

Martin Smith

Director / Writer

Martin is a BAFTA winning filmmaker whose short TRACKS - a naturalistic portrayal of children's cruelty in a powerful, raw and affecting film - won the BAFTA Scotland Award for Best Short Film.

He was lead director on GRANITE HARBOUR for LA Productions and BBC1, and recently directed GRANTCHESTER for Kudos, Masterpiece PBS and ITV.

Next up he directs SILENT WITNESS for BBC Studios and BBC1.

He directed 2nd unit on Jack Thorne's drama BEST INTERESTS with AC Chapter One and Fifth Season for BBC1. The project stars Sharon Horgan, Michael Sheen, Alison Oliver and Niamh Moriarty. He's also directed 2nd unit on the upcoming THE BOMBING OF PAN AM 103 with World Productions for the BBC and Netflix, and an UNTITLED JIMMY McGOVERN PROJECT with LA Productions for the BBC.

Prior to this Martin directed HOLBY CITY for BBC1 and BBC Studios. The show was Nominated Best Continuing Drama at the BAFTAs, and Nominated Best Continuing Drama at the Broadcast Awards. ARMCHAIR DETECTIVES, the crime drama hybrid Martin directed for Tiger Aspect and BBC1, won the BAFTA Scotland Award for Best Entertainment.

Martin was selected for BBC Writersroom Scottish Voices 2022. He is developing feature projects SHOWS with Creative Scotland and DigiCult, and TARANTULA with First Features and 104 Films, plus a number of original drama series.

His short SEAGULLS had its World Premiere in competition at the Berlin International Film Festival, where it was nominated for the Crystal Bear for Best Short Film. The film has screened at over 50 film festivals to date, picking up Best Short Film wins and nominations in over 20 International Competitions.

His documentary JIMMY, qualified for The Academy Award® Best Short Documentary nomination, was nominated for the BAFTA New Talent Award, and won the Franklyn Marshall Award for Short Film at the CurtDoc International Documentary Festival, Spain.

LIAR was his third commissioned short, made for Collabor8te. The film won the BAFTA New Talent Award for Best Writing.

Martin was selected by the Toronto International Film Festival to participate in their Talent Lab where he was mentored by Danny Boyle and John Collee. 2021 saw Martin selected for the prestigious initiative BBC Elevate.



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Credits

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
TARANTULA	Screen Scotland / First Features / 104 Films / BFI Network	Feature in development Martin to write and direct
SHOWS	Creative Scotland/Screen Scotland/DigiCult	Feature in development Martin to write and direct
NUMBERS		Original Series Martin to write and direct

Television

Production	Company	Notes
SILENT WITNESS 2025	BBC / BBC Studios	As Director 2 x 60 mins. Producer: Seán Gleeson. Exec Prod: Suzi McIntosh, Emilia Fox, Nawfal Faizullah
UNTITLED JIMMY McGOVERN PROJECT 2025	BBC / LA Productions	As 2nd Unit Director 1 x 90 mins. Writer: Jimmy McGovern. Producer: Donna Molloy Exec Prod: Jimmy McGovern, Colin McKeown, Katherine Bond, Nawfal Faizullah
THE BOMBING OF PAN AM 103 2024	BBC / Netflix / World Productions	As 2nd Unit Director. 6x60mins. Producer: Julia Stannard Exec Prod: Gaynor Holmes. Mona Quereshi, Manda Levin, Max Kisbye, Simon Heath, Michael Keillor

