



BEN CHESSELL
Director / Writer

TELEVISION CREDITS

2021	Surviving Summer Set Up Director	Prod: Joanna Werner Stuart Menzies Netflix
2019	The Great – Season 1 Director Ep 5 & 6	Prod: Nick O’Hagan Chris Davis & Tony McNamara MRC Studios / Hulu
2018	GIRI HAJI – Season 1 Director Eps 5/6/7	Prod: Jane Featherstone Susie Liggitt Sister Productions BBC / Netflix
2018	DOCTOR DOCTOR Season 3 Series Director Block 2	Prod: Ian Collie, Claudia Karvan, Tony McNamara Easy Tiger Productions Nine Network
2018	THE FAMILY LAW Season 3 Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Matchbox Pictures / NBC Universal SBS 1
2017	DOCTOR DOCTOR Season 2 Series Director Block 2	Prod: Ian Collie Claudia Karvan, Tony McNamara Easy Tiger Productions Nine Network

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2017	OFFSPRING SERIES 7 Director Block 3	Prod: Imogen Banks Nic O'Donohue Endemol Shine Network Ten
2016	THE FAMILY LAW Season 2 Series Director	Prod: Julie Eckersley Sophie Miller, Andy Walker Matchbox / NBC Universal SBS 1
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
2010	RUSH Television Series	Prod: John Edwards & Mimi Butler Southern Star/Network Ten

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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 Writer/Director Short Feature	SBS TV Prod: Jason Byrne & Joanna Werner Australian Film Commission

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16mm/35mm/HD, 50 mins

Shortlisted, Best Writing Award, 2006 Melbourne Prize for Literature

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| 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

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| 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 | |

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

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Ghent Film Festival, Belgium, 2002
Hawaii International Film Festival, 2002
Flickerfest, Sydney, 2003
St. Kilda Film Festival, 2003

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*

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
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