

# JO SOUTHWELL : Director / Writer

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An award winning director / writer, noted for her ability to cast, create drama and evoke powerful performances. A natural collaborator with several co-productions in both TV and Features on her slate. Jo runs her own production company - Aston Productions. **Member of Directors UK, WFTV and Cinesisters.**

## TV – Director

Killing Eve – Season 1 Shadow director to Jon East

- Sid Gentle / BBC USA / Directors UK

Oli – writer / director

- Producer Richard Bradley / LION TV

The Sleeper (book adaptation – author Emily Barr)

- Attached : Catherine Morshead, Mark Greig.

Follow Me (book adaptation – author Angela Clarke)

- Attached : Dominic Barlow and Jo Lewis

## Feature Film Development – Director / Writer

Deirdre of the Sorrows

- Producer : Jo Nolan. Exec Producer : Jon Finn (Billy Elliott)

Loyalty

- Winner Best Live Script – The British Urban Film Festival 2019
- Co-writer Fiona Hunnisett

## VR / Immersive Film – Director

First Day On Set

- Producer : Gareth Ellis Unwin (The Kings Speech)
- Screenskills / BFI
- Writer : Tom Williams (Kajaki; Chalet Girl)
- Distributed on Oculus / Youtube

## Short Film (inc) – Director / Director Writer

Two Hours

- Producer : Jo Nolan, Media Trust, Steve Lennon

[www.josouthwell.com](http://www.josouthwell.com)

[www.astonproductions.co.uk](http://www.astonproductions.co.uk)

- BRONZE Award 2020 Charity Film Awards
- Official Selection :British Urban Film Festival ( BAFTA & BIFA )
- Official Selection : Carmarthen Bay Film Festival ( BAFTA )

Entrance No Exit

- DOP : Dirk Nel (Balck Earth Rising)

Awards include:

- Winner : Best Comedy - New Renaissance Film Festival
- Winner : Best Performance - Female Film Festival
- Winner : Best Director - Out of the Can Film Festival
- Winner : Best Comedy : LAIFFA
- Winner : Best Short : Independent Shorts Awards
- Finalist Best Director : That Film Festival - Berlin Screening

Deirdre

- Winner : Best Director : NYC Shorts
- Winner : Best Director : LA SHorts
- Winner : Best Drama : LA Shorts
- Winner : Best Short : Fingal Film Festival
- Winner : Best Drama : Hollywood Int. Moving Picture

COVER ME

- Starring Isis Davis (Silent Witness, Eastenders, The Secret Garden)
- Winner : Best Emerging Talent : The British Urban Film Festival
- Highly Commended : Buxton Film Festival
- Finalist : Best Director : Mumbai Women's International FF.

Training:

- Script to Screen - John Strickland (Bodyguard) - Directors UK
- Coronavirus awareness on production - Screenskills
- Unconscious Bias - Screenskills
- Directing Action - John Glen (James Bond)
- London Film Labs - writing with Angeli Macfarlane
- Screenwriting - IFB

Other skills:

### **Secondary Teacher**

Taught in the UK and Ireland in a variety of schools from secondary, adult ED, traveller communities to Huntercombe Prison for young offenders.

**BA HONS Theology & Media** Leeds University. Working alongside YTV as a production assistant. Dissertation : Christianity or Mythology - a study of modern myth in sci-fi films.