

Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor

Director / Producer

Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor is an award-winning filmmaker and founder of Joi Productions. She produced the box-office hit *Blue Story* (2019) and *Aml Ameen's Boxing Day* (2021), the UK's first all-Black Christmas film, and was named a Screen International Star of Tomorrow and a BAFTA Breakthrough in 2020. Joi Productions also received a BFI Vision Award and later partnered with Ringside Studio. More recently Joy has produced Ashley Walters' debut feature film *Animol* for BFI, F4 and Sky Studios. She's also producing Billy Lumby's debut, *Florid* for BBC Film, along with having projects in development at BFI, BBC Film, F4, Searchlight and MiraMax to name a few.



As a director, Joy's short *For Love* (2021), supported by BBC Film, premiered at the BFI London Film Festival where it was nominated for Best Short, before screening at SXSW, Aspen, Outfest and BlackStar, winning multiple awards.

Her debut feature *Dreamers* (2025) premiered in the Panorama section at the 75th Berlinale, where it was nominated for the Teddy Award, and went on to compete at BFI London Film Festival for the First Features Sutherland Award. The film has since screened internationally at Frameline in San Francisco and GAZE in Dublin, where it won Joint Best Feature Film.

With *Dreamers*, Joy has established herself as a bold new voice in British cinema, crafting intimate, lyrical stories that centre underrepresented voices while reaching audiences worldwide.

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Credits

Film

Production	Company	Notes
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DREAMERS 2025	BBC Film	As Director, Writer & Executive Producer Nominated for the Berlinale Teddy Award for Best Feature
BOXING DAY 2021	Film 4 / BFI	As Producer
BLUE STORY 2019	BBC Film	As Producer

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
FLORID 2026	BBC / Joi Productions	As Producer Dir. Billy Lumby
ANIMOL 2026		As Producer Dir. Ashley Walters, starring Stephen Graham & Tut Nyuot

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
MANGO 2025	Apatan Productions / Disney +	As Executive Producer
FORAGING 2024	Jacobs Morgan Studio	As Executive Producer
FOR LOVE 2021	Joi Productions	As Director & Writer

Television

Production	Company	Notes
CHAMPION 2023	Netflix / BBC	As Producer