

DANIEL WILSON

Film & TV Director

I am a very experienced director with extensive credits on both TV and film drama, praised for my visual flair, strong communication, unflappable approach and trust, economy and ability with actors. One producer described me as 'the most naturally talented director they had ever worked with'.

Director – Feature Film

2025 • **Play Dead** *Steel Mill Films*

Currently in post-production 'Play Dead' is a heavy metal horror crossover starring former Iron Maiden frontman Blaze Bayley. Due for release in early 2026

2023 • **The Devil Went Down To Islington** *Skinned Productions*

'The Devil...' is comedy/horror mash-up of the Faustian legend and 'Brewster's Millions' starring James Lance, Michael Smiley & Mark Benton. Available now on Amazon, Apple TV & Google Play

Director – Television Drama

2024 • **Hollyoaks** *Lime Pictures/Channel 4*

2006-2024 • **Doctors** (160+ episodes) *BBC Drama/BBC One*

2000-2019 • **EastEnders** (40+ Episodes) *BBC Drama/BBC One*

2005-2018 • **River City** (50+ episodes) *BBC Scotland/BBC One*

2014-2015 • **Holby City** *BBC Drama/BBC One*

2013 • **Waterloo Road** *Shed Productions/BBC One*

2012 • **The Preston Passion** *BBC Drama North/BBC One*

Three award-winning modern miracle plays, all set in Preston – in 1842, 1916 and 2012 – and starring Samantha Bond, Ronald Pickup, Tom Ellis and Paul Barber among others, broadcast on Good Friday.

2010-2011 • **32 Brinkburn Street** *BBC Drama/BBC One*

New drama set in 1931 and 2011 charting the lives of one family living in the same house in the two periods. A new drama benchmark for BBC Daytime, I directed the whole 5-part series.

2010 • **Land Girls - Series 2** *BBC Drama/BBC One*

Series 2 of period drama following the lives and loves of the 'Land Girls' doing their bit for the war effort.

2009 • **Land Girls - Series 1** *BBC Drama/BBC One*

The 1st series of this popular drama has now picked up numerous awards since first airing in 2009.

2003-2008 • **Coronation Street** (30+ episodes) *Granada TV/ITV 1*

2002-2006 • **Emmerdale** (40+ episodes) *Yorkshire TV/ITV 1*

Producer – Television Drama

2021-2022 • **Doctors** *BBC Studios/BBC One*

Picking up in the challenging months following the return to filming after lockdown, I was part of the team responsible for establishing the Covid protocols to ensure safety for all cast and crew as 'Doctors' began to operate again.

Director – Short Film Drama

1999	• Bowled Over	BPCAD/Fuji Scholarship
The comic tale of a local pensioner who believes that true love isn't just for the young. Mishap & misadventure follow his search for a mate.		
1999	• Laugh Till You Drop	BPCAD
Satirical comedy following Charlie's first days at England's leading joke-writing company as he begins to suspect there's something sinister behind the comedy breasts and revolving bow ties.		
1998	• Searching For Quentin	BPCAD
Suburban husband by day, drag queen by night, Lola heads to New York in search of Quentin Crisp.		

Director – Commercials

1999	• The Observer – Days Like These	BPCAD/Kodak Competition
1999's entry for the Kodak Commercial Competition - This portrait of a Sunday in the life of an 'Observer' family picked up Best Overall and Best in Brief prizes.		
1993	• Marvel Milk – Marvel-ous	
Test commercial for Marvel Milk devised and directed by me, shot on 16mm.		

Awards

2022	British Soap Awards	
	• Doctors – Three Consultations & A Funeral	Winner – Best Episode
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	• Doctors – Wonderland	Nominated - Most Spectacular Scene
2021	RTS Midlands	
	• Doctors – Three Consultations & A Funeral	Winner – Best Episode
2012	RTS North West	
	• The Preston Passion	Winner – Best Live Program
2012	Broadcast Awards	
	• 32 Brinkburn Street	Nominated – Best Daytime Program
2010	RTS Midlands	
	• Land Girls (Series 1)	Winner – Best Drama
2010	Broadcast Awards	
	• Land Girls (Series 1)	Winner – Best Daytime Program
2009	British Soap Awards	
	• Doctors – The Homecoming	Nominated - Most Spectacular Scene
1999	Kodak Commercial Awards	
	• The Observer – Days Like These	Winner – Best Overall, Best in Brief
1999	Fujifilm Scholarship Awards	
	• Bowled Over	Nominated

Relevant Experience

2000	BBC Training & Development	
• 'EastEnders' Multi-Camera Director's Course		
1997 - 99	Bournemouth Filmschool	
• HND Film & Television		
1991 - 93	James Garrett & Partners	
	• Assistant Editor, video cameraman & technician and projectionist	
1990	Goldsmith's College	
	• Introduction to Film & TV Production	
1984-1988	Westminster School	