

## JULIAN RICHARDS

### Writer/Director

#### Biography

A graduate of The National Film School, Julian Richards short films **Pirates**, **Queen Sacrifice** and **Bad Company** won several awards including *Best Film at the British Short Film Festival* before being televised by BBC Screenplay Firsts and ZDF. His television career started when still only a first year student he was invited to direct **In With The Rent a Playhouse** for BBC Wales.

After film school Julian directed the docu/drama **Rwanda Stories** for BBC2 and twelve episodes of **Brookside** for Channel Four.

In 1994 Julian adapted the novel **Calling All Monsters** for Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and in 1996 he wrote and directed his debut feature **Darklands** starring Jon Finch, Rowena King and Craig Fairbrass. This brooding tale of underground paganism won six international awards including *The Melies D'Argent for Best European Fantasy Film 1997* and was released in the UK by Pathe.

In 2001 Julian directed his second feature **Silent Cry** starring Emily Woof, Douglas Henshall, Frank Finlay and Kevin Whately. This gritty conspiracy thriller was awarded *The Gold Remi at Worldfest Houston* and premiered on UK's Channel Five.

In 2003 Julian co-wrote and directed his third feature **The Last Horror Movie** which he also produced through his production company Prolific Films. This video diary of a serial killer became a cult hit, winning sixteen awards, including *Best UK Feature* at Raindance and *The Melies D'Argent for Best European Fantasy Film 2005*. **The Last Horror Movie** recieved distribution in twenty two territories including Tartan in the UK and Think Film in North America.

In 2006 Julian co-wrote and directed coming-of-age thriller **Summer Scars** which recently won two BAFTA Cymru awards. Summer Scars is now touring the festival circuit and will be distributed in North America by TLA Releasing.

Julian has worked as a professional advisor to the Arts Council Of Wales and served as a member of the jury at Fantasporto and Belgrade Auteur Film Festival.

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### **FEATURE FILMS**

#### **SUMMER SCARS** (Director/Co-Writer/Producer)

Theatrical Feature/Prolific Films/Little Wing Films/Arts Council Of Wales  
Cast: Kevin Howarth, Ciaran Joyce, Amy Harvey.

*Awards:*

**BAFTA Cymru Award** - Best Newcomer/Screenplay

**BAFTA Cymru Award** - Best Titles

**BAFTA Cymru Nomination** - Best Film

**Best Narrative Feature** - Santa Cruz Film Festival 08

**Best Director** - London Independent Film Festival 08

**Bronze Remi** - Worldfest Houston 08

**Best Actor** - Austin Fantastic Fest 07

#### **THE LAST HORROR MOVIE** (Director/Co-Writer/Producer)

Theatrical Feature/Prolific Films/Tartan Films/Hart Sharp  
Cast: Kevin Howarth, Mark Stevenson, Antonia Beamish

*Awards:*

**Best Feature Film** (Manchester 03)

**Best UK Feature Film** (Raindance 03)

**Critics Award** (Fantasporto 03)

**Melies Award for Best European Fantasy Film** (Espoo Cine 04)

**Audience Award** (Malibu 04)

**Jury Award for Best International Film** (New Haven 04)

**Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor** (Eerie 04)

**Best Director** (Rhode Island 04)

**Best Film , Best Actor** (New York 04)

**Best Film, Best Actor** (Buenos Aires 05)

**Best Film, Best Actor** (Montevideo 06)

#### **SILENT CRY** (Director)

Theatrical Feature/Little Wing Films/First Foot Films/Channel Five  
Cast: Emily Woof, Douglas Henshall, Frank Finlay, Kevin Whately.

*Awards:*

**Golden Aphroditie for Best Actress** (Love Is Folly, Bulgaria 02)

**Gold Remi Award for Best Film** (Houston 03)

**The Best Actress Award** (Brussels 03)

#### **DARKLANDS** (Writer/Director)

Theatrical feature/Metrodome Films/Pathe  
Cast: Jon Finch, Rowena King, Craig Fairbrass

*Awards*

**Melies D'Argent, Best Screenplay, Originality, Critics Award** (Fantasporto 97).

**The Silver Lone Star** (Houston Worldfest 97).

**Best Independent Feature Film** ( Manchester Fantasy Film Fest 97)

**Audience Award for Best Film** (Madrid Film Festival 97)

## SCREENPLAYS

### **LONG DARK HOURS** (Writer)

Feature screenplay/Prolific Films/Arts Council Of Wales  
Status: Development

### **THE MONKEY FARM** (Co-writer)

Feature screenplay/Prolific Films/Spice Factory  
Status: Development

### **LOVE BITES** (Writer)

Feature screenplay /Little Wing Films  
Status: Development

### **CALLING ALL MONSTERS** (Writer)

Feature screenplay for Amblin Entertainment/Universal Pictures.  
Status: Unproduced

## TELEVISION

### **BROOKSIDE** (Director)

12 x 30 minute drama episodes for Mersey Television  
Distribution: UK (TV) Channel Four

### **RWANDA STORIES** (Director)

10 minute drama episode for Wall to Wall Television  
Distribution: UK (TV) BBC 2

### **IN WITH THE RENT** (Director)

30 minute single drama/BBC *Wales Playhouse*.

## SHORT FILMS

### **BAD COMPANY** (Writer/Director)

30 minute short/National Film School/ITV Wales

### **QUEEN SACRIFICE** (Writer/Director)

30 minute short/Bournemouth Film School/BBC/ITV Wales/ZDF

*Awards:*

***Thames Television Award for Best Film*** (British Short Film Festival 89).

***The Golden Knight Award for Best Fiction Film*** (Malta 90).

***The ZDF Award for Best Fiction Film*** (Munich 88).

***The Award of Excellence*** (Tel Aviv 88).

***The Silver Plaque*** (Chicago 88)

***Jury Commendation for Best Fiction Film*** (Celtic Film Festival 88)

**PIRATES** (Writer/Director/Editor)  
30 minute short/Bournemouth Film School/ITV Wales

*Awards:*

***The Starting Out Award*** (Celtic Film Festival 88).

***The Award of Merit*** (Cork 89).

***Certificate of Merit*** (Chicago 87).

***Special Jury Commendation*** (Munich 87).

## **DOCUMENTARY**

1993: **THE MAKING OF SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS** (Director)  
Press Kit - Shapiro Glickenhau Entertainment/USA.

1990: **ELWYN GRIFFITHS** (Director)  
30 minute documentary/S4C

## **EDUCATION**

1989-92: **THE NATIONAL FILM & TELEVISION SCHOOL**

1985-88: **BOURNEMOUTH FILM SCHOOL**

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