Louis Paxton

Writer / Director

Louis Paxton-is a writer and director from Edinburgh, Scotland. After studying at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, he completed an MA in Directing at the National Film and Television School in London. His award-winning short films—spanning comedy, drama, horror, and musical—have screened at festivals including Flickerfest, Glasgow Short Film Festival, LOCO Film Festival, and London Short Film Festival. His debut TV project, the sci-fi comedy-The Spare Room, was selected for the BAFTA Rocliffe Drama Forum. In 2021, Louis directed the BBC Three comedy-drama-Ladybaby, which was nominated for Best Comedy at the Broadcast Awards. In 2022, he received a BAFTA Scotland nomination for his short film-Neville Is Dead, and was also nominated for Best Director at the New Voice Awards. His RTS- and Digital Broadcast-nominated BBC comedy short-Calamity James-followed in 2024. Louis has since directed episodes of the BBC One prime-time crime drama-Shetland, as well as the BBC Three horror-comedy-Wreck. He is currently developing original comedy series including-Shearlings-with BBC Comedy and-Breadwinnerwith Birdie Pictures. His feature debut,-The Incomer—an offbeat comedy supported by BFI and Screen Scotland, starring Domhnall Gleeson, Gayle Rankin and Grant O'Rourke, premiered at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival and-won the 'NEXT Innovator Award'. WEBSITE: www.louispaxton.com

FEATURE FILM

PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
THE INCOMER	Pilea Pictures / Creative Scotland	Premiered at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival - Winner of the NEXT Innovator Award Writer/Director Starring Domhnall Gleeson, Gayle Rankin and Grant O'Rourke

TELEVISION

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2023	WRECK S2	Euston Films and BBC3	Director of Block 2 (3 x 60')
2022	SHETLAND (Series7)	ITV Studios / BBC One	Block 2 (Eps 4 - 6) - 3 x 60'
2021	LADYBABY (Director)	Kudos / BBC3	Directed pilot, written by Kirstie Swain Broadcast Awards shortlist 2022 'Best Comedy Programme' Nominated for THE VICTOR ADEBODUN DEBUT DIRECTOR AWARD at the 2022 New Voice Awards

IN DEVELOPMENT

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	BREADWINNER	Birdie Pictures	Co-writing with Grant O'Rourke
2023	SHEARLINGS	House Productions / BBC Comedy	6 x 30 BBC Comedy Commission Writer / Director
2023	BIG MAN	BBC Studios	Thriller 6 x 60 Writer
2023	GOON	Ranga Bee Productions	Writer/ Director 8 x 30'
2023	THE BILGE	Western Edge Pictures	Writer Feature Horror
2019	CARNAGE		TV Comedy/ Drama 6 x 30 Writer
2018	SPARE ROOM		6 x 30 minutes, TV comedy drama Official selection BAFTA Rocliffe TV Drama Forum April 2014 Developed with BBC Comedy Writer

SHORT FILM

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2023	CALAMITY JAMES	Emanata Studios and BBC3 / BBC Scotland	Writer / Director BBC Comedy Short Films Available on BBC iPlayer Nominated for Best Comedy at the RTS Scotland 2024 Awards Nominated for Best Short-Form Scripted at Broadcast Digital Awards 2024 Has led to a pilot script commission with BBC Studios
2020	NEVILLE IS DEAD		Nominated for best Short at Glasgow short Film Fest Selected for LOCO Film Festival Selected for Short Com Film Festival Nominated for best Short at BAFTA Scotland

2014	SATAN HAS A BUSHY TAIL (Writer / Director)	Film London	Comedy drama Commissioned for ‘London Calling’ scheme. Selected - Aesthetica Short Film Fest, York, November 2015 Winner - Best Comedy, The Smalls Film Festival, UK, September2015 Winner - Best Comedy, Worldfest, Houston, USA, March 2015 Winner - Best Narrative Short, PRaxis Film Fest, London, February 2015 Winner - Bronze Audience Award, 8th Lichtspeilklub Short Film Festival, Berlin, January 2015 Nominated - Best Editing, Underwire Film Fest, November 2015 Selected - Heartland Film Fest, Indianapolis, October 2015 Selected - Cambridge Film Festival, September 2015 Selected - Loco Film Fest, London, January 2015 Selected - Cuculoras Film Festival, Wilmington NC, USA, November 2014 Selected Aesthetica Short Film Fest / York / Nov 15 Winner Best Comedy / The Smalls Film Festival / UK / Sept 15 Winner Best Comedy / Worldfest Houston / USA / Mar 15 Winner Best Narrative Short / Praxis Film Fest / London / Feb 15 Winner Bronze Audience Award / 8th Lichtspeilklub Short Film Festival / Berlin / Jan 15 Nominated Best Editing / Underwire Film Fest / Nov 15 Selected Heartland Film Fest / Indianapolis / Oct 15 Selected Cambridge Film Festival / Sept 15 Selected Loco Film Fest / London / Jan 15 Selected Cuculoras Film Festival / Wilmington Nc / USA / Nov 14
2013	MUSICAL STAR! (Writer / Director)	NFTS	Comedy musical 35mm NFTS graduation film Selected - 8th Lichpeilklub Short Film Festival, Berlin, January 2015 Selected - Praxis Film Fest, London, February 2015 Selected - Cuculoras Film Festival, Wilmington NC, USA, November 2014 Screened - Short Sighted 'Retro Night' UK, July 2014 Selected - Latitude Festival, UK, July 2014 Selected - London Short Film Festical, UK, Janaury 2014
2013	VOODOO MOUSTACHE (Director)	NFTS	Comedy Nominated - Underwire Film Festival, London, November 2014 Selected - Short Sighted Cinema @ In The Woods Festival, Cambridge, June 2014 Distribution - Snag Films USA, March 2014 Selected - Strawberry Shorts, Cambridge Short Film Festival, Cambridge, June 2014 Selected - Portland Facial Hair Fest, USA, March 2014 Nominated - Best Production Design, Watersprite Film Fest, Cambridge, March 2014 Selected - Loco London Comedy Film Festival, UK, London, January 2014 Selected - Southend on Sea Horror Festival, UK, January 2014 Winner - Best Student Film, Screen Stockport International Film Festival, October 2013 Winner - Best Comedy, Portobello Film Festival, London, September 2013 Nominated - Grass Roots Film, Van D'Or Awards for Independent Film, London, September 2013 Shortlisted - Tropfest International, Australia, February 2013

