SEAN BYRNE

Writer/Director

FEATURE FILMS

2026	**THE MANNEQUIN** Feature Film	**Production** Writer/Dir: Sean Byrne Prod: Kristian Moliere, Will Woods, Maddy Falle & Steve Schneider with Studio Canal
2025	**DANGEROUS ANIMALS** Feature Film	Writer/Dir: Sean Byrne Prod: Range Media, Brouhaha Entertainment, LD Entertainment and Oddfellow Entertainment

Premiered, 2025 Cannes, Directors Fortnight
Nominee, 2025 Directors Fortnight Audience Awards
Nominee, Best International Movie, Fangoria Chainsaw Awards
Nominee, Best Indie, Astra Midseason Movie Awards

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THE FLEMING AGENCY

2015	**THE DEVIL'S CANDY (US)** Feature Film	Writer/Dir: Sean Byrne Prod: Chris Harding, Jessica Wu, Keith Calder Snoot Entertainment

Premiered, 2015 TIFF, Midnight Madness Category
Nominated, Best Motion Picture, 2015 Sitges International Film Festival
***Winner**, Prix du Public – Audience Award, Gérardmer Film Festival*
Best Independent Horror – The Rondo Hatton Classic Horror Awards

2009	**THE LOVED ONES** Feature Film	Writer/Dir: Sean Byrne Prod: Mark Lazarus EP: Ambience

Winner, Cadillac People's Choice Award, Midnight Madness, Toronto Intl Film Festival
Winner, Siren Award for Best Intl Feature, Fantastik Film Festival
Winner, Jury Prize, Gérardmer Film Festival
Nomination, Best Original Screenplay, AFI/AACTA Awards

2007	**ADVANTAGE** Short Film	Dir: Sean Byrne Australian Film Commission Prods: Donna McCrum, Andrew Canny

Winner, Best Director, Falls Creek Film Festival, Australia
Winner, Best Editing, Flickerfest Film Festival, Australia
Winner, Best Visual Effects, St Kilda 'Top 100' Film Festival
Nominated, Best Short Film, ADG Award

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1997-2001

BEN
Short Film
AFTRS
Prods: Daniella Ortega, Jodea Bloomfield

Short of the month – 2001 IF Magazine, Sept issue

SUNDAY
Short Film
AFTRS
Prod: Daniella Ortega

Winner, Judges Award & Audience Award Choice Award Sydney Fringe Film and Video Festival, Australia
Official Selection, Leeds Intl Film Festival

SPORT
Short Film
AFTRS
Prod: Jodea Bloomfield

Official Selection, Festival De Sevilla
Semi Finalist Nescafe Awards

WORK?
Short Documentary
AFTRS
Prod: Jodea Bloomfield

Official Selection IDFA (Intl Documentary Festival Amsterdam), St Kilda Film Festival, Turin Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, My Queer Career – Mardi Gras Film Festival Sydney, Edinburgh Film Festival
***Winner**, Gold Award, Dramatised Documentary Category, National ASC Awards*

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FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

2025 **DANGEROUS ANIMALS**
2025 Cannes Film Festival – Directors Fortnight
2025 Sydney Film Festival
2025 Slash Filmfestival (Austria)

2015-16 **THE DEVIL'S CANDY**
Premiered, 2015 TIFF, Midnight Madness Category
2015 *Sitges International Film Festival*
2015 Fantastik Film Festival
2015 Stockholm Film Festival
2015 Torino Film Festival
2015 Scary Movies 9, Film Society of Lincoln Centre Annual Horro Fest
2016 *Gérardmer Film Festival*
2016 Frightfest

2009-11 **THE LOVED ONES**
Official Selection: Toronto International Film Festival, Fantastik Film Festival Sweden, Melbourne Intl Film Festival, Sydney Film Festival, Sitges Film Festival, Torino Film Festival, SXSW Film Festival, San Francisco Intl Film Festival, Dallas Intl Film Festival, Fantastic Fest Austin, AFI Festival, Hong Kong Intl Film Festival, New Zealand Intl Film Festival, Gérardmer Film Festival, Busan Intl Film Festival, Frightfest London.

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2008-09 **ADVANTAGE**

Official Selection: G'Day LA, Flickerfest Film Festival Australia, Sci-Fi Festival Madrid, Edinburgh Film Festival, Seattle Film Festival, Dungog Film Festival Australia, Falls Creek Film Festival Australia, Cinema Jove Film Festival Spain, St Kilda 'Top 100' Film Festival Australia, LA ShortsFest Los Angeles, Palm Springs Int Festival of Short Films, Rhode Island Int Film Festival, London Film Festival, San Sebastian Horror & Fantasy Festival, Sundance Film Festival, Melbourne Int Film Festival

AWARDS

2007	Selected for Accelerator Programme, MIFF *Nom ADG Award – Best direction in a TVC Performance Winner, 'The 3 Minute Opportunity', Stacey Testro International*
2001	*Winner of ADG and Screen Sound Australia Awards for Excellence in Drama Directing- AFTRS Graduation and Awards Ceremony*

EDUCATION

2006	Accelerator Programme, MIFF
2000	Masters Directing Course, AFTRS
1998	Graduate Diploma Directing Course, AFTRS
1997-1998	Media Production – Rosny College, Tasmania
1997	Award School, Tasmania
1991-2006	Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law Degree, University of Tasmania