

ALAN DE PELLETTE – Director | Producer | Writer - 2026

Alan de Pellette is a director from Glasgow with wide ranging credits in TV and film. His background means that he brings class diversity to a team as he is proud to come from a working-class background in the east end of Glasgow. He began his career in radio and created the long running BBC Scottish comedy, **OFF THE BALL**, before moving into TV and a range of comedies for BBC Two, BBC Three and BBC Scotland, including the award winning **CHEWIN' THE FAT** and the critically acclaimed **OVERNITE EXPRESS & SHREDDERED WEEK**.

Recently he has directed **EASTENDERS** for the BBC, ITV's **EMMERDALE** and **HOLLYOAKS** for Lime Pictures/Channel 4 and is developing television drama series. He has directed major storylines on racism, far right grooming and domestic abuse as well as alcoholism and key episodes in Danielle Harold's National Television Award-winning performance as Lola Peace in **EASTENDERS** in 2023 and for the 'The Six' in 2024.

Alan was selected for the prestigious **Directors UK Inspire** programme 2025, working with director Richard Signy, as Alan focuses on longer form drama.

However he is also passionate about directing young people's television. In 2020/21, Alan produced the first series of the live action children's television series of Julia Donaldson's **PRINCESS MIRROR BELLE** for BBC Children's Productions in Glasgow, and in early 2021 he directed two of the CBBC **SNAPS** drama series broadcast in April 2021 and on iPlayer, depicting snapshots of life as a UK kid. He has directed numerous single dramas, including **MYSTIQUE NO 375**, a children's drama for the BBC that screened in 15 countries around Europe during 2017 and 2018.

As well as moving into drama, Alan has made several documentaries for the BBC, including **SCOTLAND'S GAME CHANGERS**, which was nominated for both an RTS and Celtic Media Award in 2018.

He is interested in bringing stories based on big true life narratives to the screen through fiction, including **MURDERED BY THE STATE** currently being developed as a high end feature length docudrama for cinema and TV (produced by Two Rivers Media, written by Paul Walker and with interest declared from Screen Scotland). It won the Celtic Media Festival International Pitch in 2024.

Alan has numerous film credits as a writer/director. His first short, **THE AFICIONADO**, was part of the UK Film Council scheme, '8½', under patron Peter Mullan. It screened in festivals around the world and is shown regularly on TV across Europe by Mini Movie Channel. He has made 4 other successful short films, including a 45' portmanteau of connected stories **DECLARATIONS**, inspired by the 60th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. It premiered at the 2009 New York Independent Film Festival, where Alan won Best International Director. In 2016, his micro budget feature film **ELEMENTAL** was shown at the Edinburgh International Film Festival in their 'Works in Progress' selection.

Television Credits

HOLLYOAKS	2018 – 2026 Continuing Drama Channel 4 / E4 / Lime Pictures Over 25 episodes including major storylines about racism, far-right grooming and domestic abuse.
EASTENDERS	2022 - 2024 Continuing Drama (BBC One / BBC Studios) 16 episodes, including 'The Six' Christmas thriller and the multi-award winning 'Loving and Losing Lola' storyline.
EMMERDALE	2021 – 2023 Continuing Drama ITV
PRINCESS MIRROR BELLE	2021 Live action children's drama series for CBBC (Producer)
SNAPS	2020-21 Drama CBBC iPlayer (Producer & Director) Two children's short dramas HOW I MET MY TWO BEST FRIENDS ROCK PAPER FIRE
MYSTIQUE NO 375	2018 Children's Drama (BBC / EBU / Sorbier Productions) Single drama, as part of European series 'Message in a Bottle', also transmitted in 15 countries throughout Europe.
SCOTLAND'S GAME	2017 Documentary (BBC Scotland / Matchlight / Aficionado Films)
CHANGERS	60' documentary about women footballers who made history, nominated for RTS and Celtic Media Festival Awards 2018.
ANIMAL LOVER	2016 Comedy Drama (BBC Three / Aficionado Films) 30' comedy drama for BBC Three Comedy Feeds, written by BAFTA nominated Raymond Friel and starring Richard Gadd.
FAKERS	2015 Comedy Drama (Channel 4 / Aficionado Films) 30' comedy drama written by BAFTA nominated Raymond Friel.
GLASGOW CITY	2013-2014 Documentary (BBC Scotland / MNE TV) Humorous and moving 6-part series following a year in the lives of Scotland's most successful women's football team.
CAMAN	2012 Documentary (BBC Scotland / MNE TV) 6-part series about the people and communities who dedicate their lives to the ancient highland sport of shinty.
DAY IN THE LIFE	2011-2010 Documentary (BBC Scotland / STV) 20-part series of portraits built around a day in the life of a series of high achievers, including Michelin chef Martin Wishart, photographer Rankin and renowned scientist Sir Ian Wilmot.
SILVER ACRES	2009-2010 Comedy Development (BBC One / Aficionado Films) Numerous script developments and sitcom pilots starring Paul Nicholas, Melanie Hill, Les Dennis, Sheila Reid, Sam Kelly, Manjinder Virk, Seline Griffith and Geoffrey Whitehead.

