



BEN CHESSELL
Director / Writer

TELEVISION CREDITS

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| 2023 | Doctor Who (In Production) Director | Showrunner: Russell T Davies BBC / Disney+ |
| 2022 | Deadloch Set Up Director | Prod: Andy Walker Kevin Whyte, Tanya Phegan Amazon |
| 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 / |

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NBC Universal
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| 2017 | DOCTOR DOCTOR Season 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 Season 2 Series Director | Prod: Julie Eckersley Sophie Miller, Andy Walker 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 |

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| 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 CREDITS

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| 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 - Official Selection, 2015 St Lawrence International Film Festival (North American Premiere) - Official Selection, 2015 MIFF</i> |
| 2008 | LITTLE DEATHS Director ("Good Vibrations") <i>Winner, Digi SPAA award</i> | Prod: Jason Byrne Writer: Guila Sandler |

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2005 **THE HEARTBREAK TOUR** SBS TV
 Writer/Director Prod: Jason Byrne &
 Short Feature Joanna Werner

Shortlisted, Best Writing Award, 2006 Melbourne Prize for Literature

2004 **A FAMILIAR LULLABY** Kulturregion Hannover
 Director Nordmedia
 Short Film Writer: Lally Katz

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**
 Writer/Director Short Film

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)

*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*

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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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