

Paddy Breathnach

Director

Paddy Breathnach started his directing career making natural history documentaries. His first feature, AILSA, won the Award for Best First Feature at the San Sebastian Film Festival. His second feature I WENT DOWN (BBC Films) starring Brendan Gleeson, won the New Directors prize at the San Sebastian Film Festival 1997. I WENT DOWN screened at Sundance in 1998 and won the Best Director award at both Thessaloniki and Bogota Film Festivals.



He went on to direct BLOW DRY, MAN ABOUT DOG, SHROOMS and RED MIST. In 2015 his Spanish language film VIVA premiered at Telluride Film Festival was short-listed for the 2016 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. His latest film, ROSIE, premiered at the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival and was released in the UK in March 2019 to excellent reviews. ROSIE was nominated for Best Film and Paddy won Best Director at the IFTAs 2020.

He's a board member of The Screen Director's Guild of Ireland.

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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
THE DRY 2022	Element Pictures	Element is producing the six-part comedy-drama with Fís Eireann/Screen Ireland and ITV Studios, in partnership with RTÉ. Starring Roisin Gallagher and Ciarán Hinds.

Film

Production	Company	Notes
ROSIE 2019	Element Pictures/IFB	Written by Roddy Doyle. Rosie had its World Premiere at the 2018 Toronto International Film Festival
VIVA 2015	Treasure Entertainment	Written by Mark O'Halloran, VIVA Premiered at Telluride Film Festival 2015 and screened at the Busan Film Festival 2015 as part of EFP's Opening Doors section. VIVA also exhibited in the Official Selection of the 2016 Palm Springs Film Festival and in the Closing Gala of the Dublin International Film Festival. The film won the Dublin Film Critics Circle Award for Best Irish Film
FREAKDOG 2008	Generator Entertainment	Written by Spence Wright. Winner Best Horror Queens Film Festival
SHROOMS 2007	Capitol Films and Ingenious Film Partners	Written by Pearse Elliott. Nominated Best Film and Best Director IFTA Awards
MAN ABOUT DOG 2004	Irish Film Board and Potboiler Productions	Written by Pearse Elliott. Nominated for 10 IFTA Awards including Best Director
BLOW DRY 2001	Intermedia Films and Mirage Enterprises	Written by Simon Beaufoy. With Alan Rickman, Josh Hartnett and Bill Nighy
I WENT DOWN 1997	BBC	Written by Conor McPherson. Winner AIFF Special Award San Antonio American Independent Film Festival. Winner Best New Director San Sebastián International Film Festival. With David Wilmot and Brendan Gleeson
Ailsa 1994	Temple Films	Written by Joe O'Connor. Winner Best New Director San Sebastián International Film Festival. Nominated Bronze Horse Stockholm Film Festival. With Brendan Coyle

Television

Production	Company	Notes
VIKINGS (Season 6) 2020	World 2000 / Take 5 Productions	Episodes 16 & 17

Documentaries

Production	Company	Notes
The Night My Father was Conceived 2012	Tocht films	