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GRANITE HARBOUR 2 2023	LA Productions / Eccho Rights / BBC Scotland / BBC1	As Lead Director 2 x 60 min Producer: Donna Molloy Exec Prod: Gaynor Holmes, Gavin Smith, Colin McKeown
GRANTCHESTER 2022	Kudos / ITV	As Director 1 x 60' Producer: Tim Whitby Exec Producer: Emma Kingsman Lloyd, Daisy Coulham, Chloe Tucker.
BEST INTERESTS 2022	AC Chapter One / Endeavor Content / Fifth Season / BBC1	As 2nd Unit Director. 4 x 60mins Writer: Jack Thorne. Producer: Jenny Frayn. Exec Prod: Sophie Gardner, Toby Bentley, Lucy Richer. *Nominated Best Limited Series BAFTA TV Awards 2024 *Nominated Best Limited Series RTS Awards 2024
HOLBY CITY 2021	BBC	As Director 2 x 50' Series Producer: Séan Gleeson Producer: Poz Watson Exec Producer: Kate Oates, Deborah Sathe *Nominated Best Continuing Drama at the Broadcast Awards 2022 *Nominated Best Continuing Drama at the BAFTA Awards 2022
ARMCHAIR DETECTIVES 2017	Tiger Aspect/BBC1	As Director 6 x 45' Episodes including Season Finale. Starring Roger Jean Nsengiyumva, Stephen Billington & Sarah Baxendale. *Winner Best Entertainment BAFTA Scotland Awards 2018

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
NAMES 2019	Filming Scotland / Independents	As Director *Winner Gold Award, The Drum Roses Awards *Official Selection Berlin International Film Festival

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SEAGULLS 2014	Creative Scotland/Scottish Shorts/Screen Films	<p>As Writer/Director</p> <p>*Winner of the Golden Reel Award for Best Short Children's Film - Tiburon International Film Festival, USA</p> <p>*Winner of the Outstanding Achievement Award of the State of California - Borrego Springs International Film Festival, USA</p> <p>*Nominated for the Crystal Bear for Best Short Film - Berlin International Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best Short Film - Hamburg International Short Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best Short Film - Edinburgh International Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short Film - Bermuda International Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short Film - Internationale Kurzfilmwoche Regensburg, Germany</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short Film - IndieCork International Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best British Short Film - Leeds International Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short Film - Almeria En Corto International Film Festival, Spain</p> <p>*Nominated Best Scottish Short Film - Glasgow Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short Film - RiverRun International Film Festival, USA</p>
LIAR 2013	Rankin Film/Collabor8te/Blue Iris Films	<p>As Director</p> <p>*Winner BAFTA New Talent Award 'Best Writing'</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short, IndieCork International Film Festival, Ireland</p> <p>*Nominated Best International Short, Bilbao International Short Film Festival</p> <p>*Nominated Best Scottish Short, Glasgow Short Film Festival</p>

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TRACKS 2006	Creative Scotland/UK Film Council/DigiCult/La Belle Allee	As Writer/Director *Winner BAFTA Scotland Award Best Short Film *TCM Turner Classic Shorts Competition - Highly Commended *Los Angeles International Short Film Festival - Nominated Best Foreign Film *Sao Paulo International Film Festival - Nominated Best International Short Film *Raindance Film Festival - Nominated Best UK Short *Leeds International Film Festival - Nominated Best UK Short Film *Tirana International Film Festival - Nominated Best International Short Film
ACCIDENTS 2006	Scottish Screen/Sugartree Productions	As Writer/Director *Appledore International Film Festival - Winner Best Short Film *Oberhausen Short Film Festival, Germany - Nominated Best International Short *Cork International Film Festival - Nominated Best International Short *Tiburón International Film Festival, USA - Nominated Best International Short *Jim Poole Short Film Award, Scotland - Nominated Best Scottish Short *Edinburgh International Film Festival - Nominated Best British Short

Documentaries

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JIMMY 2011	BBC Scotland/Creative Scotland/Scottish Documentary Institute	As Director/Cinematographer *Qualified for the Academy Award® Best Short Documentary Nomination *Winner of the Franklyn Marshall Award for Short Film at Curt.Doc International Documentary Festival, Spain. *Nominated BAFTA Scotland New Talent Award - Best Director Of Photography *Winner Second Prize ICCL Human Rights Film Awards, Dublin *Nominated for The Bill Douglas Award for Best International Short film - Glasgow Short Film Festival *Nominated for Best Short Film in the Scottish Short Film Awards - Glasgow Short Film Festival *Nominated for Best International Short Film - Indianapolis International Film Festival
MY CITY EDINBURGH 2005	Channel 4/Sugartree Productions	Director, 4 Episodes. Featuring Shirley Manson, John Bellany & Alex Arthur.