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### **Omari McCarthy**

### Screenwriter/Director

Omari is a Writer-Director from Birmingham, UK. He began his career in the British animation industry working his way up on a string of hit children's series until he became a Production Manager and Screenwriter. As a writer he is developing an ambitious slate of live-action and animated content, across series and features, with a local and international outlook.

Omari's debut short film **RESULTS DAY** which he both wrote and directed has been officially selected for the **Rhode Island International Film Festival (2023), Birmingham Film Festival (2023), Flatpack Film Festival (May 2024)**, **Wolverhampton Film Festival 2024** (May 2024), Windrush Caribbean Film Festival (June 2024) and won the **The Jan Němec Award for Best Debut** at the **St Andrews Film Festival 2023.** Results Day was released online in August 2024 via Omeleto (watch here).

### DIRECTING

**JAMIE JOHNSON FC, SERIES 3 (SHADOW DIRECTING)** – Shadowed director Joe Talbot from 19th August 2024 (Short Form Film / CBBC)

**WE GO AGAIN (W/T)** – Splinter Unit Director from 26th June - 2nd July 2024. The Forge / BBC Three.

**WE GO AGAIN (W/T) (SHADOW DIRECTING)** – Shadowed director Nathaniel Martello-White from 20th May - 14th June 2024. The Forge / BBC Three.

**RESULTS DAY** – Omari's debut short film which he both wrote and directed. 10 mins, BFI.

**DOCTORS SERIES 24, BLOCK 83 (SHADOW DIRECTING)** – Shadowed director Niall Fraser across two days in January 2024. BBC Studios.

**MALORY TOWERS SERIES 5 (SHADOW DIRECTING)** – Shadowed director Jack Jameson across two days in September 2023. King Bert / CBBC

**JUSTIN'S HOUSE SERIES 6 (SHADOW DIRECTING)** – Shadowed director Tim Hopewell on Series 6 Episode 5 & 6. March 2023. BBC Studios.

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### **WRITING**

#### Adult Development:

**BOUND** – Selected for the first round of the BFI Early Development Fund. A crooked cop and a vengeful spirit form an unlikely alliance. Feature 1x 90'. Outline & Deck in progress. Read more <u>here</u>.

**CLAUDIA** – Commissioned to co-write this feature film based on the life story of Claudia Jones, founder of the Notting Hill Carnival, with production company Caribbean Tales, Greenacre Films and Imagine Media International. Director/Producer Frances-Anne Solomon.

**BLITZ BOY –** Live action teen drama series in development with Emenata Studios/Producer Mark Talbot.

**THE NEW WORLD - BBC WRITER'S WORKSHOP -** Delivered a commissioned pilot under the BBC new writer initiative. Producer John Yorke.

**GANGS OF LONDON** – Omari shadowed the writers' room and wrote a shadow script for the Sky drama.

**ONCE UPON A TIME IN HANDSWORTH - AMAZON STUDIOS TCN WRITERSLAM** – Co-Winner September 2019. Read more <u>here</u>.

### CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

**JAMIE JOHNSON FC** – Wrote one episode for the third series of the CBBC show. Short Form Film/CBBC.

TIM REX IN SPACE - Wrote two episodes for Mint Copenhagen..

**KELEBEK MEDIA –** Developing original ideas for producers Deborah Thorpe and Matt Porter.

### Produced Credits

**DOG SQUAD** – wrote episodes '<u>Mission: Treasure</u>' and '<u>Mission: Clever Dots</u>' for the second series of the BBC show, TX November 2023.

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**JUSTIN'S HOUSE** – Wrote the episode '<u>Computer Bug'</u> which aired on Monday 14th August 2023.

**BIFF AND CHIP** – Wrote the episode <u>The Curious Case of the Missing Teddy</u> for the CBBC series. Development Producer Charlotte Riches. TX 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022

**NUMBER 1 NEWTON AVENUE –** Wrote episodes <u>Troublesome Trifle</u>, <u>Hide-And-Seek</u>, <u>Tickles</u>, and <u>Napkin Disaster</u> on this children's series with CBBC, TX 2021.

