



## GEMMA HIRST ASSOCIATES

Literary Media, Film & TV Agency

### JOHN HAY

John is a two-time Emmy and Berlin Bear Award-winning film and TV director. He has directed a wide range of material from *STIG OF THE DUMP* (which won a EMMY and a BAFTA) to romantic comedies like *THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE* and family dramas such as *THERE'S ONLY ONE JIMMY GRIMBLE*.

John's feature debut was *THE STEAL* for Warner Brothers which was headlined by Alfred Molina, Helen Slater, Stephen Fry and Jack Dee while his television work includes the Channel 4 drama, *LOOKING BACK* and *AUTOGEDDON* for the BBC, which starred Jeremy Irons. *AUTOGEDDON* won six international awards including the Jury Prize at Shanghai. More recently John co-wrote and directed *LOST CHRISTMAS*, an original EMMY-award-winning family Christmas Special for BBC 1 that starred Eddie Izzard, Jason Flemyng, Steven Macintosh and Geoffrey Palmer. The film had a theatrical outing in the US and in was screened at the NFT over Christmas.

John is in pre-production as director and co-writer (along with Rik Carmichael) on *LIVES IN SECRET*, an adaptation of Sarah Helm's book: *Vera Atkins and the Lost Agents of SOE*. The film is set to star Kelly Reilly, Iain Glenn and Jason Flemyng.

John is currently writing and directing a \$30m live action feature film *PUGWASH* based on the John Ryan Captain Pugwash stories. The film has Nick Frost attached to play its eponymous hero.

John is also set to direct *ROALD DAHL AND PATRICIA NEAL UNTITLED* for Goldcrest Films and Atticus Pictures, which he co-wrote with David Logan. Hugh Bonneville is attached to play the famed author.

### CREDITS

#### **ROALD DAHL & PATRICIA NEAL UNTITLED (Goldcrest Films/Atticus Films)**

Directing and co-writing biopic starring Hugh Bonneville.

#### **PUGWASH (Atticus Pictures/Carnaby International/Co-Star Media)**

Writing and directing a live action feature film based on the original illustrations and books created by John Ryan. Nick Frost is attached to play Captain Pugwash.



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### **LIVES IN SECRET (Atticus/Impact Pictures)**

Based *A Life In Secrets: Vera Atkins and the Lost Agents of SOE* by Sarah Helm this film will star Kelly Reilly, Iain Glenn and Jason Flemyng.

### **OZYMANDIAS (Atticus Pictures/Other Angle)**

A film that will star Eddie Izzard as an old fat, bloated Orson Welles going to Cannes to try and get the finance together to make one last film.

### **CORAM BOY (Impact Film and Television)**

Commissioned to co-write and direct this two-part adaptation of Jamila Gavin's novel for the BBC.

### **LOST CHRISTMAS (BBC and Hyde Park International)**

Directed and co-wrote (with David Logan) this original family feature film starring Eddie Izzard, Jason Flemyng, Steven Macintosh, and Geoffrey Palmer. The film won an EMMY for best family TV Movie/Mini-Series and was nominated for a BAFTA for Best Children's Drama and the Broadcast Award for Best Children's Programme.

### **JOURNEY THROUGH MIDNIGHT (CFTF/Impact)**

Commissioned to direct a feature film based on Jamila Gavin's award-winning book WHEEL OF SURYA.

### **THE MAN-EATING LEOPARD OF RUDRAPRAYAG (BBC)**

Writer and director of 60 minute BBC drama starring Jason Flemyng, Jodhi May & Geoffrey Palmer.

### **THE ADMIRAL (Fox International)**

Co-wrote this historical drama with Rik Carmichael. The film has taken \$40 million at the box office in Russia and worldwide.

### **THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE (Lakeshore)**

Director and co-writer of feature film starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, Dougray Scott & Jimi Mistry.

### **BLACK CABS (Working Title)**

Commissioned to co-write this feature film screenplay with David Logan.



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### **STIG OF THE DUMP (BBC)**

Directed this EMMY and BAFTA award-winning serial that starred Thomas Sangster, Geoffrey Palmer & Phyllida Law.

### **THERE'S ONLY ONE JIMMY GRIMBLE (Pathe)**

Director and co-writer of feature film starring Robert Carlyle, Ray Winstone and Gina McKee that won a Bear at Berlin; a Golden Griffin at Giffoni; the Grand Prix at The European Film Festival; Best Feature at BUFF; Grand Prix at Ale Kino; Best Feature at KinderFilm; Best Feature at Festival du Film Pour Enfants; Best Film at Kyoto and Best Director at Isfahan, Iran.

### **CAUSE OF DEATH (BBC)**

Directed this single drama starring Tom Georgeson & Niamh Cusack that was produced by Lorraine Heggessey and won the first prize at San Francisco Golden Gate.

### **THE STEAL (Warner Bros)**

Wrote and directed a feature film starring Alfred Molina, Stephen Fry, Jack Dee & Helen Slater.

### **AUTOGEDDON (BBC)**

Monologue that starred Jeremy Irons and won the Grand Prix at Shanghai TV Festival.