

DUNCAN COWLES | DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER

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Duncan Cowles is a BAFTA Scotland Award winning documentary filmmaker whose short films 'The Lady with the Lamp', 'Radio Silence', 'Directed by Tweedie', 'Isabella', 'Alexithymia', 'Taking Stock' and 'Just Agree Then' have been selected for various film festivals at home and internationally.

His short films have also won a selection of awards at festivals such as Glasgow Short Film Festival, Open City Documentary Festival, BFI Future Film Festival, Hamburg Short Film Festival, Kyiv Short Film Festival, Szczecin European Film Festival and more, plus gained significant online exposure through platforms such as Short of the Week, Vimeo Staff Picks, BFI Player, It's Nice That, TED and numerous others.

Duncan graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in 2013 with a 1st Class degree and a specialisation in documentary film before going on to work for the internationally renowned Scottish Documentary Institute for three years and on the programming team for feature documentaries at the Edinburgh International Film Festival for five years.

In 2017 Duncan founded his own production company Relative Films Ltd to facilitate the production of his first feature documentary *Silent Men* which he took to IDFA Academy before being awarded development funding from Screen Scotland & Whickers World Foundation.

In recent years Duncan has also been commissioned to make work for Channel 4, STV, BBC Scotland, BBC Radio 4, TED, Adobe and more. He's also hosted a range of documentary filmmaking workshops for all ages for D&AD, University of Edinburgh, BFI, Edinburgh International Film Festival, Flatpack Film Festival, VIS Vienna Shorts, Screen Academy Scotland, Mental Health Foundation, Queen Margaret University and more.

Reviews/Press Highlights

Just Agree Then - [Sight & Sound](#) Adobe Stock Xmas Advert - [It's Nice That](#), **TED Film** - [TED](#) / [It's Nice That](#)
Taking Stock - [It's Nice That](#), [The Skinny](#), [Short of the Week](#), [Directors Notes](#), [Nicer Tuesdays Talk](#), IPSE Freelance Project of the Year
Silent Men - [Sheffield Doc/Fest Winners](#), [Sunday Herald](#), [MH Foundation](#), [BBC Radio Scotland](#) - [Janice Forsyth Show](#)
Directed by N. Merchiston - [BBC Scotland](#), [Creative Scotland](#), [Sunday Post](#),
Isabella - [BFI win](#), [Glasgow Film win](#), [★★★★★ Review](#) (EyeforFilm), [Hamburg Win](#), [Short of the Week](#), [The Skinny](#), [Skwigly](#), [BAFTA](#)
The Lady with the Lamp - [It's Nice That](#), [Evening News](#), [Gorilla Film Magazine](#), [Bar Shorts Interview](#),
Directed by Tweedie - [EyeforFilm](#), [Gorilla Film Mag](#), [Corstofera](#), [Glasgow Film Award Win](#), [GFT Interview](#), [Short Sighted Interview](#),
[Flatpack Interview](#), [The Guardian](#), [Short of the Week](#) | **Radio Silence** - [Staff Picked on Vimeo](#)

Festival/Award Highlights

Winner - BAFTA Scotland Award, Best Short Film 2016
Winner - Royal Television Society Scotland Award 2018
Winner - 2016 Scottish Short Film Award - Glasgow Short FF
Winner - 2015 Scottish Short Film Award - Glasgow Short FF
Winner - BFI Best UK Short Film & RAW Award 2016
Winner - Audience Award NoBudget Competition, Hamburg International Short Film Festival 2016
Winner - Audience Award, Kyiv International Short Film Festival 2018
Winner - Audience Award, Szczecin European Film Festival 2018
Winner - Vienna Shorts Two Month Artist Residency 2017 with Q21 & MuseumsQuartier
Winner - Best UK Short, Open City Documentary Festival 2017

Nominated - IPSE Freelance Project of the Year 2019
Nominated - BAFTA Scotland New Talent 2014: Best Factual
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Nominated - Royal Television Society Scotland Student Best Factual 2013
Nominated - Channel 4 Award for Innovation in Storytelling
Nominated - Best Documentary, London Short Film Festival 2016
Nominated - Creative Edinburgh Award 2017
Nominated - Best Short Film, Loco Comedy Film Festival 2019

Raindance Film Festival, BFI London Film Festival, BFI Future Film Festival, Edinburgh International Film Festival, Hot Springs Documentary Festival, ZagrebDox, Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Encounters Short Film Festival, Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur, Dresden International Short Film Festival, Uppsala Short Film Festival, IndieLisboa Film Festival, VIS Vienna Shorts, Glasgow Short Film Festival, Norwegian Short Film Festival, London Short Film Festival, Aesthetica Short Film Festival, Seville European Film Festival, Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, Interfilm Berlin International Short Film Festival, GoShort International Short Film Festival Nijmegen, Internationale Kurzfilmwoche Regensburg, Brussels Short Film Festival, Uppsala International Short Film Festival, Szczecin European Film Festival, Cellu L'art Short Film Festival, Black Nights Film Festival POFF, ZubrOFFka International Short Film Festival, Norwegian International Short Film Festival, Message to Man International Short Film Festival, DokumentArt European Film Festival, XpoNorth, Inverness Film Festival, The Smalls Film Festival, Kyiv International Short Film Festival, Flatpack Film Festival, East End Film Festival, British Shorts Berlin, Loco Comedy Film Festival