

AJ SYKES - Director

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AJ Sykes is a respected filmmaker, with her latest film **'The Biscuit Tin'**, embarking on a successful festival run, garnering multiple nominations and **winning 4 Awards** so far, including **'Best Director' at the Monza Film Festival 2024 in Italy**. AJ's directorial acumen was also on display in **'Regrets'**, a short film produced by Akram Films, which collected **5 awards and 15 nominations**, including appearances at **BAFTA Accredited Festivals**.

AJ's extensive industry experience is also enriched by mentorships, having shadowed Director **Douglas Mackinnon on 'Good Omens'** and various directors on BBC/ STV's **'Shetland'** and STV news. She was a finalist for the last **BBC run Rivercity Directors Scheme**, is an esteemed member of the **2023/24 BAFTA Connect** cohort, continuing to influence the film industry with her visionary work.

"AJ is a delightful director to work with, passion, wisdom and sensitivity in abundance making everyone on set feel at ease. Diligently organised and efficient making for well run shoots and a beautiful sensitivity which actors respond to extremely well. As a quiet friendly word from AJ provoked visibly improved Performances." - Regrets Writer/Producer Chris Martin.

Filmography

'A Perfect World' Feature - Writer - Ariel Blake Productions - 1 Nom

'The Biscuit Tin' 22 min - Writer/Director/Editor- Ariel Blake Productions - 5 Wins/2 Noms

'Project 19' Series - Writer/Director - Ariel Blake Productions - Internet Project

'Dandelion' Feature - Writer - Ariel Blake Productions - Commisioned

'Regrets' 8 mins - Director - Akram Films - 5 Wins/15 Noms

'Perfect Worlds' 35 mins - Writer/Director - Ariel Blake Productions - 5Wins/16 Noms

'Date Night' 13 mins - Writer/Director - Ariel Blake Productions

'Heard' 2 mins - Writer/Director - Travel Music - Music Video

'Morning Paper' 1 mins - Writer/Director - Ariel Blake Productions

'The Book Keepers' 5 mins - Writer/Director - Ariel Blake Productions

'Zygot' 6 mins Director Ariel Blake Productions

'A Single Tear' 2 mins Writer/Director Ariel Blake Productions

Education

Screen Academy Scotland MFA Advanced Film Practice.

Screen Academy Scotland MA Writing & Directing.

Royal Conservator Scotland DSMS in Stage Management & Television Production.

Professional Work

Actor - Various including main stage and touring productions - Twice Winner Edinburgh Fringe First.

Theatre Writer/Director - Various including productions for the Kings Theatre Glasgow & Fringe First.

Stage Management/ Venue Manager - Various including Sherborn Opera/ Tramway/Assembly Rooms.

Photographer - various including album cover for A Band Called Quinn's Red Light Means Go.

References

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