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## Resources

Film: Jellyfish (2018)  
Director: James Gardner



Image courtesy of Chortle (<https://www.chortle.co.uk/review/2021/02/22/47884/jellyfish/>)

*James Gardner: It was just really important to me that the film came across as authentic and genuine, and I hope that it adds to the conversation that we're all not really having about how we can better support vulnerable young people in Sarah's situation, because there's a Sarah in every town up and down the country.*

## Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJOWW STDJo>



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Fun facts:

- All filmed in Margate, Kent.
- The script began when Gardner was a student at National Film and Television School.
- Gardner's first short film, 'Ferris and the Fancy Pigeon' won a Royal Television Society Award.
- 'Jellyfish' is a completely independent feature, with no government funding.
- Liv Hill, who portrays the protagonist Sarah Taylor, was BAFTA nominated for the series 'Three Girls' about the sexual abuse scandal in Rochdale.
- Although Gardner doesn't see 'Jellyfish' as a political film, he hopes that 'we can figure out how we can better support young people'.



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## Festival Appearances and awards:

- **Ale Kino! International Young Audience Film Festival, 2018.**  
**WON:**  
Young People's Jury Award – Best Film (James Gardner)  
Golden Poznan Goat – Best Film (James Gardner)
- **Dinard British Film Festival, 2018.**  
**WON:**  
Best Direction – James Gardner  
Best Screenplay – James Gardner, Simon Lord  
Golden Hitchcock – Best Film (James Gardner)  
Special Mention – Best Actor (Liv Hill)
- **Edinburgh International Film Festival, 2018.**  
Winner:  
Best Performance in a British Feature Film – Liv Hill, Sinead Matthews
- **Jerry Goldsmith Awards, 2019.**  
Winner:  
Jerry Goldsmith Award – Best Song
- **London Critics Circle Film Awards, 2019.**  
Nominee:  
ALFS Award – Young British/ Irish Performer of the Year.



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## Video material:

Jellyfish reviewed by Mark Kermode.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F19DjHXhoZU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F19DjHXhoZU</a>
Liv Hill & James Gardner on BBC Breakfast News.	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POR3GgkXOAQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POR3GgkXOAQ</a>

## Interviews:

TheFilm.Blog <b>'I thought we'd written an impossible screenplay'   James Gardner Interview.</b>	<a href="https://thefilm.blog/2019/02/01/james-gardner-interview/">https://thefilm.blog/2019/02/01/james-gardner-interview/</a>
Cineuropa James Gardner. Director of Jellyfish.	<a href="https://cineuropa.org/en/interview/368552/">https://cineuropa.org/en/interview/368552/</a>
Film Feeder <b>Exclusive: Interview with Jellyfish Director James Gardner.</b>	<a href="https://www.filmfeeder.co.uk/exclusive-interview-with-jellyfish-director-james-gardner/">https://www.filmfeeder.co.uk/exclusive-interview-with-jellyfish-director-james-gardner/</a>



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## Reviews:

Evening Standard	<a href="https://www.standard.co.uk/culture/film/jellyfish-review-portrait-of-broken-britain-with-brilliant-breakout-stars-a4067896.html">https://www.standard.co.uk/culture/film/jellyfish-review-portrait-of-broken-britain-with-brilliant-breakout-stars-a4067896.html</a>
The Guardian	<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/feb/14/jellyfish-review-james-gardner-liv-hill-margate">https://www.theguardian.com/film/2019/feb/14/jellyfish-review-james-gardner-liv-hill-margate</a>
RadioTimes	<a href="https://www.radiotimes.com/movie-guide/b-q8thh2/jellyfish/">https://www.radiotimes.com/movie-guide/b-q8thh2/jellyfish/</a>
Rotton Tomatoes	<a href="https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/jellyfish_2018">https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/jellyfish_2018</a>
The Hollywood Reporter	<a href="https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-reviews/jellyfish-review-1104766/">https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/movies/movie-reviews/jellyfish-review-1104766/</a>