

Zara Hayes

Writer / Director

Zara has just completed directing CAPTIVE, a new documentary project for Netflix which investigates the world of hostage taking. CAPTIVE is a co-production between Lightbox and Hypnotic, and is executive produced by Simon Chinn (MAN ON WIRE, SEARCHING FOR SUGARMAN) and Doug Liman (THE BOURNE IDENTITY, EDGE OF TOMORROW).

She is currently in pre-production on her debut narrative feature POMS, the story of a senior citizen cheerleading team formed within a retirement community. POMS is a co-production between Rose Pictures and Mad as Birds in partnership with Sierra / Affinity.



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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
THE KILLING KIND 2023	Eleventh Hour Films / Paramount +	Lead Director and Co-Writer of 5 out of 6 episodes. Based on the novel by Jane Casey Starring: Colin Morgan and Emma Appleton
TOXIC 2022	Picture Films	As Writer / Director

Production	Company	Notes
UPHILL 2022	Ventureland	As Director Feature Documentary John Battsek Producer

Television

Production	Company	Notes
SHOWTRIAL 2021	World Productions / BBC	As Director 5x episodes (full series)

Film

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POMS 2019	Rose Films / Mad as Birds / Sierra Affinity	As Director Feature Story By; Zara Hayes and Shane Atkinson Screenplay: Shane Atkinson Prods: Andy Evans, Celyn Jones, Rose Ganguzza, Kelly McCormick, Ade Shannon Starring Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Pam Grier, Rhea Perlman

Documentaries

Production	Company	Notes
DIAN FOSSEY: SECRETS IN THE MIST 2017	Tigress Productions / National Geographic	As Writer/Director Exec Prods: Sigourney Weaver, James Marsh, Dick Colthurst
CAPTIVE 2016	Lightbox / Hypnotic / Netflix	Documentary Series x 1 Episode As Director
WHAT DO ARTISTS DO ALL DAY? 2015	Peek Films / BBC	TV Documentary Series x 1 Episode ("Derek Boshier") As Director/Producer
CLOTHES TO DIE FOR 2014	Quicksilver Media / BBC	TV Documentary As Director
TRUE STORIES: TWELVE YEAR LIFER 2013	C4 / A + E (US)	TV Documentary Series x 1 Episode As Director
BATTLE OF THE SEXES 2013	Goldcrest Capital / Media Square Films / New Black Films	Feature Documentary Co-Director with James Erskine

Production	Company	Notes
WONDERLAND 2011	BBC	TV Documentary Series x 1 Episode ("Travels with My Family") As Director/Producer
WHEN BORIS MET DAVE 2009	Blink Films / C4	TV Documentary As Associate Producer

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
THE SEVEN AGES OF LOVE 2009	KEO Films	Documentary Short As Director