

# Esther May Campbell

Writer/Director

## Recent Film, Television & Music Videos

- 2024            PETRICHOR  
*In Development*  
(Writer/Director), feature film  
Bosena / 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/Lifesize 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](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*