

Sam Leifer

Writer/Director/Producer



Film & Television

- 2023 DINNER WITH THE PARENTS
Director
US remake of UK series 'Friday Night Dinner'
Big Talk/ CBS/ Amazon Freevee
- EXTRAORDINARY SERIES 2
Co-Executive Producer
Original series created by Emma Moran
Sid Gentle/Disney +
- 10 MEALS WITH MANDY MOON
Writer & Director
Original feature in development with Rise Films/Endor Productions
Developed with the BFI
- 2022 PLEBS: SOLDIERS OF ROME
Creator/Co-Writer/Director
90 min feature-length special
Rise Films/ITV2
Launched ITVX in December 2022
Nominated, Best Writer – Comedy, RTS Awards 2023
- EXTRAORDINARY
Co-Executive Producer
Original series created by Emma Moran
Sid Gentle/Disney +
- LAUNDERETTE
Director/ Producer
Pilot written by and starring Laura Smyth
Rise Films/ BBC
- 2021 TEN PERCENT
Director, 2 episodes
UK adaptation of French series 'Call My Agent'
Bron Studios/Headline/Amazon
- 2020 WINNING
Director
Pilot written by Sindhu Vee & Monica Heisey
Rough Cut/Channel 4
- HUNTING & GATHERING
Producer/Creator/Co-Writer with Tom Basden
Original 30 min comedy series
Rise Films/ITV1
- 2012-19 PLEBS (Series 1-5)
Creator/Co-Writer (with Tom Basden)/Director
Original 30 min comedy series
Rise Films/ITV2
Nominated Best Writing, Comedy, BAFTA 2020
Nominated, Rose D'or Awards for Best Comedy Drama and Sitcom 2019
Nominated, Best TV Situation Comedy, Writer's Guild of Great Britain Awards 2017
Winner, Scripted Programme, Broadcast Digital Awards 2013

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Winner, Best New Comedy Programme, British Comedy Awards 2013
Nominated for Best Comedy Programme, Best Original Programme & Best Multichannel Programme, Broadcast Awards 2014
Nominated, Best Writer, Comedy, RTS Awards 2013
Winner, Best Scripted Comedy, RTS Awards 2013
Nominated, Breakthrough Talent, BAFTA Television Craft Awards 2014
Nominated, Best Writer - Comedy, RTS Awards 2014
Nominated, Best Multichannel Programme, Broadcast Awards 2016
'Bursts with originality' Time Out
'The Roman Empire provides a rich vein of humour, which Basden and Leifer mine mercilessly.' The Times

DEAD HENRY

Co-Writer with Ben Turner
US animation pilot
Executive Producer, with Ben Turner and James Corden
Rise Films/Fullwell 73/CBS/Fox

2018-19

WHEN IN ROME

Creator/Co-Writer with Tom Basden
US adaptation of PLEBS
Exec Producers: Seth Rogen, Evan Goldberg
Point Grey/Rise Films /Amazon Studios

2016

GAP YEAR

Co-Writer (with Tom Basden) of one episode of 45' comedy/drama series
Eleven Film/E4/TNT, created by Tom Basden

2011

HOW NOT TO LIVE YOUR LIFE XMAS SPECIAL

Directed 60 min one off starring Dan Clark
Brown Eyed Boy/BBC3

SECOND WIND

Original 30 min comedy series developed with Benderspink/CBS
Co-written with Dean Craig

2010

HOW NOT TO LIVE YOUR LIFE

Directed 7 x 30 min comedy series starring Dan Clark
Brown Eyed Boy/BBC3

THE HONEYMOON SUITE

Director/Co-Producer, short film
Produced by Teddy Leifer, starring Tim Key & Lola Zidi

REGINALD D HUNTER ONLINE

Directed series of online episodes starring Reginald D Hunter
Angel Eye Media/BBC Comedy Extra

ME & MY MONSTERS

Co-writer (with Tom Basden) of two episodes of animated family comedy series
Produced by Tiger Aspect/Hensons for BBC, ZDF, Network Ten & Nickelodeon Australia

2009

MISFITS

Co-writer (with Ben Edwards) of online content
Quite Funny Films/E4, series created by Howard Overman

BARRY

Co-writer with Leigh Francis
Pilot script for John Noel Productions/Baby Cow/ITV

FRESH!

Script Consultant
7 x 30' comedy series with Greenroom/BBC3 Producer: Simon Maxwell, Writer: Dean Craig

2008/9

BRAVE YOUNG MEN

Creator/Writer/Director (co-writer Tom Basden)
Pilot starring Marc Wootton & Tom Basden for Baby Cow/BBC3
Producer: Teddy Leifer, Exec Producer: Henry Normal

- 2008 MOVING WALLPAPER
Wrote 30' episode for second series of Kudos/ITV comedy
TX March 2009
- 2007 WHERE ARE THE JONESES?
Co-writer/Director, interactive online 86-day comedy for Ford
Producers: Baby Cow/Imagination
'Better than any current TV sit-com' The Guardian
Winner, OMMA Award for 'Best Video Campaign'
Winner, IVCA Award for 'Best External Interactive Media'
- 2006 STUCK
Director
Half-hour comedy for Baby Cow/BBC4
Writer: Mark Warren, Producer: Ali MacPhail, Exec. Producer: Henry Normal
'.. smart direction... Expect good things from all concerned' The Telegraph
- THE 10TH MAN
Writer/Director, short film
Baby Cow Films, Producer: Teddy Leifer,
Exec Producers: Steve Coogan & Henry Normal
Starring: Warren Mitchell, Andrew Sachs & Steven Berkoff
Nominated, Best Short Film, BIFAs 2006
- 2005 THE UNSTEADY CHOUGH
Director, short film
Written by and starring Terry Jones
Premiered at Edinburgh International Film Festival
Finalist, BBC Talent & VUE Animation Awards

Theatre

Sam began his career as Assistant Director at Hampstead Theatre & Oxford Stage Company, going on to win the Ian Ritchie Award for Young Theatre Directors in 2005 with his production of *The Suppliants* by Aeschylus at the BAC.

Commercials

Sam's previous commercial campaigns include Maltesers, VW, McCains, The Biography Chanel, Nivea Deodorant and Emirates.