

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER/WRITER
Sally McLean



A graduate of The Actors Institute, London, further studies undertaken with the faculty at the Howard Fine Studio Australia, Sally McLean has played roles in over thirty UK and Australian professional theatre productions, including the Australian Premier of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and the World Premier of *Annabel's Requiem* on the West End, as well as three seasons with the Australian Shakespeare Company in their critically acclaimed productions of *Comedy of Errors* and *Romeo & Juliet*.

Sally's screen credits as an actor include lead, guest and recurring roles in *Upper Middle Bogan*, *Jack Irish*, *Utopia*, *The Worst Year of My Life – Again!*, *Elephant Princess*, *Flying Doctors*, *Tonight Live*, *Bingles*, *Comedy Inc.*, *Evie Wants A Baby* and the BAFTA Award-winning BBC mini-series *Bootleg*, amongst others.

Her work behind the camera began with the BBC as a member of the *Books & Special Projects Unit* in BBC Music & Arts. Three years in production at the BBC led to her writing and producing her first film *A Little Rain Must Fall* in London in late 1996, thought to be the first TV-length drama to be shot on DV tape in the UK, and to her forming her production business Incognita Enterprises under the Honorary Patronage of Oscar® nominated actor, Sir Nigel Hawthorne – an association that continued until his passing in 2001.

Since then, Sally has written, directed and produced a number of screen and theatrical productions under the Incognita banner, both in Australia and the UK. Her award-winning web series *Shakespeare Republic* has been officially selected and screened at over 50 international film festivals, winning nineteen awards to date including Best Director, Best Ensemble, Best Web Short, Best Web Series and Best Actor with Season Two winning the prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Award for Best Digital Series in the USA in 2017.

Sally has additionally worked in production for Channel Nine, Endemol Southern Star and others on programs including *Big Brother*, *Australian Idol*, *The X-Factor* and *1 VS 100* and is currently writer/director/producer for her first feature-length docudrama, *Champion (The Story Of Franz Stampfl)*, due for release in 2019 and the WW2 drama television series *'Till The Boys Come Home*, starring Incognita regular ensemble members, Nadine Garner, Michala Banas, Christopher Kirby, Dean Haglund and Billy Smedley, currently in early pre-production.



Other industry activities include serving as an official Jury member in both acting and screen craft categories for the AFI Awards, AACTA Awards and ATOM Awards since 2010.

Sally continues to work in theatre, film and television as an actor as well as developing several long and short form projects for both stage and screen.

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