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LOUISA ROSE MACKLESTON

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR

I'm a Bradford based Filmmaker, Assistant Director and Social Change Maker. For the past 5 years I have been working mainly as an Assistant Director on HETV dramas and Film. In January 2021 I set up [Northern Fortress Films](#), an independent Production Company that focuses on telling socially conscious Northern stories both in a drama & documentary format. I am a Virgin Money Foundation Young Change Maker Alumni, awarded for my work on creating social change through film and careers in the screen industries.

PRODUCER/WRITER/DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE

Released:

Ruth & Safiya – Northern Fortress Films (2021)

Logline: Ruth, an isolated pensioner, meets Safiya, a teenage Syrian refugee who is haunted by the life she fled from. An unlikely friendship forms as they work on Ruth's allotment together.

Produced, Written & Directed by Louisa Mackleston Executive Producers: Simon Beaufoy & Stephanie Zari
Selected for Leeds International Film Festival, Winner of Best Short at Cardiff International Film Festival

The Power of Film against the Landscape: from Bradford to Yamagata – Documentary Short

Logline: A documentary interviewing head of Bradford UNESCO city of film David Wilson and Mr Yamakawa, head of Yamagata film office. Discussing the influence landscapes have on the films that are created there, and the impact this has on the local community.

Writer/Producer/Director: Louisa Mackleston

Healthy Minds Self Harm Prevention Campaign – Northern Fortress Films (2021/2022)

4 x Charity shorts **Produced & Directed by Louisa Mackleston**

The Stories Behind the Squares – Northern Fortress Films (2021)

Documentary short **Produced & Directed by Louisa Mackleston**

Post-Production:

Torn (working title) - Documentary short

A documentary developed with Muslim Northern Women founder, Activist *Roukagia Afan*, as she shares her personal experiences of being from both Syrian & Ukranian heritage in the context of the recent wars, whilst discussing the disparity in refugee treatment, islamophobia and second hand trauma through the way conflict is reported.

Producer/Director: Louisa Mackleston

Luca – Dramatic Short

Logline: Lost in the streets of Bologna, Elena searches for her love, Luca. Produced as part of a course with the International Filmmaking Academy, Luca was overseen by Hollywood Director John Landis.

Executive Producer: John Landis Writer/Producer/Director: Louisa Mackleston

In development:

River of Hope - Documentary commissioned by Leeds 2023

Logline: A short film documenting the young people's participation in the River of Hope project, exploring the impact of climate change whilst telling the story of their local river.

Producer/Director: Louisa Mackleston - Northern Fortress Films

The Bouncer – Dramatic Short

Logline: In the 1990s, a young bouncer must go into hiding and contemplate leaving his young family after a punching a club patron and believing him dead - only to discover the man is very much alive, and a hot headed, serving officer in the West Yorkshire Police.

Producers: Lewis Mitchell & Owen Seabrook Co-Writer: Jordan Kennedy Producer/Writer/Director: Louisa Mackleston

ACHIEVEMENTS/TRAINING

NFTS Directing for TV Drama

Short Course with Andrew Gunn

The Leap Pioneer Fund

Award Winner 2023

Women X Rising Star

Award Finalist 2022

Deutsche Bank Creative Entrepreneur

Finalist and Bursary Winner 2022

TEDX Talk

February 2022

Virgin Money Foundation

Young Change Makers Fellowship 2021/2022

Cardiff International Film Festival

Best Short (2021) for Ruth & Safiya

Screen Yorkshire FLEX Scheme

Director 2021/2022

PRESS ARTICLES

[TEDx Talk](#)

"My Journey into the Film Industry & the importance of Diversity & Representation"

[Telegraph & Argus Article](#)

"Louisa Rose Macklestone speaks at The Future is Northern"

[Yorkshire Post Article](#)

"Rising Star, Young Bradford Filmmaker Louisa Rose Macklestone's short film Ruth & Safiya has been a hit on the festival circuit"

[Leeds List](#)

"The Most Exciting TV Production Companies in the Leeds City Region"

[Telegraph & Argus Article](#)

"Louisa Rose Macklestone 'shines a light' on marginalised communities with her hit short film Ruth & Safiya"

[Keighley News Article](#)

"New film directed by Keighley woman aims to 'humanise refugees'"

[The Shreem Article](#)

"Ahead of the Yorkshire Short Film Competition at the Leeds International Film Festival, we spoke to filmmaker Louisa Rose Macklestone about her short film Ruth & Safiya"

[Telegraph & Argus Screening Article](#)

"Two films shot in Bradford shown at UNESCO Creative Cities forum"

[Rianne Pictures](#)

"100 Women and Non-Binary Directors We Loved In 2021"

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE - FILM

Title	Position	1st AD	Director
Birchanger Green	2nd Assistant Director	Marco Petrucco	Moin Hussain
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry	Crowd 2nd AD (dailies)	Peter Agnew	Hettie Macdonald
The Railway Children Return	2nd Assistant Director (PU)	Josie Connor	Morgan Matthews
York Witches Society	2nd Assistant Director	James Rumsey	Liza Bolton
House Hack	3rd Assistant Director	Mark Lacey	Stephanie Zari
Serena's Game	3rd Assistant Director	Alex Candlin	Liza Bolton
Let There Be Love	3rd Assistant Director	James Rumsey	Mick Davis
Mister Mayfair	1st Assistant Director(PU)	Louisa Macklestone	Philippe Martinez
Miss Willoughby	3rd Assistant Director	James Rumsey	Mick Davis
Zebra Girl	2nd Assistant Director	Mark Lacey	Stephanie Zari
The Intergalactic Adventures of Max Cloud	2nd AD (Pick-ups)	Davey Hughes	Martin Owen
G-Loc	3rd Assistant Director	Nick Gorman	Tom Paton
The Banishing	3rd Assistant Director	Jamie MacDermott	Christopher Smith
Deus	3rd Assistant Director	Stephanie Zari	Steve Stone

OTHER FORMATS

Title	Role	Production Company	Type
The Job	1st Assistant Director	Victoria Wood Foundation	Short
Mimic	1st Assistant Director	Black Card Productions	TV Pilot
Spiked	Producer/1st AD	Delilah/Northern Fortress	Short
Pendle Witch Child	1st Assistant Director	Bridie Films	BFI Short
Me & The Witch	1st Assistant Director	Static Flow Productions	C4 Short
Youthless	1st Assistant Director	Idle Work Factory	C4 Short
I Have A Story	1st Assistant Director	Artemesia's Daughter	Short
Incompatible	2nd Assistant Director	Magnified Pictures	BFI Short
Class Dismissed(S6)	2nd Assistant Director	BBC Childrens TV	Mockumentary
Scrum	3rd Assistant Director	Mordecai Films	BFI Short
Inertia	2nd Assistant Director	Leapling Films	BFI Short
Shagbands	3rd Assistant Director	Delaval Films	BFI Short

EDUCATION

University of Westminster - Bsc (Hons) Psychology. 2:1

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