

James Kent

Director

James Kent is a versatile director of television and film, who most recently directed the acclaimed BBC miniseries *Lost Boys & Fairies*, which follows two men confronting their painful pasts as they begin the adoption process. The series was nominated for Best Limited Series at the 2025 BAFTA Television Awards. Further hit television includes episodes of Emmy-nominated *Fellow Travelers* (Showtime), BAFTA-nominated *The Capture* (BBC), *MotherFatherSon* (BBC) and Emmy-nominated *The White Queen* (BBC).

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Credits

Film

Production	Company	Notes
STOLEN GIRL 2024	Ilbe Film/Voltage Pictures	Producers: Frida Torresblanco Starring: Kate Beckinsale, Scott Eastwood
LA VOIX HUMAINE 2022	Trademark Films/ BBC/ Royal Opera House	Producers: David Parfitt, Nikki Weston, Maurice Whitaker Starring: Danielle de Niese
THE AFTERMATH 2019	Scott Free/Fox Searchlight/BBC Films	Producers: Jack Arbuthnott, Ridley Scott, Malte Grunert Starring: Keira Knightley, Alexander Skarsgard, Jason Clarke
TESTAMENT OF YOUTH 2014	Heyday Films	Prods: Rosie Alison, David Heyman Starring Alicia Vikander, Kit Harington, Taron Egerton, Emily Watson, Dominic West, Hayley Atwell and Miranda Richardson

Documentaries

Production	Company	Notes
ONE STRANGE ROCK 2018	Nutopia	Producer: Darren Aronofsky, Starring: Will Smith

Television

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LOST BOYS AND FAIRIES 2023	Duck Soup / BBC	Producers. Adam Knopf, Daf James, Bekki Wray-Rogers, Libby Durdy Starring: Sion Daniel Young, Fra Fee, Maria Kennedy and Elizabeth Berrington *Most nominated project at BAFTA Cymru Awards 2025 (7x nominations including Best Director for James) *Winner, Best Limited Series - Banff Rockie Awards 2025 *Nominated, Best Limited Series - BAFTA Television Awards 2025 *Nominated, Best Casting - BAFTA Television Awards 2025 *Winner, Best European Drama - Festival de la Fiction, La Rochelle 2024 *Winner, Best Drama - Serienecamp 2024
FELLOW TRAVELERS 2022	Showtime	Starring Matt Bomer and Jonathan Bailey. Executive producers Ron Nyswaner, Robbie Rogers and Daniel Minahan.
THE CAPTURE II 2021	Heyday/BBC/NBC	Lead Director. Producers: Rosie Alison, Kristian Dench, Ben Chanan. Starring: Holliday Grainger, Paapa Essiedu, Ron Perlman.
MOTHER FATHER SON 2019	BBC Studios	Lead director. Producers: Hilary Salmon, Lisa Osborne, Alan Poul, Sharon Bloom Starring: Richard Gere, Helen McCrory, Sarah Lancashire, Billy Howle
SPARK 2016	ABC	Pilot Prods: Ian Sander, Kim Moses Starring Lena Olin, Rege-Gene Page, Tracy Ifeachor
AMERICAN CRIME II 2015	ABC	Prods: John Ridley, Michael MacDonald Starring Felicity Huffman, Timothy Hutton Regina King

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11/22/63 2015	Bad Robot / Warner Bros TV	Prods: JJ Abrams, Bridget Carpenter Starring: James Franco, Chris Cooper, Sarah Gadon
THE THIRTEENTH TALE 2013	Heyday Films	Director. 90min film for BBC2. Written by Christopher Hampton. Starring Vanessa Redgrave and Olivia Colman *Winner, C21 Media awards 'Best Miniseries'.
THE WHITE QUEEN 2012	BBC/Starz	Lead Director. Episodes 1, 2 and 3 of a major 10 part drama on The Wars of The Roses. Starring Janet McTeer, Robert Pugh, Max Irons, James Frain and introducing Rebecca Ferguson. *Nominee, Golden Globes 2014, Best Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television *Nominee, Golden Globes 2014, Best Performance by and Actress in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television (Rebecca Ferguson) *Nominee, Golden Globes 2014, Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television (Janet McTeer) *Nominee, Emmy Awards 2014, Outstanding Miniseries *Nominee, Emmy Awards 2014, Costumes for a Miniseries, Movie or Special *Nominee, Emmy Awards 2014, Hairstyling for a Single-Camera Series *Nominee, Emmy Awards 2014, Music Composition For A Series (Original Dramatic Score)
INSIDE MEN 2011	BBC	4 x 1 hours for BBC1. Exec Prod Hilary Salmon. Producer Colin Wratten. Starring Steven Mackintosh, Ashley Walters, Kierston Wareing, Warren Brown.
CHOPIN SAVED MY LIFE 2012	Channel 4	Director. 60 min doc. *Nominated Grand Jury Award Sheffield Documentary Film Festival. *Nominated Grierson Award for Best Arts Documentary.
MARCHLANDS 2011	ITV Studios	Sole director on 5 x 60 min drama: a haunting ghost story told over three generations.

