

# Nicole Volavka

## Director

Represented by:

Jennie Miller

Nicole is an award-winning British-Czech director who combines a cinematic-visual eye with heartfelt, nuanced performances. -She is particularly-interested in-stories where the personal meets the political, and in exploring themes of psychology and philosophy. She has over 20 years experience in the industry, having started out as an Intern on Love Actually, then assisting feature film directors such as Michael Caton Jones and Stephen Poliakoff.- Life recently came full circle when she directed Bill Nighy in HARLAN COBEN'S LAZARUS for Quay St/Amazon MGM.

Other actors she has worked with are Sam Claflin (Daisy Jones and the Six), Zoe Wanamaker (Harry Potter), Adrian Edmondson (Alien: Earth), Tom Burke (Furiosa) and Parminder Nagra (Bend It Like Beckham). Rakey Ayola won Best Actress at the BAFTA CYMRU Awards 2023 for The Pact, for which Nicole was the Lead Director.

Nicole holds an MA in Filmmaking from The London Film School (Directing Specialisation) and prior to that studied Philosophy and Psychology at The University of Sheffield. -As a child, she trained in drama, dance and music and performed in the West End.

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## TELEVISION

| DATE | PRODUCTION (ROLE)              | COMPANY                          | PROJECT DETAILS                 |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2026 | BERGERAC                       | Blacklight / Banijay and U Drama | Episodes 4, 5 & 6               |
| 2025 | Harlen Coben's LAZARUS         | Quay Street/ Amazon MGM          | Episodes 3 and 4                |
| 2023 | DI RAY (Series II)             | HTM Television                   | Episodes 5 & 6                  |
| 2022 | THE PACT (Series II)           | Little Door/ BBC One             | Episodes 1, 2 & 3               |
| 2021 | THE BAY (Series III)           | ITV                              | Episodes 4,5 & 6                |
| 2019 | THE DUMPING GROUND             | CBBC                             | Directing series                |
| 2018 | HOLLYOAKS                      | Lime Pictures/Channel 4          |                                 |
| 2017 | SILENT WITNESS (Shadow Scheme) | BBC                              | Shadowing Director on Series 21 |
| 2014 | DOCTORS                        | BBC 1                            | Directed 12 Episodes            |
| 2013 | THE TUNNEL                     | Kudos / Sky Atlantic             | Second Unit Director            |

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| 2015 | SEEKERS<br>TEASER | BFI                                       | Teaser for feature film in development:<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0EdmcGCyMk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0EdmcGCyMk</a>   |
| 2012 | ONE WRONG<br>WORD | RedCam / Electric Ballroom<br>Productions | 10 minutes<br><br>Starring Paul Ready, Anna Madeley, Tom Burke and Annabel Scholey   |
| 2010 | LAUNDRY           | LFS                                       | 22 minutes, 35mm<br><br>In Competition at:<br>Rushes Soho Film Festival, London Motovun Film Festival, Croatia Molodist Film Festival, Ukraine<br>Women In Direction, Spain<br><br>Selected for:<br>Cannes Short Film Corner<br>Cinemagic Belfast<br>Estoril Festival Portugal<br>Les Arcs, France<br>The London Short Film Festival<br>The British Palestine Film Festival 2011   |
| 2007 | SURVIVOR          | LFS                                       | 15 minutes, 35mm<br><br>Screened at:<br><br>Pan-African Film Festival, Los Angeles<br>East-End Film Festival, London (nominated for Audience Award)<br>Brighton Film Festival<br>Exodus Refugee Film Festival Exposures Film Festival<br>International Community Festival Lodz Mediaschool<br>Molodist Film Festival, Kiev<br><br>Selected by the British Council for representation<br><br>Winner - BEST SCRIPT and BEST ACTOR at the BFM Film Festival, London 2008<br><br>The script is being developed into a feature with the BBC Writer's Room |

## COMMERCIAL

| DATE | PRODUCTION (ROLE) | COMPANY                  | PROJECT DETAILS   |
|------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 2015 | FEEL GOOD         |                          | A commercial for Lithuanian's No 1 pharmaceutical brand Eurovaistine. 2015.                   |
| 2012 | RAIN              |                          | A commercial for a Czech charity for blind children.<br><br>*Nominated Golden Drum Award 2013 |
| 2011 | AUCTION           | RedCam / Lucky Man Films | 60 seconds<br><br>Nominated Young Director Award, Cannes Lions 2011                           |

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| 2008 | BARNADO'S "Rubbish"    | LFS | 30 seconds, 16mm<br>Nominated for the Young Director Award, Cannes Lions 2009<br>Winner Special Prize at Porsche Int'l Student Advertising Film Awards 2009 |
| 2007 | SLIM FAST "Slim Happy" | LFS | 30 seconds, 16mm<br>Winner of Best in Category at the Kodak Student Commercial Awards 2008  |