

Ben Chessell

Writer/Director

After studying Ecology and Medieval History at Melbourne University, Ben Chessell graduated from Victorian College of the Arts in 2001. His highly acclaimed graduation film, *THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD* was released theatrically with *ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS* by Palace Films. It was a finalist at the 2002 Dendy Awards, was nominated for an AFI award and won Best Short Film at the Australian Circle of Film Critics, as well as screening at over twenty film festivals.



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Credits

In Development

| Production | Company | Notes |
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| DIRTY OLD TOWN | Producer: Tait Brady | Writer/Director Feature Film |
| THE CENTURY | Headstrong | Writer Television Series |
| JERUSALEM | | Writer Television Series |
| WRITING RAIN | Producer: Louise Smith | Writer/Director Produced by Louise Smith Feature Film * Winner Australian Writer's Guild, Best Unproduced Screenplay, 2009 |

Television

| Production | Company | Notes |
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| THE GREAT 2020 | MRC Studios | Director. 2 episodes. |
| GIRI HAJI 2019 | Sister Pictures / BBC One / Netflix | Director. |
| THE FAMILY LAW 2017 | Matchbox Pictures / SBS | Director. 10 episodes. |
| DOCTOR DOCTOR 2017 - 2018 | Easy Tiger Productions | Director. Eps 209, 210, 309, 310. |
| OFFSPRING 2017 | Southern Star / Network Ten | Director 60min comedy/drama (episodes 705 and 706) |
| CAMP 2013 | Matchbox, Berman Braun, NBC Universal | Director (episodes 104 and 105) |
| OFFSPRING 2013 | John Edwards & Imogen Banks. Southern Star / Network Ten | 60min comedy/drama Director (episodes 406 and 407) |
| OFFSPRING 2012 | Producers: John Edwards & Imogen Banks. Southern Star / Network Ten | 60min comedy/drama Director (episodes 310 and 311) Writer (Episode 308) |
| RUSH 2011 | Producers: John Edwards & Mimi Butler. Southern Star / Network Ten | 45min police drama Director (episodes 405 and 411) Writer (episode 404) |
| RESCUE SPECIAL OPS 2010 | Producer: Sarah Smith & Julie McGauran. Southern Star / Channel Nine | Director (episodes 311 and 312) |
| RUSH 2010 | Producers: John Edwards & Mimi Butler. Southern Star / Network Ten | Director (episodes 307 and 322) |
| DANCE ACADEMY 2009 | Producer: Joanna Werner. ACTF / ABC TV | Director (episodes 121 and 122) |
| ELEPHANT PRINCESS (Series) 2007 | Prod: Jonathan M Shiff. ACTF and Network Ten | Director's Attachment with Roger Hodgman |
| MARX AND VENUS - THE COUNCIL 2007 | SBS Television | Writer (episode 110) |

Film

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| SUCKER 2015 | Producer: Jason Byrne & Robyn Kershaw | Director and Co-Writer (with Lawrence Leung) Feature Film * Nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay at the Australian Writers Guild Awards |
| LITTLE DEATHS 2008 | | Director (segment "Good Vibrations"). 35mm, 80mins Produced by Jason Byrne * Winner Digi SPAA award, 2008 |
| THE HEARTBREAK TOUR 2005 | SBSi/Australian Film Commission | Short Feature Writer/Director 35mm/HD, 52 mins * Shortlisted for the Melbourne Prize for Literature Writing Award, 2006 |

Short Films

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| A FAMILIAR LULLABY 2004 | Kulturregion Hannover / Nordmedia | Director 35mm, 15mins Writed by Lally Katz |
| AFTERTHOUGHT 2002 | | Writer/Director 35mm, 2mins |
| HEARTWORM 2003 | Australian Film Commission | Writer/Director. Produced by Joanna Werner * Screened as part of Accelerator Program at Melbourne International Film Festival, 2004 * Screened at Los Angeles Short Film Festival, 2004 * Screened at Austin Film Festival, 2004 * Screened at Exground Film Festival, Germany, 2005 * Screened at Flickerfest, Sydney, 2005 * Screened at Shorts Film Festival, Adelaide, 2005 * Screened at Prague Short Film Festival, 2005 |
| IS GOD A DJ? 2001 | | Writer/Director Betacam, 5mins. * Screened at Commonwealth Film Festival, Manchester, 2002 * Screened at Jaffas Down the Aisle Film Festival, 2003 |

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| LOOKER 2001 | | Writer/Director 16mm, 1 min * Screened at Commonwealth Film Festival, Manchester, 2002 * Screened at Jaffas Down the Aisle Film Festival, 2003 |
| THE ONLY PERSON IN THE WORLD 2001 | | Writer/Director 16mm, 13mins Distributed in Australia and New Zealand Cinemas with Italian for Beginners by Palace Films * Winner Best Short Film at Australian Circle of Film Critics, 2002 * Finalist - Dendy Awards at Sydney Film Festival, 2002 * Screened at Telluride Film Festival, Film Makers of Tomorrow, 2002 * Screened at St. Tropez Film Festival, 2002 * Screened at Ghent Film Festival, Belgium, 2002 * Screened at Hawaii International Film Festival, 2002 * Winner Jury Prize at Exposures Film Festival, 2002 * Screened at Flickerfest, Sydney, 2003 * Screened at St. Kilda Film Festival, 2003 |