

Jonathan Newman

Director / Writer

Credits include:

**THE ADVENTURER:
THE CURSE OF THE MIDAS BOX**
Period Fantasy Adventure based on the novel by GP Taylor

Director: Peter Bevan, Ibon Cormenzana
Producers: Ignasi Estapé, Karl Richards
Michael Sheen, Lena Headey
Featuring: Sam Neill, Ioan Gruffudd
Aneurin Barnard, Keeley Hawes
Entertainment Motion Pictures
Production Co:

Mariah Mundi's world is torn apart by the disappearance of his parents, then the kidnapping of younger brother by unknown assailants. Aided by an Indiana Jones-ish adventurer, Captain Charity, he sets off in pursuit, arriving at the Prince Regent, a hotel hiding a fantastical underworld.

Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/78159653>

FOSTER
Family Comedy Drama

Director / Writer: Jonathan Newman
Producer: Deepak Nayar
Featuring: Toni Collette, Ioan Gruffudd
Richard E Grant, Hayley Mills
Maurice Cole, Anne Reid
Production Co: Kintop Pictures / Serendipity Films

Looking to adopt a child and unable to conceive a child of their own, the Morrison's lives are turned upside down when a 7 year old boy unexpectedly shows up on their doorstep. Foster is a funny, poignant and uplifting film for all audiences with some twists along the way.

Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/34401223>

RIFF Grand Prix for Best Feature

SWINGING WITH THE FINKELS
Romantic Comedy
Based on his award-winning short film of the same name

Director / Writer: Jonathan Newman
Producers: Deepak Nayar
Featuring: Martin Freeman, Mandy Moore
Jonathan Silverman, Melissa George
Angus Deayton, Jerry Stiller
Kintop Pictures
Production Co:

Suburban couple Ellie and Alvin have begun to see the flame of their marriage dwindling. In an attempt to relight the fire of passion within their relationship, the pair decide to open their bedroom to a 'consensual affair'. A hilarious comedy about sex, love and swinging.

Trailer: <http://vimeo.com/27319366>

BEING CONSIDERED
Comedy Drama

Director / Writer: H Michael Heuser, Jonathan Newman, Jason Piette
Producers: James Dreyfuss, Tania Levey
Featuring: David Tennant, Nicholas Le Prevost
Production Co: Serendipity Films / Storm Entertainment

The bitter Jake is a self-professed 'artist and filmmaker' who can't quite keep life together in the face of other people's success. Jake's life changes when small-time thief, Jojo, breaks into Jake's car and steals his briefcase containing a book on screen-writing and Jake's filofax of 'contacts'. Jojo's new script ensures he quickly becomes the talk of the town. Jake, meanwhile, decides to 'drop out of society' and takes a road trip to Brighton in search of some answers.

In Development

PURE IMAGINATION

Writer / Director.

TBA

(Drama, 1960s). "Pure Imagination" is based on the incredible and inspirational true story of Roald Dahl's little known contribution to medical science. In 1960, while writing *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory*, Roald's 4 month old son was hit by a taxi and suffered brain damage. With medical technology unable to help his child, Roald, along with a toymaker who built engines in model airplanes, set about inventing a medical valve that eventually saved the lives of over 3000 children.

CELL MATES

Writer / Director

TBA

(Romantic Comedy) Helen Soloway, (37) is a single mum living in London. Her life changes when she wins an all expense paid trip and makeover to Hollywood from the back of cereal box. Whilst in Beverly Hills she finds a 'lost' mobile phone and begins a relationship with the charming stranger at the end of the phone line. Little does she know that the charming stranger is none other than George Clooney.

DRAGONFLY

Family Comedy Drama

Director
Producers:
Writers:

TBA
Lou Hamilton, Jonathan Newman
Bonnie Gibson, Melva McLean

(Comedy/Drama) Set in New Orleans. A young female sculptor kidnaps her granny from her nursing home, only to find they have a stowaway on board and are being pursued by her power-crazed mother, the police and her love-struck art teacher. It is only when they are befriended by an ex-stripper turned preacher that they have any hope of saving the Old Savannah Opera House that is to be demolished and with it a life-time's secret buried forever. An off-beat comedy set in the Deep South. (Juno, Little Miss Sunshine, Sideways)

FIRST FAMILY

Writer / Director

TBA

(Romantic Comedy) Two fraternal twin sisters from a remote fishing village in Ireland discover that their real father is actually the President of the United States. The girls head to Washington to meet Dad in a madcap romantic comedy.

SALSA CONFUSTION

Writer / Director

TBA

(Comedy) An eccentric Australian physics genius, working on the 'Theory of Everything' has a brain blockage. What better way to solve the mysteries of the universe by enrolling at a bizarre-family run Salsa Academy, run by the overly arrogant Chucho Venezuela and family?! Mayhem, fabulous dance sequences, and humour like you've never seen it before in this offbeat romantic comedy.

Additional information:

Nationality:

British

Passport / Work Visas:

UK, US Green Card

Countries worked in:

UK, US.

A graduate of the Northern Film School in Leeds, Jonathan has been described as "one of the UK's most exciting filmmaker's to emerge in recent years," and has twice been shortlisted for The Hospital Club 100 in association with The Guardian Culture Professionals Network.