

Zam Salim

Writer / Director

Zam recently set up his own company Incidental Pictures with a number of TV and film projects he is developing and co-producing.

He has adapted the novel, STRAY, a psychological horror film by Vicky Allan, for Hopscotch Films and Creative Scotland, which he will direct as a feature. He is also writing a feature-length version of his short film DROPPING OFF MICHAEL for Sigma Films and Scottish Screen which he will direct.



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Credits

Film

Production	Company	Notes
UP THERE	Wilder Films / Creative Scotland / BFI	Writer and Director. Feature film. Starring Burn Gorman, Kate O'Flynn and Joe Hartley. Producer: Annalise Davis. *Winner Best Director at BAFTA Scotland *Winner Best Feature Film at BAFTA Scotland *Winner of the Panavision Spirit Award for Independent Cinema at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. *Winner Best Feature Film at Rhode Island International Film Festival. *Certificate of Excellence Award at Rincon Festival. *Nominated for Discovery Award at London Comedy Film Festival.

Television

Production	Company	Notes
ENDEAVOUR	ITV/Mammoth Screen	Director. 2 hour film "Raga" Writer: Russell Lewis Producer: Jim Levison Executive Producers: Helen Ziegler and Damian Timmer. Starring: Shaun Evans and Roger Allam
THE BREAK	BBC Writersroom/BBC Drama/BBC 3	5 x short films. Online drama, contemporary monologues. SWIPE SLOW (Writer: Inua Ellams. Featuring: Harley Sylvester) SYSTEM CYCLE (Writer: Charlene James) TYING THE KNOT (Writer: Rena Annobil. Featuring: Mawaan Rizwan) THE MATCH GIRL (Writer: Amber Hsu) BREAKING THE CODE (Writer: Sabrina Mahfouz) Producer: Rachelle Constant. Exec Producers: Hilary Salmon, Anne Edyvean.
MI:HIGH 2	Kudos Productions/ BBC 1	Director. 3 episodes. *Winner Best Children's Drama at the Royal Television Society Awards.
IS IT JUST ME....	Hopscotch Films/ C4	Writer, Director, and Producer. 4x3' films for "Three Minute Wonder " series. *Soho Rushes Film Festival. *Eskisehir Film Festival. *Brief Encounters Festival.
MASHED	Teebster Productions/ NSPCC/ C4	Writer and Director. "Three Minute Wonder" series. *Screened at Brief Encounters Festival. *Eskisehir Film Festival.

Short Films

Production	Company	Notes
ONE SHOT	Incidental Pictures	Writer, Director and Producer. Screening at Glasgow Film Festival. Screening at London Comedy Film Festival - Special Mention: Best Ensemble, Busan Film Festival. Nominated for Best Scottish Short, Edinburgh Short Film Festival 2024

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DROPPING OFF MICHAEL	Sigma Films/ C4	Producers: Paddy Higson, Catrionna MacInnes. *Winner Audience Award at Glasgow Short Film Festival. *Winner Best Actor (Brian McCardie) and Best Supporting Actor (Michael McCardie), Lilongwe Shorts Film Festival Malawi. *Nominated for Best Short Film at BAFTA Scotland Awards. *Nominated, Best Writer, BAFTA Scotland New Talent Awards for James Price.
LAID OFF		Writer, Director, and Producer. Short film. *Winner: Best Film at Jim Poole Awards. *Winner: Audience Award at Jim Poole Awards. *Nominated for Best Short Film at Scottish BAFTAs. *Nominated for Best Short Film at The European Independent Film Festival. *Winner, Best Actor at European Independent Film Festival. *Winner: Best Narrative Short Film at the RiverRun Film festival, North Carolina, USA. *Winner of Silver Grand Jury Award at the San Francisco Short Film Festival.
COLD LIGHT OF DAY		Writer, Director and Producer. Short film. *Jim Poole Award Film of the Year, Edinburgh. *BAFTA Scottish Best Short nomination. *Official Selection Edinburgh Film Festival. *Blue Room Film of the Year, Edinburgh. *Runner Up Kino Film Festival, Manchester. *Finalist at Channel 4's 4Talent Funny Bits.

Documentaries

Production	Company	Notes
BLACK AND WHITE	Hopscotch Films/ BBC 2	30' documentary on photojournalist, David Gillanders. *Winner European Independent Film Festival, Best Short Documentary. *Winner Best Short Documentary at The Doxa Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada. *Highly Commended in Human Rights category at Commonwealth Broadcasting Association Awards. *Insight Award for Excellence, National Association of Film and Digital Artists. *Nominated for Best Short Documentary, International Documentary Association LA. *Shortlisted for Best Newcomer at the Grierson Awards. *Nominated for Best Arts Documentary at the Celtic Film & TV Festival.

In Development

Production	Company	Notes
AUTHENTICITY	Early Day Films/ Incidental Pictures/ Screen Scotland	Feature Film. Writer / Director Producers: Kate Byers, Linn Waite, Zam Salim Gritty Hi-Concept Black Comedy.
UNTITLED (3 Part TV series)	Lighthouse Film and TV/ Incidental Pictures / Screen Scotland	Exec Producers : Hilary Salmon / Zam Salim Director: Zam Salim Historical True Story.
STRAY	Hopscotch Films/Screen Scotland	Feature film based on novel by Vicky Allan. Director and Writer. Producers: Charlotte Wontner & John Archer
SESSION MUSICIAN	Incidental Pictures /Screen Scotland	Feature Film. Director and Writer. Psychological Thriller.
HAVEN	Acme Films / Channel 4	Writer and Director. TV series, thriller about the refugee crisis.
SKIM	Incidental Pictures	Director and Writer Feature film, hi-concept time-travel psychological thriller
LIVE	Incidental Pictures	Writer and Director TV series, comedy based on the book by Chris Norrie and Adam Nathan
SAVIOURS	Incidental Pictures	Writer and Director TV series, dark comedy. True story about those who accidentally facilitated the rise of the Nazis
NORD OST KINO	BFI/Creative Scotland/Creative England	Writer and Director. Hi-concept dark comedy for iFeatures.