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9/11: THE VOICES FROM THE TOWERS 2009	Darlow Smithson/ HBO	90 min feature documentary *Nominee, 2010 International Emmy Awards, Documentary *Nominee, Broadcast Awards 2010: Best Documentary *Nominee, British Press Guild Awards 2010: Best Single Documentary
THE SECRET DIARIES OF MISS ANNE LISTER 2009	Oxford Film & Television/ BBC	90 min drama based on the diary of a remarkable woman Starring Maxine Peake * Premiered at the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival in March 2010 as the Opening Night Gala film in the Odeon West End * Opening Film, San Francisco Gay Film Festival, June 2010 * Winner, Audience Award for Best Film, Toronto Gay and Lesbian Film Festival * Winner, Grand Jury Award for Best International Feature: L.A. Outfest Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (aka Outfest), July 2010 * Winner, Audience Award, Madrid Gay Film Festival, November 2010 * Winner Royal Bank of Canada Award for Best Feature Film - Toronto InsideOut Festival * Winner Best Feature Film: Philadelphia QFest * Winner Best Women's Feature Pikes Peak Lavender Film Festival, Colorado Springs * Winner People's Choice Best Feature Film Madrid LesGaiCineMad * Winner Maxine Peake - Best Actress Gotham Film Festival * Winner James Kent - Best Director Atlanta Out on Film * Winner Jury Award Best International Feature Memphis Outflix 21 * Winner Audience Award Best Narrative Feature Austin International GLIFF * Winner "Coup de Coeur du Public" Toulouse Des Images aux Mots Festival
MARGARET 2009	Great Meadow/ BBC	Director Writer: Richard Cottan 2 hr single film Cast: Lindsay Duncan as Margaret Thatcher *Winner, RTS Awards 2009: Best Production Design

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CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS 2008	ITV Drama / Mammoth Screen	Director Writer: Mark Gatiss Cast: David Suchet, Harriet Walter, Claire Springer, Natasha Little
WAR ORATORIO 2007	Oxford Film & Television / More 4 / Channel 4	Director. 90 min film TX: June 2007 Libretto by Michael Symmons-Roberts Composer: Dominic Muldowney *Winner, RTS Craft Awards: Best Sound *Winner, UK Audio Film and TV Awards: Best Sound *Winner, BAFTA: Best Sound *Nominee, Banff Television awards: Best Performance film
ELIZABETH DAVID: A LIFE IN RECIPES 2006	Wall to Wall / BBC2	Director. 90 min drama Exec: Leanne Klein Cast: Catherine MacCormack & Greg Wise *Nominee, Grierson Awards for Best Factual Drama 2006
H.G.WELLS: WAR WITH THE WORLD 2005	Wall to Wall / BBC2	Adaptor/Director. 90 min drama Exec: Leanne Klein Cast: Michael Sheen, Sally Hawkins & Dermot Crowley
HOLOCAUST: A MUSIC MEMORIAL FILM FROM AUSCHWITZ 2004	BBC2	Director. 90 min single Exec: Peter Maniura *Winner, BAFTA 2006 'Huw Wheldon Award for Best Specialist Factual' *Winner, International Emmy 2005 'Best Arts Programme' *Winner, RTS Award 2005 'Best Arts Programme' *Nominated, Grierson Award / Prix Italia *Nominated, BANFF Television Festival
CUTTING EDGE: THE KIDNAPPING OF ELIZABETH SMART 2003	Darlow Smithson / Channel 4	Director. Exec: John Smithson
THE GENIUS OF MOZART 2002	BBC2	Writer/Director. 60 min drama doc Execs: Sue Judd/Peter Maniura Cast: Kenneth Cranham & Claire Skinner *Winner, BAFTA Best Sound 2005

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WITHCRAZE 2002	Blast! Films / BBC2	Director. 60 min drama Execs: Ed Choulthard/Krishan Arora
JOHN OSBORNE: ANGRY MAN 2001	Oxford TV / Channel 4	Exec/Director. 90 min doc Execs: Nick Kent/Janice Hadlow
LARRY AND VIVIEN: THE OLIVIERS IN LOVE 2001	Blakeway / Channel 4	Director. 90 min doc Execs: Hamish Mykura/Janice Hadlow
NAZI WOMEN - MAGDA GOEBBELS 2000	Oxford TV / Channel 4	Exec/Director. 60 min single Execs: James Kent/Janice Hadlow
STORYVILLE 'Gianni Versace: Fashion Victim' 2000	Littlebird / BBC2 / HBO / Canal Plus	Director. 90 min doc
EASTENDERS 1999	BBC1	Director. 5 episodes