

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. 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). James also won a BAFTA, Emmy and RTS for Holocaust: A Music Memorial from Auschwitz (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	Nutopia	Producer: Darren Aronofsky, Starring: Will Smith
2018		

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 *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 - Seriencamp 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
11/22/63 2015	Bad Robot / Warner Bros TV	Prods: JJ Abrams, Bridget Carpenter Starring: James Franco, Chris Cooper, Sarah Gadon

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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	ITV Studios	Sole director on 5 x 60 min drama: a haunting

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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 Festiva 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