIN	Found and 31Productions / HoxtonHall	Three One-Act Plays by Eugene O'Neill Cast: Ruth Wilson, Nicola Hughes, Zubin Varla, Sharon Duncan-Brewster
2012/13	CORNELIUS	Finborough Theatre (2012) / 59E59, New York (2013)	By J.B. Priestley Cast: Alan Cox, Beverley Klein, Col Farrell, Pandora Colin, Emily Barber *Critics' Pick New York Times, Nominated Four Off West End Awards
2011	MIXED MARRIAGE	31Productions, Finborough Theatre, London	By St John Ervine Cast: Nora-Jane Noone, Daragh O'Malley, Fiona Victory, Christopher Brandon
2006	PURGATORY	Edinburgh Fringe	By W.B. Yeats
2005	MACBETH: THE HOUR	Edinburgh Fringe	

RADIO

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2019	THE PHLEBOTOMIST	BBC Radio 3	By Ella Road Cast: Jade Anouka, Kiza Deen, Rory Fleck Byrne, Mark Lambert
2016	ECCO		By Chris Harrald, BBC Radio 4 Cast: Hayley Atwell, Pauline McLynn, Joseph Marcell, Sid Sagar, John Macmillan

IN DEVELOPMENT

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
UNTITLED ADAPTATION (play)	Donmar Warehouse	by Margaret Perry
23 KNIVES (feature)	Thunder Road Films	Writer: Chris Boal Producer: Charlie Morrison
UNTITLED MOTHER/DAUGHTER (feature)	Agile Films	Screenplay by Lulu Razcka
JOHNNY (play)	Wessex Grove	by Simon Stephens
THE STRANGE (play)		by Sam Steiner