

# Harriet Staniland

## Manchester based Filmmaker & Artist

I am a motivated and talented filmmaker specialising in Film and TV production management, assistant directing and production design. I have strong organisational and time management skills necessary for this type of role. I am familiar and experienced in creating a range of production paperwork and proficient in Excel/Sheets. My artistic and creative skills lend themselves to production design as I have a strong artistic eye.

## Experience

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### **Estee Lauder X Manchester United Commercial - Runner - 2025**

I assisted all crew with set ups and derigging, ran props and kit between locations/sets, assisted cast between sets as well as general cast and crew support.

### **'COLD' - Set Dresser - Goon Productions - 2023**

As a Set Dresser, I assisted the Production Designer to complete the vision for the film. I helped turn a cosy home into a cold and unloving home, and turned a modern guest room into a lived in child's bedroom.

### **'Hearts and Minds' - Production Designer - 2021**

On this project, I coordinated costumes for all of the actors involved and worked closely to the director's vision in decorating and dressing the sets for each scene.

### **'The Suspect' - Producer - 2019**

As a part of a micro crew, we shot this film over over a two days which I managed and scheduled. I organised the crew and the project from pre to post-production and through to screenings in local film festivals.

### **'Fruitcake' - 1st Assistant Director - 2019**

As 1st Assistant Director on this project, I was frequently commended on my organisation of the set regarding how I was competent in the general running of the set and achieving everything we had scheduled.

### **Manchester Markets - Producer, Camera Operator - 2018**

I produced and camera operated on this promotional short film about the Manchester Christmas Markets which was shared by many local Manchester Online News pages. My responsibilities on the project included scheduling & organising the shoot as well as acting as additional camera operator.

## Education & Awards

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2025 | Film Distribution Association  
**Film Distribution Online Course**

2025 | Screen Skills  
**High End TV Scripted Production Paperwork**

2022 - 2023 | Leeds Arts University  
**MA Creature Design and Worldbuilding**

2018 - 2021 | University of Salford, Manchester  
**BA Hons Film Production Second Class First Division**

## Specialisms

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1st Assistant Director  
Production Design  
Storyboard Artist  
Scriptwriter

## Skills & Expertise

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- Highly organised and excellent project management skills
- Strong artistic and design skills
- Background in Film Marketing, Exhibition & Distribution process
- Keen eye for effective digital marketing & strong aesthetics
- Proficiency in many social media marketing tools
- Competent with a range of Microsoft software.
- Competent with video editing softwares such as Adobe Premiere, Sony Vegas Pro, and Final Cut Pro.

## References

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### **Darshan Gajjar**

Director

'Manchester Markets' Short Video

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