Michael Wynne

Writer

Michael Wynne is an Olivier and BAFTA winning playwright and screenwriter. The film My Summer of Love won the Outstanding British Film BAFTA and Best Screenplay at the Evening Standard Awards. He has written many plays for the Royal Court Theatre, London, including his first play, the multi award winning, The Knocky. The People Are Friendly, Who Cares and Olivier Award winning The Priory all premiered at the Royal Court too. Michael's most recent play was Cuckoo at the Royal Court Theatre Downstairs and Liverpool Everyman in 2023 directed by Artistic Director Vicky Featherstone as her final show at the theatre. He has also written plays for other companies including Dirty Wonderland and Sell Out for Frantic Assembly which transferred to the West End, We Are Here at La Mama, New York, Canvas at the Minerva Theatre, Chichester, Tits/Teeth at the Soho Theatre, The Boy Who Left Home for Actors Touring Company, and at the Liverpool Playhouse and Everyman, his play Hope Place was their most successful new play for 20 years. He has written extensively for TV, including the film Lapland which premiered on BBC1 Christmas Eve, starring Stephen Graham, Sue Johnston and Zawe Ashton and the spin off 6-part series Being Eileen. Other TV includes – Little Crackers/Sheridan Smith, As If, Sugar Rush, Grafters, EastEnders, Where the Heart Is, Mayo Mysteries, UGetMe, Don't Eat the Neighbours, The Catherine Tate Show and Eyes Down.
Michael wrote-DiscoShow-- directed by Steven Hoggett - which opened August 2024 at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas and is still running. He has new play-Clive – starring Paul Keating and directed by Lucy Bailey – opening July 2025 at the Arcola Theatre, Dalston.
He was born and brought up in Birkenhead. Wynne's plays are published by Faber and Faber.

THEATRE

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2025-26	CLIVE	Arcola Theatre (2025) / Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh (2026)	Directed by Lucy Bailey WINNER: Best Performance Off West End Awards 2026 - Paul Keating
2024-25	DISCOSHOW	Spiegelworld / Caesars Palace, Las Vegas	The story of disco directed by Steven Hoggett. 650 performances.
2023	CUCKOO	Royal Court Theatre Downstairs / Liverpool Everyman	Directed by Artistic Director Vicky Featherstone
2021	LIVING NEWSPAPER: I'M NOT HERE	Royal Court Theatre	Directed by Lucy Morrison. Monologue performed by Ellis Howard.
2018	WE ARE HERE	La Mama, New York	Immersive Disco Show
2016	THE STAR	Liverpool Playhouse	Music Hall musical celebrating 150th anniversary of Liverpool Playhouse
2015	WHO CARES	Royal Court Theatre	Sell-out verbatim play made up of interviews with doctors, nurses and politicians working in the NHS directed by Lucy Morrison, Hamish Pirie and Debbie Hannan.

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2014	FRIDAY NIGHT SEX	Royal Court Theatre	Verbatim play co-written and co-directed by Michael and Alecky Blythe starring Kate Fleetwood, Jason Barnett and Michael Schaeffer.
2014	HOPE PLACE	Liverpool Everyman	Sell-out hit directed by Rachel Kavanaugh. First new play to be staged in their new theatre.
2013	HADRON COLLIDER PROJECT	NISSEN RICHARDS STUDIO	Special commission for the National Science Museum. Film and immersive play written and directed by Michael.
2012	CANVAS	Minerva Theatre, Chichester	Sell-out comedy directed by Angus Jackson
2010	THE RED FLAG	Royal Court Theatre	Directed by Simon Godwin. Monologue performed by Annette Badland.
2009	THE PRIORY	Royal Court Theatre	Sell-out run directed by Jeremy Herrin. Starring Jessica Hynes, Charlotte Riley and Rachel Stirling. WINNER: Olivier Award for Best Comedy NOMINEE: WhatsOnStage Award for Best New Comedy
2009	TITS/TEETH	Soho Theatre	National Youth Theatre play about body dysmorphia.
2005	DIRTY WONDERLAND	Frantic Assembly	Site-specific play in 400-room hotel in Brighton
2002	THE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY	Royal Court Theatre	Sell-out run directed by Dominic Cooke. Starring Stephen Mangan and Sheridan Smith. NOMINATED: WhatsOnStage Awards Best New Comedy
2000	THE BOY WHO LEFT HOME	Lyric Hammersmith/Actors Touring Company – National Tour	Modern retelling of fairytales.
1999	SELL OUT	Frantic Assembly	Transferred to the West End WINNER: Time Out's Best Off West End Award 1999
1999	TOO COLD FOR SNOW	The Prada Foundation	Performed as part of 1999 Milan Fashion Week. Starring Cillian Murphy and Kelly Reilly directed by Vicky Featherstone.
1995	THE KNOCKY	Royal Court Theatre	Subsequently performed at the Liverpool Everyman Theatre. WINNER: Meyer Whitworth Best New Play Award 1996 WINNER: Liverpool Echo Awards Best New Talent 1997 NOMINEE: Writer's Guild Best New Writer

TELEVISION

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2013	BEING EILEEN	BBC	Original series based on LAPLAND. Starring Sue Johnston

2011	LAPLAND	BBC	TV film on Christmas Eve on BBC1. Starring Sue Johnston, Stephen Graham, Zawe Ashton, Julie Graham, Elizabeth Berrington, Will Ash and Keith Barron.
2011	LITTLE CRACKERS: THE DALTONS	Lovely Day	Starring Sheridan Smith
2008-9	EASTENDERS	BBC	Various episodes
2006	THE GIL MAYO MYSTERIES	BBC	2 episodes
2005	SUGAR RUSH	Shine/C4	Various episodes
2004	EYES DOWN	BBC	3 episodes. Studio audience sitcom starring Paul O'Grady and Sheridan Smith.
2003	AS IF	Carnival Films / Channel 4	Various episodes
2003	UGETME	Darrall MacQueen / CBBC / BBC 1	20 episodes
2002	DON'T EAT THE NEIGHBOURS	Granada / CITV	Various episodes. Animated series.
2000	REACH FOR THE MOON	LWT / ITV	1 episode
1998	GRAFTERS	Granada / ITV	1 episode. Starring Robson Green and Stephen Tompkinson.
1998	WHERE THE HEART IS	ITV	1 episode. Starring Sarah Lancashire and Pam Ferris.

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2004	MY SUMMER OF LOVE	BBC Films	Directed by Paweł Pawlikowski Starring Natalie Cross, Emily Blunt and Paddy Considine WINNER: BAFTA Award for Best British Film WINNER: Evening Standard Film Award for Best Screenplay NOMINEE: Best Feature Film at Berlin International Film Festival NOMINEE: BIFA for Best British Independent Film

IN DEVELOPMENT

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2025	-	National Theatre Connections	New play commission