**LOVE MONSTER –** Wrote 7' episode <u>Spectacular Sparkly Night</u> for the CBBC preschool series. Script editor Liam Farrell; Lead Writer Stephanie Wahlstrom. TX 2021.

**JO JO AND GRAN GRAN –** Wrote episodes <u>It's Time To Bake</u> and <u>It's Time To Put On A</u> <u>Show</u> for the CBBC series. Script editor Liam Swann. TX 2020.

**PJ MASKS SERIES 4 –** Wrote episodes Labours of Armadylan and All About Asteroids for Entertainment One's series. Head Writer Simon Nicholson. Episodes available on Disney+. TX 2020.

### Previous Children's Development Projects

**HARRIET VS THE GALAXY -** Adapted Harriet vs The Galaxy into a 13 x 25' live action series treatment based on the award winning novel. Tall Story Productions.

**THE SHERLOCK LEGACY ANIMATED SERIES -** Adapted the children's book The Sherlock Legacy into a 20 x 22', CGI animated for 10-13 yrs / tweens. Pilot & Sales Deck. Gaumont.

**SHIFTY MCGIFTY** - Silvergate Media / Sony Pictures Television Kids – Adapted *Shifty McGifty & Slippery Sam* into a 52 x 11', 2D, preschool animated series. Developed bible and scripts.

**RICHARD THE STORK 2 -** Provided additional material on animated feature Richard The Stork 2 with Alison Norrington. Uncredited. Knudsen Pictures.

**FIZZ BANG** – Commissioned to write an episode of a new preschool series in development by Visionality Media. Producers Julian Bashford and Jon Groves.

DENNIS AND GNASHER UNLEASHED SERIES 2 – Attended writers' day.

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#### GO JETTERS SERIES 3 – Attended writers' day.

**JOJO & GRAN GRAN - CBEEBIES RESIDENTIAL** – Attended three day residential for Cbeebies series. Producers Ros Attille/Vanessa Amberleigh.

### Available children's spec scripts:

**HOW TO CATCH A MONSTER -** 22' comic action adventure animation for 7 - 12 years. "Ghostbusters meets The Goonies".

**LITTLE LOUD** - 11' preschool animation series which features Little and her large and uncontrollable shadow Loud

#### **EMPLOYMENT 2013 - 2024**

**Production Coordinator, Second Home Studios**. (July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Present). Short form content.

Production Manager, KidsCave Studios. "Kitti Katzs", 20 x 22', girls 6-9, (Netflix).

Senior Production Coordinator, Axis Studios. Swallowed Star CGI, 26 x 15 (Tencent Pictures). Magic The Gathering - Cinematic Trailer (Wizards of The Coast). Halo Infinite - Cinematic Trailer (343 Industries). K/DA "More" - Music Video (League of Legends, Riot Games)

**Production Coordinator, Lupus Films.** "The Tiger Who Came To Tea" - 2D, 1 x 22' mins (Channel 4).

**Production Coordinator, Passion Pictures.** "101 Dalmatian Street" - 2D, 48 x 11' mins & 2 x 22' mins (Disney).

**Production Coordinator, Jellyfish Animation.** "Dennis & Gnasher: Unleashed" *Series 1 -* 52 x 11' mins (CBBC).

Production Coordinator, Blink Industries. "The Legend of Nutwood" Teaser (Disney xD).

Production Coordinator, Studio AKA. "Hey Duggee" Series 2 - 52 x 7' mins (CBeebies).

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Art Department/ Office Runner, Zeppotron. 8 Out of 10 Cats does Countdown (Channel 4).

**Production Assistant, Tiger Aspect Productions.** "Mr. Bean" Live Action Video & Photography Shoot

**Production Assistant, Tiger Aspect Productions.** "Mr. Bean" The Animated Series - 52 x 11' mins (CITV).

Production Assistant, Second Home Studios. "Share A Story" (CITV)

### **EDUCATION**

**September 2010 - June 2013:** Falmouth University; BA (HONS) Digital Animation & Visual Effects.

September 2009 - May 2010: Birmingham Institute of Art & Design (Art & Design Foundation Course. Distinction).