

## Rebekah Fortune

Writer/Director

Diagnosed with Autism as an adult, Rebekah always felt on the periphery of any group growing up. Consequently, she used her vivid imagination and creativity to enable her to process her emotions. As a filmmaker, she brings this sense of curiosity about the nature of 'fitting in', identity and sense of self to her work, to great effect. Rebekah has been selected for Breaking Through The Lens 2022, Screen Yorkshire FLEX 2022, the EIFF Talent Lab 2021, and has previously mentored for BFI Network, appeared as a panellist at numerous film festivals, and is a member of Cinesisters. She is also a member of Directors UK, where she was selected for the "Inspire" programme and sits on the access and inclusion committee. Additionally, Rebekah works extensively with young actors with Disabilities preparing them for careers both in front of and behind the camera.

### Feature film

#### LEARNING TO BREATHE UNDERWATER

Feature film

Pre-production

Producer: Jack Tarling (GOD'S OWN COUNTRY)

Writer: Richard Brabin

*Nominated: VFF Talent Award at Berlinale*

*Featured on the Brit List 2021*

*Selected for Breaking Through the Lens 2022*

Shudder Films / Bankside Films

Director

#### BRETHREN

Feature film

In development

Writer: Dan Shaw

Producer: Dominique Webb

Inceptive Films

Director

#### THE CORRECTIVE

Feature Film

In development

Co-writer: Laura Turner

BFI early development fund / Seahorse Films

Director, Co-writer

#### JUST CHARLIE

Feature film

Released 2017

*Winner: Best Film, Cannes Ecrans Juniors*

*Winner: Audience Award, Edinburgh International Film Fest*

*Winner: Audience Award, CineHomo*

*Winner: Audience Award, Univercine Britannique*

*Winner: Audience Award, Film Fest Ostende*

*Winner: Youth Award, Schlingel Youth Film Fest*

*Winner: Audience Award, Mamers en Mars*

*Winner: Best Film for Youth, Zlin Film Fest*

*Winner: Europe Generation, Seville Film Fest*

*Winner: Audience Award, Univercine Nantes*

*Winner: Audience Award, Valladolid Cine Homo*

*Winner: Audience Award, Cinepride France*

*Nominated: Best Film, Cairo International Film Festival*

*Nominated: Best Film, Guadalajara Film Fest*

Seahorse Films

Director

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#### Festival Selections:

Film Out San Diego USA, Frameline San Francisco USA, Shanghai IFF CHINA, Torino FF ITALY, Bologne Gender Bender, IFF ITALY, Taiwan Queer IFF, Zagreb FF CROATIA, Inverness FF UK, Cork FF EIRE, Festival Piccolo Grande Cinema ITALY, Ljubljana FF SLOVENIA, Noordljjik FF NETHERLANDS, Ale Kino POLAND, Festival de Cine Social de Catalunya SPAIN, Kristiansand FF NORWAY, Buster Copenhagen DENMARK

#### Television

##### BARREN

Original series in development  
Co-creator: Dan Shaw  
Exec: Alice Lusher

leie Productions  
Co-creator

#### Short film

##### BEBE AI

Short film

Completed 2021

Writer: Alexandra Wain

*Selected for Oska Bright Film Festival 2022 (BAFTA Qualifying)*

*Selected for Cinequest Film Festival (Oscar Qualifying)*

*Selected for Superfest, San Francisco (Oscar Qualifying)*

*Selected for Phoenix Sci-Fi Film Festival*

*Selected for Miami Sci-Fi Film Festival*

*Selected for London Sci-Fi Film Festival*

*Selected for FilmQuest Festival*

*Winner: Jury's Certificate of Excellence, Boston Sci-Fi Film Festival*

*Winner: Best Sci-fi Drama, Rhode Island Film Festival (BAFTA and Oscar Qualifying)*

*Screening at BFI Southbank as part of 225 Film Club, celebrating female directing excellence*

*Winner: 225 Film Club competition 2022*

One People Pictures  
Director, Story by

##### HER MAJESTY

Short film

Completed 2021

*Official Selection: LA Shorts Fest (Oscar Qualifying)*

*Selected for Norwich Film Festival (BAFTA Qualifying)*

*Selected for San Diego Film Festival*

*Official Selection Kingston International Film Festival*

*Nominated for 7 Midlands Movie Awards including Best Short and Best Director*

*Nominated for Best Drama at Women Over 50 Film Festival*

*Nominated for Best Drama at San Diego Film Festival*

*Winner: Best Film and Best Director at Lee Strasbourg Film Festival, New York*

*Winner: Audience Award, HollyShorts Film Festival 2022*

*Winner: Best Drama, New Renaissance Film Festival 2022*

*Screened at BFI London Film Festival 2022 (BAFTA qualifying)*

Corbett Productions  
Director

##### PAS DE DEUX

Short film

Completed 2020

*Selected for Norwich Film Festival (BAFTA Qualifying)*

*Selected for Leeds Film Festival (Oscar and BAFTA Qualifying)*

*Selected for Oska Bright Film Festival 2022 (BAFTA Qualifying)*

*Selected for Superfest, San Francisco (Oscar Qualifying)*

One People Pictures  
Director

##### PENNYWORT

Short film

Completed 2020

Writer: Laura Turner

*Winner: Best Film, VisAbility Film Festival*

*Nominated: Best Director, Midlands Movie Awards*

*Nominated: Best Short Film, Midlands Movie Awards*

*Selected for Bolton Film Festival (BAFTA Qualifying)*

*Selected for Oska Bright Film Festival 2022 (BAFTA Qualifying)*

BFI / Lost Eye Films  
Director

SQUIDGE  
Short film

Lumino Films  
Director

SEX LOVE OTHER  
Short film

Armchair Productions  
Director, co-producer

SOMETHING BLUE  
Short film

Seahorse Films  
Director

### Theatre

THE TEMPEST  
Tour

Total Arts Theatre / Royal Shakespeare Company  
Director

OTHELLO

Riverside Studios  
Director

MOLL FLANDERS

Southwark Playhouse  
Director

AN IDEAL HUSBAND

Courtyard Theatre  
Director

THE PROVOKED WIFE

Courtyard Theatre  
Director

BROKEN BLOSSOMS

Edinburgh Festival & National Tour  
Director

BIG BOYS DON'T CRY

National Tour  
Director

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

Brewhouse Theatre & National Tour  
Director

COMEDY OF ERRORS

National Tour  
Director

### Other Awards, Achievements and Labs:

Screen Yorkshire FLEX scheme participant 2022  
Breaking Through the Lens 2022  
Edinburgh International Film Festival Talent Lab 2021  
Berlinale VFF Award Nominee  
MA Classical Acting, BA Acting  
BFI Regional Producers Course  
Intensive distribution and marketing menteeship with We Are the Tonic  
Panel host/guest at EIFF, Glasgow Film Festival/Seville Film Festival/Dublin Film festival plus many others  
BAFTA Crew  
Mentor for BFI  
Member Directors UK/Member of Directors UK inclusivity committee  
Selected for Directors UK Inspire 2020