



BEN CHESSELL
Director / Writer

TELEVISION CREDITS

2017	DOCTOR DOCTOR Series 2 Series Director Block 2	Prod: Ian Collie Easy Tiger Productions
2017	OFFSPRING SERIES 7 Director Block 3	Prod: Imogen Banks Endemol / Shine
2016	THE FAMILY LAW Series 2 Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Matchbox / NBC Universal
2013	CAMP Director (eps 104 & 105)	Prod: Matchbox & Berman Braun NBC Universal
2013	OFFSPRING Televisions Series Director (eps 406 & 407)	Prod: John Edwards & Imogen Banks Southern Star/Network Ten
2012	OFFSPRING Television Series Director (eps 310 & 311) Writer (eps 308)	Prod: John Edwards & Imogen Banks Southern Star/Network Ten
2011	RUSH Television Series Director (eps 405 & 311) Writer (ep 404)	Prod: John Edwards & Mimi Butler Southern Star/Network Ten
2010	RESCUE SPECIAL OPS Television Series Director (eps 311 & 312)	Prod: Sarah Smith & Julie McGauran Southern Star/Nine Network

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2010	RUSH Television Series	Prod: John Edwards & Mimi Butler Southern Star/Network Ten
2009	DANCE ACADEMY Television Series Director (eps 121 & 122)	Prod: Joanna Werner ACTF / ABC TV
2007	ELEPHANT PRINCESS Attachment with Director Roger Hodgman	Prod: Jonathan M Shiff ACTF / Network Ten
2007	MARX AND VENUS - THE COUNCIL Writer (ep 110)	SBS Television

FILM CREDITS

2014	SUCKER Co-writer/Director	Prod: Robyn Kershaw & Jason Byrne Madman Films& Level K <i>Winner, Best Narrative Feature Award at the St Lawrence International Film Festival</i> <i>Official Selection, 2015 St Lawrence International Film Festival (North American Premiere)</i> <i>Official Selection, 2015 MIFF</i>
2008	LITTLE DEATHS Director ("Good Vibrations")	Prod: Jason Byrne Writer: Guila Sandler 35mm, 80 minutes <i>Winner, Digi SPAA award</i>
2005	THE HEARTBREAK TOUR	SBS TV

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Writer/Director
Short Feature

Prod: Jason Byrne &
Joanna Werner
Australian Film Commission
16mm/35mm/HD, 50 mins

Shortlisted, Best Writing Award, 2006 Melbourne Prize for Literature

2004	A FAMILIAR LULLABY Director Short Film	Kulturregion Hannover Nordmedia Writer: Lally Katz 35mm, 15 minutes
2003	HEARTWORM Writer/Director Short Film	Australian Film Commission Prod: Joanna Werner 35mm, 15 minutes

Melbourne International Film Festival, July 2004, Accelerator Program
Los Angeles Short Film Festival, September, 2004
Austin Film Festival, October, 2004
Exground Film Festival, Wiesbaden, Germany
Flickerfest, Sydney 2005
Shorts Film Festival, Adelaide 2005
Prague Short Film Festival, December 2005

2003	AFTERTHOUGHT Writer/Director Short Film	35mm, 2 minutes
2001	THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD Writer/Director Short Film Distributed Australian & NZ Cinemas with Italian for Beginners - Palace Films 2002 (supported by Film Victoria) 16mm, 13 minutes	

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Winner Best Short Film, Australian Circle of Film Critics 2002
Winner Jury Prize, Exposures Film Festival, Manchester, 2002
Finalist - Dendy Awards, Sydney Film Festival, 2002
Telluride Film Festival, Film Makers of Tomorrow, 2002
St. Tropez Film Festival, 2002
Ghent Film Festival, Belgium, 2002
Hawaii International Film Festival, 2002
Flickerfest, Sydney, 2003
St. Kilda Film Festival, 2003

2001 **LOOKER** 16mm, 1 minute
Short Film
Writer/Director

Commonwealth Film Festival, Manchester, June 2002
Jaffas Down the Aisle Film Festival, March 2003

2001 **IS GOD A DJ?** Betacam, 5 minutes
Short Film
Writer/Director

Commonwealth Film Festival, Manchester, June 2002
Jaffas Down the Aisle Film Festival, March 2003

2001 **DUMP** Mini DV, 3 minutes
Short Film
Writer/Director

Jaffas Down the Aisle Film Festival 2002

1999 **CONVERSATIONS WITH A WEATHERMAN**
Short Film Mini DV, 25 minutes
Writer/Director

1999 **PUNCHMAN** 16mm, 12 minutes
Short Film

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AWARDS:

- Finalist, *Kudos/Red Planet Prize, 2010*
- Australian Writer's Guild, *Best Un-produced Screenplay, 2009*
- Winner, *Digi SPAA Award*
- *Special Mention, New York University Student Film Festival, New York 2004*
- Winner, *Judges Award, Blue Mountains Film Festival, 2003*
- Winner, *Best Film, Manly Screenworks Short Film Festival, Sydney, 2002*
- *Mary Lou Orloff Scholarship, Victorian College of the Arts, 2002*
- Winner *Best Short Film, National Student Film and Video Competition, 2002*
- Winner *Best Short Film, Australian Circle of Film Critics, 2002*
- *Prizewinner, South Yarra Film Festival, 2002*
- Winner, *Jury Prize, Exposures Film Festival, Manchester, 2002*
- Cinevex Laboratories, Victorian College of the Arts, *Script Award 2001*
- *Outstanding Achievement by a Post Graduate Student, VCA 2001*
- Australian Film Institute Award Nomination for *Best Short Screenplay*

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IN DEVELOPMENT

Invisible
Writer

Prod: Urban Myth UK

Dirty Old Town
Writer/Director

Producer: Tait Brady
Feature Film

The Century
Writer

Television Series

Writing Rain
Writer / Director

Producer: Louise Smith
Feature Film

Australian Writer's Guild, Best Un-produced Screenplay, 2009

Jerusalem
Writer

Television Series

TERTIARY EDUCATION

Masters, Film and TV, Victorian College of the Arts, 2007

Grad Dip Film and TV, Victorian College of the Arts, 2001

Bachelor of Science, Melbourne University, 1996

Bachelor of Arts, Melbourne University, 1996

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