

Esther May Campbell

Writer/Director

Recent Film, Television & Music Videos

- 2017-8 PETRICHOR
In Development
(Writer/Director), feature film
Third Films / BFI
- 2015 LIGHT YEARS
(Writer/Director), feature film
Producer: Samm Haillay
Third Films / SWScreen & BFI
Selected for International Film Critics Week at the 2015 Venice Film Festival
Selected for the First Feature Competition at the 2015 BFI London Film Festival
Nominated, CineVision Award for Best Film by an Emerging Director, Munich Film Festival 2016
- TRAVELLING LIGHT
In Development
(Writer/Director), feature film
Advance Party 2 / Zentropa/Sigma Films
Scottish Screen and the Irish Film Board
- 2012 WALLANDER 3 – 'DOGS OF RIGA'
(Director) 90 minute television film
Writer: Peter Harness, Starring Kenneth Branagh
Left Bank Pictures / Yellow Bird / BBC1
- BASS CLEF: 'GHOST KICKS IN THE SPIRAL'
(Director/Camera), music video
- JAMES BLACKSHAW: 'WE WHO STOLE THE DREAM'
(Director/Editor), music video
- 2009 SKINS: 'FREDDIE'S EPISODE' & 'JJ's EPISODE'
(Director) 2 x 60 minute episodes of drama series
Company / Channel 4
Regional RTS nomination for Best Director
- 2007/8 SEPTEMBER
(Writer/Director), Short Film, 16mm & HD, 22 mins
UKFC New Cinema Fund/Whirlwind Media/Lifefsize Pictures Production
Producer: Stewart Le Maréchal, Met Films
Starring Tim Plester, Nicholas Aaron, Georgia Henderson
Winner: Best Short Film, BAFTA 2009
Winner: Best of British Award, Encounters Short Film Festival
Winner: Best Film of the Festival, London Short Film Festival 2009
Winner: Paris XII Award, Festival International de Films de Femmes 2009
Winner: Best British Short, Wood Green Film Festival 2009
Winner: Best Short Film, A Corto di Donne 2009
Winner: Best Short Film, East End Film Festival 2009
Winner: Mix Video Prize, Nice Short Film Festival 2009
Winner: Best Short Film, Buxton Film Festival 2009
Nominated, Golden Horseman for Best Short Fiction Film, Dresden Film Festival 2010

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Biography

Esther's early work as the director of shorts and music videos took her all over the world, winning her acclaim and awards from the outset. She moved on to directing prime time drama for both the BBC and Channel 4.

She wrote and directed SEPTEMBER funded by the UKFC, which won the BAFTA for outstanding short film as well as ten other international awards. This recognition brought her work on flagship Channel 4 drama *Skins* and in 2011 she went on to direct a feature length episode of BBC1's *Wallander* starring Kenneth Branagh, which attracted over 5 million viewers. *LIGHT YEARS* was Esther's debut feature film and premiered at Venice Critics Week.

Esther runs a community cinema project for displaced children (HKKP http://nanoplex.cubecinema.com/haiti_kids_kino.php), and continues to work as stills photographer in the community.

Past Credits

- 2009 NANCY ELIZABETH: 'FEET OF COURAGE'
(Director), music video with The Leaf Label
- 2007 A HAWK & A HACKSAW
(Director), music video, Minton Films
- 2006 GIRL TACTICS
(Director), community film
About girls playing football on Bristol's Southmead Estate
- POPPY
(Director), short film (UK/India), DVCam, 8 mins
South West Screen/UKFC Digital Short, shot on location in India and Bristol
Writer: Kam Gandhi, Producer: Abigail Davies
Starring [Veejay Kaur](#)
Premiered at Encounters International Film Festival
Screened at numerous festivals including Bite the Mango, East End Film Festival, Start, Bath Film Festival
Broadcasts online on BBC Film Network
- 2005/6 BBC TRYPTICH: ON ICE, FOR MUM, IN THE DARK
(Writer/Director), short films, S16mm & DVCam, 3 x 3 mins
Films drawn from real life problem pages published online at Slink for the BBC
Producer: Stewart Le Maréchal
- 2004/5 CHARLEY HARRY'S WONDROUS NOTHING
(Director/Co-writer), short film, S16mm, 6 mins
Supported by Picture This Moving Image's Little Wonders and Aardman Animations
Co-writer: Paul Galloway, Producer: Luke Youngman
Winner: Soho Blue Award
Premiered at Brief Encounters International Film Festival
Screened at numerous festivals including End Of The Pier, Blue Screen, The Big Chill, Blackout Arts Ashton Court, Skylight Cinema, Start, Wellington Film Festival Nottingham Distributed by the South West Film Network & screened before theatrical features
- DELILAH
(Co-writer/Director), short film, 35mm, 12 mins
Financed by Working Title Films, the National Lottery, South West Screen & the London Production Fund
Producer: J Walker, Starring: Archie Punjabi & Elizabeth Berrington Fox
Premiered at the London International Film Festival
Commendation from Kodak at Cannes
Nomination from TAPS at BAFTA
Festival Screenings include Brief Encounters, London Film Festival, Bath, Bradford, Bite the Mango, Rainedance, Rainedance East, Wood Green (runner up Best Film), Fike, Clermont Ferrand, Kino, Rich Mix, East End Film Festival, Portobello Film Festival