2013	DOLLFACE (Writer / Director)	NFTS	Black comedy Commended - Strawberry Shorts, Cambridge Short Film Festival, June 2014 Selected - Wiz-Art International Short Film Festival, UKraine, May 2014 Selected - 7th Lichspeilklub Short Film Festival, Berlin, January 2014 Selected - London Short Film Festival, Berlin, Janaury 2014 Selected - Southend on Sea Horror Festival, UK, Janauary 2014 Selected - Leeds International Film Festival, November 2013 Nominated - Best Horror/Sci Fi Short, Crystal Palace Film Festival, London, November 2013 Winner - Best Comedy, Van D'Or Awards for International Film, London, September 2013 Nominated - Best Short Film, Best Director, Best Actress, Best Cinematography, Van D'Or Awards, London, September 2013 Nominated - Best Short Film, Portobello Film Festival, London, September 2013 Nominated - Best Scottish Short, Glasgow Short Film Festival, February 2013 Nominated - Silver Melies Award (Melies d'Argent), Hoff, Estonia, MArch 2013 Shortlisted - Dead by Dawn, Edinburg, April 2013 Selected - Flat Pack Festival, Birmingham, March 2013
2010	POUNCER (Writer / Director / Producer / Editor)		Comedy mockumentary Distribution - Snag Films USA, March 2014 Screened - Write Shoot Cut, Edinburgh, February 2013 Selected - Screened before general release of feature film UP THERE (Zam Salim), GFT Glasgow, November 12 Selected - The Short Film Showcase Suitcase, London, February 2012 Nominated - Best Scottish Short, Glasgow Short Film Festival, February 2012 Selected - London Short Film Festival, January 2012

2009	CHOREOMANIA (Writer / Director / Co-Producer)	Action / Comedy Prod. Stuart Ewan (Graduation Film) Screened - Halloween Special, British Shorts Film Festival, Berlin, October 2013 Selected - Glasgow Short Film Festival at Edinburgh Fringe, August 2011 Selected - Strawberry Shorts, Cambridge, June 2011 Selected - London Short Film Festival, January 2011 Selected - New York City Horror Film Fest, November 2010 Selected - IETM Screening, Glasgow, November 2010 Selected - Abertoir Horror Film Festical, Aberstwyth, November 2010 Nominated - Best Cinematography, Exposures Film Fest Selected - Exposures Film Festival, Manchester, November 2010 Selected - Lund Fantastisk Film Festival, Sweden, September 2010 Selected - Film4 Frightfest, London, August 2010 Selected - Strawberry Shorts Film Marquee at Fordham Fest, August 2010 Screened - Caught Short, Filmhouse Cinema Edinburgh, May 2010 Winner - Best National Undergraduate Drama, Royal Television Society, London, May 2010 Winner - Best Student Film, Celtic Media Festival, Newry, Northern Ireland, May 2010 Screened - Electric Sheep Post Apocalyptic Night, April 2010 Selected - Sci Fi London Film Festival, April 2010 Selected - Sesuchte 39th International Student Film Festival, Postdam-Babelsberg, Germany Selected - Flatpack Film Festival, Birmingham, March 2010 Selected - Film Insiders Talent Festival, Cumbria, March 2010 Selected - Glasgow International Short Film Fest, Febraury 2010 Winner - Best Student Drama - Scottish Royal Television Society, Glasgow, January 2010 Selected - Jaipur International Film Festival, Jaipur, India, January 2010 Selected - Lichspielklub Kurzfilmfestival, Berlin, Germany, January 2010 Screened - Electric Shadows, Beijing, September 2009

COMMERCIAL

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2013	A PENGUIN WALKS INTO A BAR (Writer / Director)	Kopparberg	30 second commercial, 16mm Kodak Commercial competition entry Screened Brainwrap Comedy Shorts / London / Feb 2014 Selected NFTS Stars Of Tomorrow At BAFTA / London / Sept 2013 Winner Best Script / Kodak Awards / London / April 13 Winner 2nd Best In Brief / Kodak Awards / London / April 13

SKILLS / QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

MA Directing Fiction - National Film and Television School, 2011 - 13

BA (Hons) Degree in Digital Film and Television - Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, 2007 - 09

WRITERS ROOM EXPERIENCE

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2021	BASH ST	Beano Studios	Comedy / Drama