

Sam Donovan

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2026	SHY & LOLA	Clerkenwell Films / BBC	Episodes 1, 2 & 3 Series Executive Producer
2025	DOWN CEMETERY ROAD	60 Forty/ Apple TV	Episodes 3, 4 & 5 Nominated for Best Drama Programme - Broadcast Digital Awards 2026
2023	SEVERANCE (Series II)	Fifth Season / Red Hour for Apple	Director and Executive Producer Created by Dan Erikson Starring: Patricia Arquette, Adam Scott, Christopher Walken, John Turturro BAFTA TV CRAFT AWARD 2026 - Best Director Nomination TCA Awards 2025 - Program of the Year TCA Awards 2025 - Outstanding Achievement in Drama Emmys 2025 - Nominated for Outstanding Drama Series Golden Globes 2026 - Nominated for Best Drama Series Bafta 2026 - Nominated for Best International Series
2021	THREE PINES	Left Bank for Amazon	Lead Director (4 Episodes) & Executive Producer Written by Emilia Di Girolamo Starring: Alfred Molina, Tantoo Cardinal, Rossif Sutherland, Elle-Maija Tailfeathers
2019	THE CROWN (Series III)	Left Bank for Netflix	Director of Final Block Created by Peter Morgan Starring: Olivia Coleman, Tobias Menzies, Josh O'Connell, Emerald Fennell
2018	THE WIDOW	Two Brothers Pictures for ITV1	Lead Director (4 episodes) & Executive Producer Created by Jack and Harry Williams Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Charles Dance, Alex Kingston
2017	LIAR (Series I)	Two Brothers Pictures for ITV1	Director of three episodes, including series finale Created by Jack and Harry Williams Starring: Joanne Froggart, Ioan Griffiths

2016	JAMESTOWN (Series I)	Carnival for Sky One	Director of two Episodes Created by Bill Gallagher Starring: Sophie Rundle, Patsy Ferran, Niamh Walsh, Naomi Batrick
2016	THE LIVING AND THE DEAD	BBC Wales & BBC America for BBC1	Director of three episodes, including series finale Created by Ahsley Pharoah Starring: Colin Morgan, Charlotte Spencer
2015	HUMANS	Kudos / AMC for Channel 4	Lead director (3 episodes) Starring: Gemma Chan, Tom Goodman-Hill, Katherine Parkinson, Sope Dirisu BAFTA Nominated, Best New Drama
2014	UTOPIA (Series II)	Kudos for Channel 4	Director of three episodes, including series finale Created by Dennis Kelly Starring: Adeel Akhtar, Neil Maskell, Alexandra Roach, Nathan Stewart Jarrett Winner, Best Drama Series, International Emmy Awards 2014
2014	THE SMOKE	Kudos for Sky One	Director of two episodes Created by Lucy Kirkwood Starring: Jamie Bamber, Jodie Whitaker, Taron Egerton, Pippa Bennett-Warner
2013	STARLINGS	Baby Cow for Sky One	Director of four episodes Created by Steve Edge & Matt King Starring: Brendan Coyle, Lesley Sharpe, Matt King, Steve Edge
2012	LAST TANGO IN HALIFAX (Series I)	Red Productions for BBC One	Director of three episodes, including series finale Starring: Derek Jacobi, Anne Reid, Sarah Lancashire, Nicola Walker Bafta Winner, Best Drama
2012	SKINS (Series VI)	Company Pictures for E4	Director of two episodes Created by Bryan Elsley Starring Joe Cole, Alexander Arnold, Will Merrick, Freya Mavor
2011	THE SECRET DIARY OF A CALL GIRL (Series IV)	Tiger Aspect for ITV2	Director of four episodes, including show finale Created by Lucy Prebble Starring: Billy Piper, Iddo Goldberg, Lily James

FILMS

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2010	COMING UP – HALF TERM	Ideal World for Channel 4	Director of 30 minute film
2009	HAMMERHEAD	Screen Yorkshire & UK Film Council	Director of short film (14 mins)
2007	KING PONCE	Screen Yorkshire & UK Film Council	Director of Short film (10 mins)