

Brian Ward

Writer / Director

Brian trained as Writer / Director at the N. F.T. S., graduating with **A STOLEN PORTRAIT** in 1980. He has directed over 50 music videos, 1984 to '94, for acts including **Sade, The Pretenders, Big Country, Art Garfunkel, Kim Wilde, Barry Gibb & Zodiac Mindwarp**, as well as commercials for **Budweiser** and **The Who**.

Writing projects completed or in development

ANGEL OF LENINGRAD – (with Martin Stellman). Commissioned by Parallel Media to write thriller set during Siege of St Petersburg. Brian attached to direct.

THE INTERPRETER – (with Martin Stellman): Original writers / “Story by” credit. Feature film for Working Title Films. Starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn. Dir. Sydney Pollack. Released April 2005.

DEATH DEFYING ACTS Co-writer / Co-producer: Feature film about Harry Houdini developed by Scottish Screen. Co-writer / Co-producer Tony Grisoni. Director Gillian Armstrong. Cast Catherine Zeta-Jones, Guy Pearce. Producer Dan Lupovitz & Myriad Pictures. Filmed summer/autumn 2006.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE BOOK / SHOEBOX ZOO Feature film – Writer: Commissioned by BBC Films and Synchronicity to write feature film version of children’s TV series.

SHOEBOX ZOO – Writer / Creator: Live-action and computer animated children’s drama series. Starring Peter Mullan & Jason Connery. CBBC Scotland/Blueprint Entertainment, Canada. *Series 1 broadcast Autumn 2004. Series 2 broadcast November 2005.*

RAVEN’S WING – Writer. Feature script commissioned by Tern / Scottish Screen. Animated, magical children’s musical set in Edinburgh.

TABLOID - Co-writer: Feature film starring Matthew Rhys, John Hurt and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. *Meglomanic TV Star Darren Daniels meets his nemesis in a world of deceit, illusion and murder.* Co-writer Martin Stellman. Director David Blair.

LITTLE LUCKY - Co-writer / Co-producer: Feature film. *A modern-day comic fairy-tale - the story of a family in crisis, saved from self-destruction, not by a fairy godmother or a guardian angel, but by a lucky black cat.* Co-writer / Co-producer Martin Stellman. Producer Polly Steele, UKI Films. In development.

ONE-ARM BANDIT - Co-writer / Director: Feature film. *An American bank-robber on the run South of the Border, sees his bad luck get worse when he's befriended by an 11 year old Mexican Artful Dodger.* Co-writer Martin Stellman. Under option to Arturi Films.

THE PROMISED LAND - Co-writer: Feature film. *A thriller set in Spain, Gibraltar and Morocco - drugs and illegal immigration across Europe's Rio Grande.* Co-writer Martin Stellman In development.

SUICIDE APARTMENT – Writer: TV movie for Gemini Filmproductions ges, Koln. A fraudster plans his own suicide to cover-up a murder. Producer Gerhard Schmidt.
Director Kaspar Heidelberg. Broadcast on German TV, January '98.

THE YOUNG CHIEFTAIN – Writer: TV movie. A 14 year old Black kid from suburban Los Angeles seems destined to become the new Chieftain of an ancient Scottish Clan. Co-production between Granada and Disney.

FLAME - Co-writer. Feature film. A professional arsonist - an American in Madrid, caught between a psychopathic Mob boss and an investigating cop - finds love, redemption and a way out...but too late. Co-writer Tony Grisoni. In development.

THE PROMISED LAND (with Martin Stellman): TV Mini-series. Contemporary thriller set in Southern Spain, Gibraltar and North Africa.

JAMES & JESSOP (with Martin Stellman): 6 x 50 min, TV Drama Series based on the ghost-stories of M.R James. Developed by Parallel Pictures / BBC.

Agent: Matthew Bates