

# Michael Beddoes

Writer / Director



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Michael Beddoes is a writer, producer and director originally from the West Midlands but now residing in London.

As a writer his comedy and drama work has secured a number of meetings with production companies on both sides of the Atlantic. Michael's pilot 'Arts, Crafts, Time & Space' was a finalist in the ScreenCraft TV Pilot Competition, meaning it was one of the selected 24 scripts from over 4,800 submitted.

Michael wrote and directed online mockumentary 'Behind The Pain (Harold)' which was Honored at The Webby Awards, as well as securing wins at both the Davey Awards and the Lovie Awards. Also in the online space he wrote two episodes and co-wrote the finale of online sitcom 'Angry Quiz Guy' starring Nick Helm, Amit Shah and Rachel Stubbings. He also wrote and directed all episodes of 'Jack Whitehall's Food Map' starring comedians Jack Whitehall and Lloyd Griffith. His commercial creative, writing and directing has been used by global brands such as Skoda, Bombay Sapphire, Heinz and Sky.

He has also written, directed and produced short films with selections at film festivals like SXSW, Palm Springs ShortsFest and Aesthetica, picking up awards and nominations at a number of them. Michael's last short film 'Sandra Gets A New Fringe' received BFI funding and debuted at The London Short Film Festival.

Michael's love of storytelling mixed with a working class sense of graft and a pinch of ADHD means that he is currently working on two TV show pitches being considered at companies, developing a feature film with a production house in the North and discussing his first novel with publishers.

## IN DEVELOPMENT

### THE WITCHES OF WEST CORK

*(co-creator/co-writer)*

Supernatural comedy drama series. After the arrival of their long-absent eccentric auntie, two teenage sisters from rural Ireland discover that they are descended from witches, and may be the deciding factor in a war between Heaven, Hell and a rebellious demon.

### SHADOWS IN THE DUST

*(writer)*

Western feature. A widow and a sex worker in 1875 New Mexico are forced to work together to survive a bloodthirsty gang, corrupt locals, and all whilst trying to solve the murder of the widow's husband.

### DOWN WEST

*(co-writer)*

Crime comedy drama series. A celebrity baker and her family have to use her fame as cover to smuggle drugs and cash into Ireland to protect her wayward son, who is in deep with the Dublin mob.

### ARTS, CRAFTS, TIME & SPACE

*(creator/writer)*

A US set time travel sitcom about lonely old bigot Mary and brilliant young black scientist Jamal who end up learning about themselves, life and the universe on quantum adventures together.

\*ScreenCraft TV Pilot Competition Finalist

### THE SUPPORTERS

*(writer/director)*

Sitcom for TV/radio. Three unlikely friends brought together for a love of a mediocre Sunday League football team negotiate life, love and heartbreak from the touchline. Created by and co-writer with Amy Clarke.

### TOOLS & SPARES

*(creator/writer)*

A British workplace sitcom set in the fictional car parts and cycling store Tailors.

## **PASTA, PIES & PAELLA**

*(writer)*

1hr dark comedy series. A married couple and their niece run a discreet Italian restaurant in the holiday trap of Los Christianos, Tenerife. But beyond business and day to day domestic situations they can never relax after they absconded from their native Napoli to avoid becoming part of their criminal family.

## **LOVE FOOLS**

*(co-creator/writer)*

1hr x 8 TV comedy-drama about negotiating the modern-day trials and tribulations of love, lust and living in New York city. Attached as co-writer of all episodes with fellow creator, Amy Clarke.

## **WITHOUT THE GRACE OF SAVAGES**

*(writer)*

1960s period sitcom. A family of eight are driven from their home in Dublin and try to set up a new home in a former Mitchell & Butlers pub in the Black Country.

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## TELEVISION

### **SNOWFLAKES**

*(director/additional writing)*

Non-broadcast pilot. A liberal minded volunteer vies for a seat in a Conservative stronghold council.

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## SHORT FILMS

### **SANDRA GETS A NEW FRINGE**

*(co-director)*

BFI backed short film. After making the life changing decision to get a new fringe, a disregarded office worker attempts to get her dismissive colleagues attention in increasingly bizarre and violent ways.

### **SEASHORE**

*(director)*

Short comedy-drama written by and starring Susan Harrison. A break-up film with a twist in the tail!

### **SEQUINS**

*(director)*

Short about a teenage wannabe drag queen set in Blackpool, 1997. Written by Amy Clarke. Official Selection in 24 film festivals, including Oscar qualifying Edmonton and BAFTA qualifying Norwich. 3 Best Film wins and numerous nominations.

### **BUNGEE**

*(director)*

A rollocking, straight-from-the-heart comedy about two best friends with just one epic day to complete a 30 before 30 list. Starring and co-written by Lydia King and Richard Soames.

### **NEPHEW**

*(co-director)*

Charity comedy short. BAFTA nominee Mat Baynton unsuccessfully pitches to two TV execs (Patterson Joseph & Sam Spiro) his idea for an awareness raising documentary for Williams Syndrome. Written and co-directed by Mat Baynton.

### **THE DATE**

*(writer/director)*

When introvert singleton Maddie is set up on a date by an overzealous colleague, she gets more than she bargained for. Best Comedy Film award winner at the Top Indie Film Awards.

### **COLD READER**

*(director)*

Librarian Gaia thinks she has the measure of prolific library user Edward, but she's about to learn not to judge a book by its cover. Starring Melissa Clements and Stephen Schreiber.

### **FLOTSAM**

*(director)*

While out for a morning jog alongside London's Thames River, Vinay makes a grizzly discovery. Haunted by the memory of what he's seen, he soon realizes there are some things you can't run from. Best Film nominee at St Albans Film Festival.

## **FORGET ME NOT**

*(director)*

Relationships can be hard. Especially when one of you can't remember you had one. Starring Briony Redman, Richard Soames and Katherine Bennett-Fox. Best Short Comedy winner at Southampton International Film Festival and Best Comedy nominee at the BAFTA qualifying Aesthetica Short Film Festival.

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## **ONLINE**

### **BEHIND THE PAIN (HAROLD)**

*(writer/director)*

A mockumentary following Andras Arato, better known as the meme Hide The Pain Harold.

\*HONOREE The Webby Awards

\*WINNER two Lovie Awards

\*WINNER two Davey Awards

\*WINNER two Davet Craft Awards

### **ANGRY QUIZ GUY**

*(writer/producer)*

Online sitcom shot in lockdown. Starring Nick Helm and created by Ben S. Hyland. Produced all seven episodes, wrote two and co-wrote the finale (with Ben S. Hyland).

### **JACK WHITEHALL'S FOOD MAP**

*(writer/director)*

Comedian Jack Whitehall and his support act Lloyd Griffith sample culinary delights in Newcastle, Brighton, Dublin and Manchester while on tour, setting each other food based challenges as they go.

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