

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 S2	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

SHORT FILM



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2015	SEEKERS TEASER	BFI	Teaser for feature film in development: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0EdmcGCyMk
2012	ONE WRONG WORD	RedCam / Electric Ballroom Productions	10 minutes Starring Paul Ready, Anna Madeley, Tom Burke and Annabel Scholey
2010	LAUNDRY	LFS	22 minutes, 35mm In Competition at: Rushes Soho Film Festival, London Motovun Film Festival, Croatia Molodist Film Festival, Ukraine Women In Direction, Spain Selected for: Cannes Short Film Corner Cinemagic Belfast Estoril Festival Portugal Les Arcs, France The London Short Film Festival The British Palestine Film Festival 2011
2007	SURVIVOR	LFS	15 minutes, 35mm Screened at: Pan-African Film Festival, Los Angeles East-End Film Festival, London (nominated for Audience Award) Brighton Film Festival Exodus Refugee Film Festival Exposures Film Festival International Community Festival Lodz Mediaschool Molodist Film Festival, Kiev Selected by the British Council for representation Winner - BEST SCRIPT and BEST ACTOR at the BFM Film Festival, London 2008 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. *Nominated Golden Drum Award 2013
2011	AUCTION	RedCam / Lucky Man Films	60 seconds Nominated Young Director Award, Cannes Lions 2011

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