

## Peter Lydon

Director

Peter Lydon is a highly experienced director who successfully moves between high-profile TV drama and commercials, establishing a reputation for working well with big names including Al Pacino, Michael Caine, Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders and Benedict Cumberbatch. Peter's latest short film, Dating Eliza, won multiple awards including Best Short, Best Ensemble and Audience Award at the LA Comedy Festival; Best Short and Best Writer at the Kinsale Shark; and Best Comedy Short at the Corona Fastnet Short Fest.

### Drama and Short Film:

2018	<p>BEECHAM HOUSE Bend It TV/Fremantle for ITV1 Created by Gurinder Chadha Writers: Gurinder Chadha, Paul Mayeda Berges, Shahrukh Husain and Victor Levin Producer: Caroline Levy</p>
2014	<p>DATING ELIZA <i>LA Comedy Festival Best Short Film/Best Ensemble/Audience Award</i> <i>Corona Fastnet Best Comedy Short</i> <i>Kinsale Sharks - Best Short/Best Writer</i> <i>Bermuda Film Festival - Audience Award</i> <i>Raindance - Best UK Short Nominee</i></p>
2013	<p>POIROT – THE BIG FOUR ITV Adapted by Mark Gattis. One of 5 Poirot films that brought the series to an end after 25 years.</p>
2009	<p>GARROW'S LAW (S1, Eps 1-4) BBC1 Series One about pioneering 18<sup>th</sup> Century barrister William Garrow. <i>RTS Award</i></p>
2008	<p>SECRET DIARY OF A CALL GIRL (S2, Eps 6 – 8) ITV</p>
2008	<p>FAIRY TALES – CINDERELLA BBC1 A modern interpretation of the old fairy tale starring Jimmie Nesbit and Maxine Peake. <i>"A genuinely funny love story." - Heat</i></p>
2006	<p>AFTERSUN BBC1 Written by David Nicholls. A bitter sweet comedy set in Spain and starring Peter Capaldi and Sarah Parish.</p>
2005	<p>VINCENT (S1, Eps 1 &amp; 2) ITV 2 x 90 min pilot episodes starring Ray Winstone as a private detective. <i>International Emmy Nomination - Best Series. Int Emmy Award - Best Actor</i></p>

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2005	SHAMELESS (S2, Eps 2 & 3) C4
2004	ISLAND AT WAR ITV 6 part series about the Nazi Occupation of the Channel Islands.
2003	MURPHY'S LAW BBC1 2 x 90min episodes about an undercover cop played by Jimmie Nesbitt.
2003	THE SILENT TREATMENT BBC 1 BBC Sort Film series called Getting Even. Starring Marc Warren. <i>Manhattan Short Film Fest Best Screenplay</i> <i>New Producers Alliance Best Short Film</i> <i>St Louis Best International Short Film</i> <i>Kodak Showcase</i> <i>Paramount Comedy Shorts Nominee</i> <i>Festivals: London/ Aspen/ Dresden</i>
2001	TEACHERS (S2, Eps 1 & 2) Comedy series starring Andrew Lincoln.
2001	DUMPING ELAINE BBC Part of BBC Short Film Series, 'Ways To Leave Your Lover'. Starring Susan Lynch. <i>"Delicious" - Evening Standard</i> <i>Edinburgh Film Festival</i> <i>Soho Shorts Film Festival</i> <i>Dresden/ Aspen/ York Best Short</i>
2001	THE RESIDENTS BBC2

#### Documentaries:

2000	GREY FALCON BBC2 A journey through post-war Bosnia, with award winning war correspondent Janine Di Giovanni.
2000	SCANDAL IN THE BINS C4 The story of Benjamin Pell who sold confidential documents to Fleet St., stolen from the dustbins of high profile lawyers.
1995	CLEAR COOL CRYSTAL STREAMS ITV A South Bank Show about the roots of contemporary Irish music Van Morrison, Sinéad O'Connor, Bono and Bob Geldof, Shane MacGowan. <i>Golden Rose of Montreux runner up '91</i>
1991-1995	THE PETER SELLERS STORY (A TRILOGY) BBC2 3x 1hr programmes for BBC ARENA tracing the life of one of our greatest comic actors. <i>"Dazzling... it worked superbly on many levels, biographical, historical, psychological" - Evening Standard</i>  <i>BAFTA &amp; RTS Nominations Houston Worldfest Silver Award</i> <i>Charleston Film Festival Gold Award Chicago TV Festival Gold Award</i>

- 1993      FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AND THE SECRET LIFE OF A MUSEUM  
 ITV  
 A South Bank Show about Wright's 20 year struggle to add his controversial building to the New York skyline.  
*"Highly Entertaining" – New York Times*  
*Montreal Festival Du Film Sur L'Art Award*
- 1993      HANDLE WITH CARE  
 BBC2  
 Tracing the changing ownership of Titian's Rape of Europa from 16<sup>th</sup> Century Venice to 20<sup>th</sup> Century America.  
*"An elegantly made film... riveting from start to finish." – The Daily Telegraph*
- 1993      A STAND UP LIFE  
 BBC2  
 Rookie comic, Al Lubel, prepares for his first appearance on the Johnny Carson Show, with words of wisdom from from Bob Hope, Joan Rivers, Mort Sahl, and Jerry Seinfeld.  
*"A fascinating document of American stand-up culture." – Time Out*
- 1991      CAROLINE 199: A PIRATE'S TALE  
 BBC2  
 For Arena, the story of the world's most famous pirate radio station.  
*"Lydon's film blends the nostalgic and the analytical skilfully" The Independent*
- ABSURDIAN  
 BBC2  
 A film about the bittersweet absurdities of life in Communist Czechoslovakia.  
*"A superb documentary" – Independent On Sunday*  
*BFI/Grierson Award Documentary of the Year Prix Italia Nominee*

### Commercials:

Peter Lydon has directed spots for among others Orange, Friends of The Earth, FCUK and IKEA, SKY Knorr, AXA, Carlsberg, Samsung, M

UK: MindsEye  
 US: Pulse and Merman  
 Canada: Wilfrid Park