

# Jo Southwell : Director | Writer | Producer

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Member of BAFTA, Directors UK and Cinesisters

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An award winning director|writer|producer, noted for her ability to cast, create drama and evoke powerful performances. Jo has been selected for the DUK Inspire programme and is mentored by Jennie Darnell (The Bodyguard, Hetty Feathers, Holby City). Jo runs her own production company - Aston Productions.

A BFI Network x BAFTA Crew 2021.

## TV – *Doctors – Director*

- Series 23 : Eps 16 – 18
- Producer : Grainne O’Boyle
- EP : Mike Hobson

## TV – *Shadow Director*

Trigger Point – Season 1 Shadow director to Jennie Darnell

- HTM Productions | ITV

## TV – *Shadow Director*

Killing Eve – Season 1 Shadow director to Jon East

- Sid Gentle|BBC USA | Directors UK

## TV (in development) – *Director | Producer*

The Sleeper – director

- Producer Dominc Barlow | Lord Michael Grade |StoryFirst
- Writer : Mark Greig

## Feature Film Development – *Director | Writer*

Loyalty

- Producer : Rachel Gold
- Writer : Fiona Hunnisett

Deirdre of the Sorrows

- Producer : Nadia Jaynes (EP Marcella)
- Co-Producer : Emerald Giant

## VR : First Day On Set – Director

Winner Production Guild Innovation Award (Warner Brothers)

- Producer : Gareth Ellis Unwin (The King's Speech)
- Screenskills | BFI
- Writer : Tom Williams (Kajaki; Chalet Girl)
- Distributed on Oculus | Youtube

## Short Film (inc) – Director

Entrance No Exit

- DOP : Dirk Nel (Balck Earth Rising)

Awards include:

- Winner : Best Comedy – New Renaissance Film Festival
- Winner : Best Performance – Female Film Festival
- Winner : Best Director – Out of the Can Film Festival
- Winner : Best Comedy : LAIFFA
- Winner : Best Short : Independent Shorts Awards
- Finalist Best Director : That Film Festival – Berlin Screening

Deirdre

- Winner : Best Director : NYC Shorts
- Winner : Best Director : LA SHorts
- Winner : Best Drama : LA Shorts
- Winner : Best Short : Fingal Film Festival
- Winner : Best Drama : Hollywood Int. Moving Picture

COVER ME

- Starring Isis Davis (Silent Witness, Eastenders, The Secret Garden)
- Winner : Best Emerging Talent : The British Urban Film Festival
- Finalist : Best Director : Mumbai Women's International FF.

## Training:

- Script to Screen – John Strickland (Bodyguard) – Directors UK
- Directing Action – John Glen (James Bond)

Other skills:

### Secondary Teacher

Jo has taught in the UK, Ireland and Bali in a variety of schools from secondary, adult ED, traveller communities to Huntercombe Prison for young offenders.

**BA HONS Theology & Media** Leeds University. Placement at YTV as a production assistant. Dissertation : Christianity or Mythology – a study of modern myth in sci-fi films.