



**BEN CHESSELL**  
Director / Writer

**TELEVISION CREDITS**

2018	<b>THE FAMILY LAW Series 3</b> Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Matchbox / NBC Universal
2017	<b>DOCTOR DOCTOR Series 2</b> Series Director Block 2	Prod: Ian Collie Easy Tiger Productions
2017	<b>OFFSPRING SERIES 7</b> Director Block 3	Prod: Imogen Banks Endemol / Shine
2016	<b>THE FAMILY LAW Series 2</b> Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Matchbox / NBC Universal
2013	<b>CAMP</b> Director (eps 104 & 105)	Prod: Matchbox & Berman Braun NBC Universal
2013	<b>OFFSPRING</b> Televisions Series Director (eps 406 & 407)	Prod: John Edwards & Imogen Banks Southern Star/Network Ten
2012	<b>OFFSPRING</b> Television Series Director (eps 310 & 311) Writer (eps 308)	Prod: John Edwards & Imogen Banks Southern Star/Network Ten
2011	<b>RUSH</b> Television Series Director (eps 405 & 311) Writer (ep 404)	Prod: John Edwards & Mimi Butler Southern Star/Network Ten

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2010	<b>RESCUE SPECIAL OPS</b> Television Series Director (eps 311 & 312)	Prod: Sarah Smith & Julie McGauran Southern Star/Nine Network
2010	<b>RUSH</b> Television Series	Prod: John Edwards & Mimi Butler Southern Star/Network Ten
2009	<b>DANCE ACADEMY</b> Television Series Director (eps 121 & 122)	Prod: Joanna Werner ACTF / ABC TV
2007	<b>ELEPHANT PRINCESS</b> Attachment with Director Roger Hodgman	Prod: Jonathan M Shiff ACTF / Network Ten
2007	<b>MARX AND VENUS - THE COUNCIL</b> Writer (ep 110)	SBS Television

## FILM CREDITS

2014	<b>SUCKER</b> 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	<b>LITTLE DEATHS</b> Director ("Good Vibrations")	Prod: Jason Byrne Writer: Guila Sandler 35mm, 80 minutes

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*Winner, Digi SPAA award*

2005      **THE HEARTBREAK TOUR SBS TV**  
Writer/Director      Prod: Jason Byrne &  
Short Feature      Joanna Werner  
                                 Australian Film Commission  
                                 16mm/35mm/HD, 50 mins

*Shortlisted, Best Writing Award, 2006 Melbourne Prize for Literature*

2004      **A FAMILIAR LULLABY**      Kulturregion Hannover  
Director      Nordmedia  
Short Film      Writer: Lally Katz  
                                 35mm, 15 minutes

2003      **HEARTWORM**      Australian Film Commission  
Writer/Director      Prod: Joanna Werner  
Short Film      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**      35mm, 2 minutes  
Writer/Director  
Short Film

2001      **THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD**  
Writer/Director  
Short Film

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Distributed Australian & NZ Cinemas with Italian for  
Beginners - Palace Films 2002 (supported by Film Victoria)  
16mm, 13 minutes

**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

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1999      **PUNCHMAN**      16mm, 12 minutes  
Short Film  
Writer/Director

### AWARDS:

- Finalist, for Best Direction of a TV/SVOD Comedy Program in the *2018 Australian Directors' Guild 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

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