

Al Mackay

Writer/ Director

Al Mackay is a director known for bold, character-driven storytelling across some of the UK's most acclaimed contemporary dramas. He is currently directing all five parts of **THE CAGE** for BBC One, starring Sheridan Smith and Michael Socha.



His recent work includes all six episodes of **KIDNAPPED** for BBC Studios and all four parts of **WITHOUT SIN** for Left Bank/ITV, starring Vicky McClure and Johnny Harris. Without Sin was named by The New York Times as one of the Best Shows of 2024.

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Credits

Television

Production	Company	Notes
THE CAGE 2025	BBC 1	Director In Production Starring: Sheridan Smith and Michael Socha Writer: Tony Schumacher Executive Producers: Christopher Aird, Ed Guiney, Andrew Lowe, Hilary Martin, Lucy Richer Producer: Claire Shepherd

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KIDNAPPED 2023 - 2024	BBC	Director and Executive Producer. Writer: Georgia Lester. Producer: Clare Shepherd. Executive Producers: Andrew Morrisey, Michael Parkes and Lucy Richer Starring: Adrian Edmondson, Nigel Lindsay and Robert Glenister.
WITHOUT SIN 2022	Left Bank/ITV	Director all four parts. Writer: Frances Poletti Producer: Guy Hescott Executive Producers: Sian McWilliams and Andy Harries Starring: Vicky McClure *Nominated for Best Actress (Vicky McClure) at the BAFTA Awards, 2023. New York Times - Best Shows of 2024
COBRA 2 2020	New Pictures/Sky	Lead Director, 3 Episodes. Producer: Joe Donaldson Writers: Ben Richards and Toby Finlay Executive Producer: Charlie Pattison.
COBRA 2019	New Pictures/Sky	Director, 3 episodes. Writer: Ben Richards. Producer: Joe Donaldson. Executive Producer: Charlie Pattinson Starring: Starring Robert Carlyle, Victoria Hamilton, David Haig.
DEEP WATER 2018	Kudos/ ITV	Director, 2 episodes. Writer: Anna Symon. Producer: Rebecca Hodgson. Executive Producers: Karen Wilson and Diederick Santer. Starring: Anna Friel
HUMANS 3 2017	Kudos/AMC/C4	Director, 2 episodes. Writers: Debbie O'Malley (episode 3), Namsi Kahn (episode 4). Producer: Vicki Delow. Executive Producer: Emma Kingsman-Lloyd. Starring: Gemma Chan and Katherine Parkinson
CRAZYHEAD 2016	Urban Myth/ E4/ Netflix	New series. Lead Director. Writer: Howard Overman. Producer: Gareth Williams Executive Producer: Julian Murphy. * Nominated for Best Director at the Royal Television Society Awards, 2017.

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BANANA 2014	Red Productions/ E4	Director, 2 episodes, including series finale. Writer: Russell T Davies. Producer: Emily Feller. Executive Producers: Nicola Shindler, Russell T Davies.

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
THE LIE	Rough Cut TV	Co created with Simon Hewitt.
THE SURGEON	Rough Cut TV	Co-created with Simon Hewitt.

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
HIT AND RUN 2010	Steel Mill Pictures/ Elephant Gun Films, EM Mediampany	Writer and Director.
THE GOOD MEN OF LEICESTER 2010	Steel Mill Pictures/ Quad Shorts/ EM Media	Writer and Director.
BALE 2009	Wellington Films/ Elephant Gun Films/ UK Film Council	Writer and Director.

Online

Production	Company	Notes
MY JIHAD 2015	BBC	4-part web series spin-off of the iPlayer short. Writer: Shakeel Ahmed. Producer: Madeleine Sinclair. Exec Producer: Hilary Salmon. *Nominated, Best Digital Fiction Series, Rockie Awards, 2016.
MY JIHAD 2013	BBC	Short film for the BBC's iPlayer. Writer: Shakeel Ahmed. Producer: Claire Bennett. Exec Producer: Hilary Salmon.

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MISFITS ONLINE 2011	Clerkenwell Films/ C4	Director. Producers: Chloe Moss, Matt Jarvis. * Nominated for New Media Award, TV BAFTAs, 2012. * Nominated for Digital Creativity Award, BAFTA Craft, 2012.

Commercials

Production	Company	Notes
TFL - Project Guardian	Tomboy Films/ M&C Saatchi	Director. Producer: Barney Spurrier.
TEMPO - Merci Mission	B - Reel/ Publicis	Director. Producer: Giles Maunsell.

Other

Production	Company	Notes
THIS IS ENGLAND 2005	Warp Films	Feature Film. EPK Operator. Director: Shane Meadows.