

Ben Ockrent

Writer

Ben Ockrent is an award-winning writer and director for theatre, film, television and radio.

In the US, he's currently developing a new scripted comedy for Lionsgate / Sacha Baron Cohen's 4 x 2 and another for BBC Worldwide. In the UK, he's developing a new scripted comedy with Martin Freeman's Dancing Ledge, a feature film for Nick Frost and a new stage musical for the Young Vic Theatre.

Previous TV work in the UK includes The Secrets (BBC1); Youngers (E4); Joe Mistry (ITV2 pilot); Waterloo Road (BBC1) and Material Girl (BBC1). Other non-broadcast commissioned work includes Genius (Tiger Aspect); Khoa San Road (BBC3) and Kidnapped (BBC3). In the US, he's sold comedy pilots to FX and TV Land and a drama pilot to Paramount Studios / Anonymous Content.

Previous theatre work includes More Than Words (Neal Street/Fiery Angel); Hacktivists (National Theatre Connections); Breeders (St. James Theatre, Planet London Award for Best New Play); Provenance (Manhattan Theatre Club performed reading); Carrot (Latitude Festival), The Pleasure Principle (Tristan Bates Theatre) and Honey, which was nominated for an Olivier Award as a part of the Tricycle Theatre's season, Afghanistan: The Great Game (which toured the US, including a one-off performance in the Pentagon).

For the radio, he's currently writing a new drama for BBC Radio 4. Other radio plays include Cordite For Breakfast (BBC Radio 4); Vital Statistics (BBC Radio 4) and Honey (BBC Radio 3).

Ben has also directed some of the world's most celebrated actors in his own short films. His first, Dust, starring Alan Rickman and the new Dr Who, Jodie Whittaker, was long-listed for the BAFTA for Best Short Film and nominated for a National Film Award for Best Short Film. His second, Edmund the Magnificent, was financed by Creative England / BFI, stars David Bradley (Game of Thrones, Harry Potter) and Sir Ian McKellen and was also long-listed for the BAFTA.

TELEVISION

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
	LOVE WOLVES	FX	Original comedy pilot
	MVP	Paramount/Anonymous	Original comedy pilot
	THIS ABILITY	TV Land	US comedy pilot
2014	THE SECRETS	Working Title TV	Wrote episode "The Visitor" in this anthology series.
2014	YOUNGERS	Big Talk	2 episodes
2013	JOE MISTRY	Hartwood Films	non-TX comedy pilot
2011	WATERLOO ROAD (series 7)	Shed	1 episode
2010	MATERIAL GIRL	Carnival	1 episode

THEATRE

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2016	MORE THAN WORDS	Fiery Angel/Neal Street	Stage musical commission
2015	HACKTIVISTS	National Theatre	Part of their CONNECTIONS 2015 season
2014	BREEDERS	Vicky Graham Productions	Staged at the St James' Theatre
2011	CARROT	Theatre503	Played at Latitude Festival
2009	AT RISK	Tricycle Theatre	Commissioned play
2008	THE GREAT GAME	Tricycle Theatre	Contributed the short play HONEY Nominated for Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre
2007	THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE	Tristan Bates Theatre	

FEATURE FILM

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	COMPANY	PROJECT DETAILS
2017	THE LAST SUPPER CLUB	Portobello Productions	Feature film script commission

SHORTS

DATE	PRODUCTION (ROLE)	PROJECT DETAILS
2014	WINDS OF CHANGE	Starring Jemima Rooper
2013	DUST	Starring Alan Rickman and Jodie Whittaker Long-listed for a BAFTA