FINDERS KEEPERS	2009 Comedy Drama Development (BBC Two / Aficionado Films). Written by BAFTA winning writer David Cosgrove.
NEW TOWN	2008 Continuing Drama Development (BBC ALBA / MNE TV) Lead creative on pilots to develop drama for new BBC channel.
THE outhouse	2007 Comedy Drama Development (BBC ALBA / MNE TV) Various developments with a series of new writers.
OVERNITE EXPRESS	2003-2004 Comedy (BBC Two / Square Go Productions) 6-part series starring Campbell Morrison and Maureen Carr, set on the night bus from Glasgow to London.
SHREDDERED WEEK	2002-3 Comedy (BBC Three / Square Go Productions) Two 10-part series of sketch show, developed from radio.
OUT AND ABOUT	2002 Documentary (STV / Grampian TV / Square Go Productions). A landmark multi-narrative film for inaugural 'This Scotland' showing a vibrant gay scene after the repeal of Clause 28.
RICH, GIFTED & SCOTS	2002 Documentary (STV / Grampian TV) 6-part series getting under the skin of a range of successful Scots, including entrepreneur Tom Hunter, chef Gordon Ramsay and 'curry king' Charan Gill.
ELAINE	2001-2 Comedy (BBC One / RPM Arts) 6-part series built around leading comedy writer and performer, Elaine C. Smith.
HALF SKETCH HALF BISCUIT	2001 Comedy (BBC Two / BBC Northern Ireland) Sketch show from RTS award winning Northern Ireland satirists, The Hole In The Wall Gang.
NETHER REGION	2000 Comedy (BBC Two / Wark Clements) Sketch show pilot.
CHEWIN' THE FAT	2000 Comedy (BBC Scotland / The Comedy Unit) Legendary sketch show series, developed from radio.

Film Credits

SHOOTERS Writer/Director	2020 Feature Film (Sorbier Prods. / Aficionado Films) In advanced development and seeking finance. A biographical thriller based on a true story from the 1980s about a Scottish photographer on an infamous undercover assignment for Life Magazine in the US.
ELEMENTAL Director	2015-16 Feature Film (Weegie Productions / Aficionado Films) Psychological ghost story about 6 teenagers from the city who spend the weekend in an empty house in the countryside. Selected for Edinburgh International Film Festival
LIFE GOES ON Writer/Director	2013 Feature Film (Aficionado Films) Developed by Moonstone International Screenwriters' Lab. Played at various festivals.

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE FUNNY?

Director

2011 Short Film (First Light Films / Plantation Productions)
A series of youth focussed short films, breaking new talent from diverse backgrounds. Screened at various festivals.

DECLARATIONS

Director

2009 Mid Length Film (Aficionado Films / Plantation Productions)
A 45' portmanteau of short films about themes relating to human rights, inspired by the 60th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Premiered New York Int. Independent Film Festival, won Best International Director and picked up by UN representatives for outreach programme.

CHEER UP FOR GOD SAKE

Writer/Director

2009 Short Film (Plantation Productions)

A satirical film about attitudes to mental health inspired by mental health sufferers. Screened at various festivals.

SOUL MATES

Writer/Director

2008 Short Film (Aficionado Films)

Comedy drama about an elderly couple and their enduring love. Nominated for Audience Award at Kerry International Festival.

EUNUCH

Writer/Director

2007 Short Film (Aficionado Films)

Comedy drama about sexual politics and changing identities. Screened at festivals including Cannes and Aix-en-Provence, picked up for worldwide distribution by Ouat Media.

ABSOLUTE

2006 Feature Film Development (Scottish Screen /
Writer/Director Aficionado Films)
2007 Various scripts commissioned by Scottish Screen.

THE AFICIONADO

Writer/Director

2003 Short Film (UK Film Council / Short Film Factory)
A love story inspired and jeopardised by football. Screened at festivals including Encounters, Edinburgh and Hamburg. Picked up for TV distribution in Europe by Mini Movie Channel.

THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Writer/Director

2002 Short Film (Scottish Screen / Square Go Productions)
Father and son drama, developed for Tartan Shorts scheme, in connection with BBC Scotland.