

# Lenny Abrahamson

Director



## In development

### A MAN'S WORLD

Director, co-writer and producer

Feature adaptation of book of the same name by Donald McRae

Co-writer Jon Raymond

Producer: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures and Film4

### NEVERHOME

Feature adaptation of Laird Hunt's novel

Writer: Lucy Kirkwood

Producers: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures and Film4

### LOWLIVES

TV adaptation of Antony Trollope's novel

Writer: Duncan Macmillan

Producers: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures for BBC NI

### INTO THAT DARKNESS

Feature adaptation of Gitta Sereny's book of same name by Enda Walsh

Producer: Ed Guiney for Element Pictures/ Film4

### US

Original feature

Writer: Mark O'Halloran

Producer: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures

## Produced Films and Television

### CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS

TV adaptation of Sally Rooney's novel

Writer: Sally Rooney, Alice Birch, Mark O'Halloran

Producers: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures for BBC/Hulu

Released May 2022

*Nominated for 7 IFTAs including Best Drama and Best Director - Drama*

### NORMAL PEOPLE

Television adaptation of Sally Rooney's novel

Writer: Sally Rooney, Alice Birch

Producer: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures for BBC Three

Released April 2020

*IFTA Award for Best Drama and Best Director - Drama*

*Nominated for 4 Primetime Emmys including Outstanding Directing for a Limited Series*

*Nominated for Golden Globe for Best Television Limited Series*

*Nominated for Critics Choice Award for Best Limited Series*

*Nominated for BAFTA TV Craft for Director: Fiction*

*Nominated for BAFTA TV Award for Mini-Series*

### THE LITTLE STRANGER

Feature adaptation of Sarah Waters novel

Writer: Lucinda Coxon

Producers: Andrea Calderwood & Gail Egan, Ed Guiney and Film4

Cast: Domhnall Gleeson, Charlotte Rampling, Will Poulter, Ruth Wilson

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## ROOM

Director

Adaptation of novel of same name

Writer: Emma Donoghue

Producer: Ed Guiney / Element Pictures, David Gross/ No Trace Camping for Film4

Talent: Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay, William H. Macy & Joan Allen

Released US September 2015

*People's Choice Award, Toronto Int'l Film Festival 2015*

*Won Festival Award, Twin Cities Film Festival 2015*

*Most Popular Canadian Film, Vancouver Film Festival 2015*

*Won Audience Award, Warsaw Int'l Film Festival*

*Best Feature, Canadian Screen Awards 2016*

*Best Director, Canadian Screen Awards 2016*

*Best International Independent Film, British Independent Film Awards 2015*

*Nominated Best Film, Academy Awards 2016*

*Nominated Best Director, Academy Awards 2016*

*Nominated Best Director, Canadian Screen Awards 2016*

*Nominated Best Film BFI London Film Festival 2015*

*Nominated Best Director, Irish Film & Television Awards 2016*

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## CHANCE

Pilot director, 20 episode order

Adaptation of Kem Nunn's novel of the same name

Showrunner: Alexandra Cunningham

Producer: Michael London for Fox 21 Studios and Hulu

Talent: Hugh Laurie

Released on Hulu 19 Oct 2016

## 2014 FRANK

Original feature

Producers: David Barron, Ed Guiney/ Element Pictures & Stevie Lee for Film 4

Writers: Jon Ronson & Peter Straughan

Talent: Michael Fassbender, Domhnall Gleeson & Maggie Gyllenhaal

Released in UK & Ireland 9 May 2014

*Best Director Irish Film & Television Awards 2015*

*Nominated Best Film British Independent Film Awards 2014*

*Nominated Audience Award SXSW 2014*

## 2012 WHAT RICHARD DID

Feature adaptation of 'Bad Day in Blackrock' by Kevin Power

Producers: Element Pictures/ IFB

Writer: Malcolm Campbell

Premiered at TIFF 2012

*Best Director Irish Film & Television Awards 2013*

*Best Film, Irish Film & Television Awards 2013*

*Won Golden Tulip, Istanbul 2013*

## 2007 GARAGE

Original feature

Producer: Element Pictures for Film 4/ IFB

Writer: Mark O'Halloran

*Featured in Director's Fortnight at Cannes Film festival 2007*

*Best Feature Award at IFTAs (Irish Film & TV Awards) 2008*

*Best Director Ward at IFTAs 2008*

*Won the CICA Art Cinema Prize, Director's Fortnight Cannes 2007*

*Winner of the top prize at Turin Film Festival, 2007*

2007 PROSPERITY  
4 x 1 hour drama  
Producer: Element Pictures/ RTE  
Writer: Mark O'Halloran  
*Won Best Director for TV at IFTAs 2008*

2004 ADAM & PAUL  
Original feature  
Producer: Speers Film/ Element Pictures  
Writer: Mark O'Halloran  
Released in 2005 by Guerrilla Films  
*Won the Best First Feature award at 2004 Galway Film Fleadh*  
*Won the Best Director award at the 2005 Irish Film and Television Awards*  
*Won FIPRESCI Prize at 2005 Sofia International Film Festival*  
*Won Grand Prix at 2005 Sofia International Film Festival*  
*Selected in the Panorama section of the 2005 Berlin Film Festival*  
*Nominated for Best Irish Films at 2005 Irish Film & Television Awards*  
*Nominated for Golden Iris at 2005 Brussels European Film Festival*

3 JOES  
16mm short film  
*Won the Best European Short Film award at the Cork Film Festival, the Audience Award at the Galway Film Fleadh and the Organiser's Award at the Oberhausen Short Film*

Lenny Abrahamson was born in Dublin in 1966. He studied physics followed by philosophy at Trinity College, Dublin where he won a foundation scholarship. While at university he directed short videos with the Trinity Video Society which he co-founded with Ed Guiney. He graduated in 1991 with starred first class honours (gold medal).

After a period of post-graduate study in philosophy at Stanford University in California he returned home. Since then he has directed commercials for television in Ireland, the UK and worldwide. Several of his commercials have won international awards. Brands he has directed for include Carlsberg, Guinness, MasterCard, Playstation, Wrigley as well as several banks and phone companies.