

Lee Knight

Writer / Director

Lee is an Oscar-nominated writer/director whose unique work blends sharp wit, emotional bite, and unmistakable authority behind the camera. His debut short film *A Friend of Dorothy*, was nominated for **Best Live Action Short at the 98th Academy Awards (2026)**, marking a rare and explosive arrival for a first-time filmmaker.



Shot over four days in 2025, the film premiered at **London's Raindance Film Festival** before going on to win **twenty-two awards worldwide**, including **Best Directorial Debut at the Heartland International Film Festival**, **Best Director at Cannes Short Film Festival**, **HollyShorts Film Festival**, and the **UK Film Awards**, as well as the **Emerging Talent Grand Prize at the London Renaissance Film Festival**.

Lee made his directorial debut with *A Friend of Dorothy*, which he wrote, directed, and produced through his company **Filthy Gorgeous Productions**. He raised the majority of the funding independently, secured all locations, and wrote the film specifically for **Miriam Margolyes**, who stars alongside **Stephen Fry**. The film is supported by **Age UK** and championed by advocates including **Ian McKellen** and **Jim Broadbent**, with **Stephen Daldry** and **Sonia Friedman OBE** serving as executive producers.

The film's cultural impact has extended beyond the screen. Lee has been **honoured by Attitude Magazine as part of its annual 101 LGBTQ+ Trailblazers list**, a distinction previously awarded to figures such as **Cynthia Erivo** and **Colman Domingo**, recognising his contribution to queer storytelling and representation. The film has also drawn the attention of the **UK Parliament**, which has invited Lee to present the work at a private parliamentary screening.

Lee is currently developing the **feature-length adaptation of *A Friend of Dorothy***, continuing to expand the story's emotional and cultural reach. He is also writing his own television series, *HOMONIOUS*, and is planning to adapt a *Sunday Times* bestselling book based on a true story into a feature film, which he will also direct.

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Credits

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
A FRIEND OF DOROTHY 2026	Filthy Gorgeous Productions	As Writer / Director Nominated for Best Live Action Short at the 98th Academy Awards (2026) Starring Miriam Margolyes & Stephen Fry
