



Ben Chessell

Director

Ben is currently directing *Giri/Haji* for Netflix and BBC in Japan and the UK.

TELEVISION

2018	GIRI/HAJI (Shooting) Director	Prod: Jane Featherstone Susie Liggitt Sister Productions BBC / Netflix
2018	DOCTOR DOCTOR Series 3 Series Director Block 2	Prod: Ian Collie, Claudia Karvan, Tony McNamara Easy Tiger Productions Nine Network
2018	THE FAMILY LAW Series 3 Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Matchbox Pictures / NBC Universal SBS 1
2017	DOCTOR DOCTOR Series 2 Series Director Block 2	Prod: Ian Collie, Claudia Karvan, Tony McNamara Easy Tiger Productions Nine Network
2017	OFFSPRING Series 7 Director Block 3	Prod: Imogen Banks Nic O'Donohue Endemol Shine Network Ten
2016	THE FAMILY LAW Series 2 Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Sophie Miller, Andy Walker Matchbox / NBC Universal SBS 1

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- 2013 CAMP**
Director (eps 104 & 105)
Prod: Matchbox & Berman Braun
NBC Universal
- 2013 OFFSPRING**
Television 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
- 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

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- 2014 SUCKER**
Co-writer/Director
Winner, Best Narrative Feature Award at the St Lawrence International Film Festival Official Selection, 2015 St Lawrence International Film Festival (North American Premiere) Official Selection, 2015 MIFF
- Prod: Robyn Kershaw & Jason Byrne
Madman Films & Level K
- 2008 LITTLE DEATHS**
Director (“Good Vibrations”)
Winner, Digi SPAA award
- Prod: Jason Byrne
Writer: Guila Sandler
35mm, 80 minutes
- 2005 THE HEARTBREAK TOUR**
Writer/Director
Short Feature
Shortlisted, Best Writing Award, 2006 Melbourne Prize for Literature
- Prod: Jason Byrne & Joanna Werner
Australian Film Commission
16mm/35mm/HD, 50 mins
- 2004 A FAMILIAR LULLABY**
Director
Short Film
- Kulturregion Hannover
Nordmedia
Writer: Lally Katz
35mm, 15 minutes
- 2003 HEARTWORM**
Writer/Director
Short Film
*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*
- Australian Film Commission
Prod: Joanna Werner
35mm, 15 minutes

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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** 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

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Short Film
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*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 Mini DV, 25 minutes
Short Film
Writer/Director

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

AWARDS

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

2010 Finalist, *Kudos/Red Planet Prize*

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

2008 Winner, *Digi SPAA Award*

2004 *Special Mention*, New York University Student Film Festival, New York

2003 Winner, *Judges Award*, Blue Mountains Film Festival

2002 Winner, *Best Film*, Manly Screenworks Short Film Festival, Sydney

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- 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*
- 2001** *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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