

CHRISTIAN DUGUAYDIRECTOR/PRODUCER/WRITERBIOGRAPHY

Christian Duguay made his debut in the early 1980s on television series such as *The Hitchhiker* and *William Tell* before graduating to feature films. While living in Los Angeles, he directed *The Assignment*, a Sony Picture Entertainment production starring Ben Kingsley, Aidan Quinn and Donald Sutherland, and *Screamers*, an adaptation of the novel by P.K. Dick, released by Columbia Pictures. Moving seamlessly into television miniseries, it was his version of *Joan of Arc*, starring Leelee Sobieski, Peter O'Toole and Shirley MacLaine that cemented his reputation. It enjoyed strong ratings for CBS and was an enormous success, with 13 Emmy Award nominations including Outstanding Directing for a Mini-Series or Movie, Outstanding Mini-Series and 4 nominations at the Golden Globe Awards.

Since then Christian has moved back and forth between feature films and event miniseries. He made the *Art of War*, starring Wesley Snipes, released by Warner Brothers that was a box office success in the US and became the highest grossing Canadian film of 2000. In 2002, he directed *Extreme Ops*, starring Rupert Graves and Rufus Sewell and in 2008, *Boot Camp* starring Mila Kunis.

In between features, Christian kept one foot firmly in television miniseries. In 1994, he won the Gemini Award for Best Direction for *Million Dollar Babies*. From there he went on to the critically acclaimed mini-series *Hitler, The Rise of Evil*, starring Robert Carlyle, which was nominated for 7 Emmy Awards including best mini-series. Following that he produced, directed and DP'd, *Lies My Mother Told Me*, starring Colm Feore, Joely Richardson and Hayden Pannetierre.

In 2005, he produced, directed and DP'd the Lifetime Networks first Emmy Award/Golden Globe/Gemini nominated miniseries *Human Trafficking*, starring Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland and Robert Carlyle.

In 2007-2008, Christian directed and produced the miniseries on the life of fashion legend *Coco Chanel*, starring Shirley MacLaine and Malcolm McDowell. It was nominated in 2009 for best Movie Made for Television and Best Actress for Shirley MacLaine at the Emmy Awards and the Golden Globes. As well as being nominated by the Broadcast Film Critics Association Awards for Best Picture, Costume Designers Guild Awards, and the Screen Actors Guild Awards for Best Actress, Shirley MacLaine.

He also directed the miniseries *St. Augustine* starring Franco Nero and Alessandro Preziosi, and *Under The Roman Sky* starring Academy Award Nominee James Cromwell, that deals with Pope Pius XII and the German occupation of Rome during the Second World War. Most recently he's completed a miniseries adaption of the classic tale *Cinderella*, set in 1950s Rome and starring Vanessa Hessler. He has also directed three pilots for CBS/CW, *Cane*, starring Jimmy Smits, *The Beautiful Life*, and *Betwixt*.

In 2011, Christian is directing the feature film *Jappeloup*, set in the world of show jumping and starring Guillaume Canet. It will be his first French language film. At the same time he is co-producing and writing the miniseries *Brazil Red*.

Christian is known for the immediacy of his work and strong connection to his actors – he's worked with a list of accomplished actors too numerous to mention but that includes Aidan Quinn, Ben Kingsley, Bruce Greenwood, Donald Sutherland, Beau Bridges, Colm Feore, Hayden Panettiere, Jacqueline Bisset, James Cromwell, Jimmy Smits, Joely Richardson, Lena Olin, Mira Sorvino, Mila Kunis, Neil Patrick Harris, Peter Weller, Peter O'Toole, Shirley MacLaine, Stockard Channing and Wesley Snipes.