

Jo Southwell : Director | Writer

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Member of BAFTA, Directors UK and Cinesisters.

Jo is an award-winning Irish director across Film and TV, based in England. Having directed numerous and critically acclaimed short films, through Directors UK she undertook shadow directing mentorships on the hit shows KILLING EVE for the BBC (under Jon East), and TRIGGER POINT for ITV (under Jennie Darnell) - on which she performed 2nd unit directing services. Most recently Jo completed two blocks (6 episodes in total) on the long running BBC Series DOCTORS - the first block of which was performed under very strict COVID protocols. She is now in post-production on her latest short film ECHO, which features experimental scenes shot underwater with Producing partner Pinewood Studios. As a very collaborative director, she has also developed a production slate of her own (under the banner Aston Productions.)

Her original TV series OLI has been optioned by Troy TV and her feature film LOYALTY won the JETS initiative for best UK territory film - it is now being put through the BFI process with interest from various sales and distribution agents.

Jo is part of the 2022|3 cohort of Female Founders run by Creative UK, as well as a voting member of BAFTA.

<https://vimeo.com/739351663>

TV — Doctors - Director

- Series 23 : Eps 16 - 18; Eps 55 - 57
- Producer : Grainne O'Boyle & Caroline Slater
- EP : Mike Hobson

TV — Trigger Point

- Shadow Director (Jennie Darnell)
- Second Unit on selected scenes
- HTM Productions | ITV

TV — Killing Eve

- Shadow Director (Jon East)
- Sid Gentle|BBC USA

Feature Film Development — Director

Loyalty - WINNER OF JETS 2022 (BERLINALE)

- Producer : Rachel Gold (BayHorse Pictures)
- Writer : Fiona Hunnisett

Deirdre of the Sorrows - Director | Writer - Finance

- Producer : Nadia Jaynes (Little Monk Pictures)

VR : First Day in POST — Director

A series of VR immersive films.

Winner Production Guild Innovation Award (Warner Brothers)

- Producer : Gareth Ellis Unwin & Emma Edwards
- Screenskills | BFI | InkyDink Pictures
- Writer : Tom Williams (Kajaki; Chalet Girl)
- Distributed on Oculus | Youtube

Short Film (inc) — Director

ECHO - (post)

- Writer : Jo Southwell
- DOP : Alex Biergual
- Underwater DOP : Mike Valentine
- Producer : Sara Gibbings (Troy TV)
- Casting : Hannah Marie Williams

Entrance No Exit

- Writer : Sophie Dix
- DOP : Dirk Nel (Black Earth Rising)

Awards include:

- Winner : Best Comedy - New Renaissance Film Festival
- Winner : Best Director - Out of the Can Film Festival
- Winner : Best Comedy : LAIFFA
- Winner : Best Short : Independent Shorts Awards

Deirdre

- Winner : Best Director : NYC Shorts
- Winner : Best Director : LA Shorts
- Winner : Best Short : Fingal Film Festival

Other skills:

Secondary Teacher

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

Other Training | Skills Inc:

- Underwater filming
- Virtual Production - Mars Academy | Screenskills
- Script to Screen - John Strickland (Bodyguard) - Directors UK
- Directing Action - John Glen (James Bond)
- Real Engine - ScreenSkills
- VR Filming