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### MOIRA BUFFINI



Screenplays include *Jane Eyre*, directed by Cary Fukanaga; *Tamara Drewe* directed by Stephen Frears; *Byzantium* directed by Neil Jordan. She is co-creator and

lead writer of *Harlots* for Hulu and is currently filming the third season.

Plays include Oliver Award-winning Handbagged for the Tricycle; Welcome to Thebes, Wonder.land (with Damon Albarn) and Dinner (Olivier nominated) for the National Theatre; Dying for It (adapted from Nikolai Erdman's the Suicide) for the Almeida; A Vampire Story for National Theatre Connections; Loveplay for the RSC; Silence, (Susan Smith Blackburn Prize), for Birmingham Rep; Gabriel (LWT Plays on Stage and Meyer Whitworth Awards) for the Soho; Blavatsky's Tower for the Machine Room; Jordan with Anna Reynolds (Writers' Guild Award) for the Gate. Both Dinner and Handbagged have enjoyed West End transfers.

### MATT GREENHALGH



Following a successful career in TV Comedy and Drama, Matt began his film career with the release of *Control* in 2007. A biopic of Joy Division frontman

Ian Curtis, *Control* won Best British Independent Film at the British Independent Film Awards and Matt also won the Carl Foreman Award

for the Most Promising Newcomer at the 2008 BAFTA Awards. Matt's second feature film. Nowhere Boy, was a chronicle of young John Lennon's early years, starring Aaron Johnson, Kristin Scott Thomas and Anne-Marie Duff, and was nominated for 'Outstanding British Film' at the BAFTA's in 2010. He has since gone on to write The Look of Love directed by Michael Winterbottom and starring Steve Coogan and Anna Friel as well as to write and direct his two short films, Acid Burn and Supermarket Girl. His latest feature Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool starring Annette Benning, Jamie Bell and Julie Walters was released in 2017 to critical acclaim and was nominated for a BAFTA award for Best Screenplay, Best Leading Actor and Best Leading Actress.

He is currently writing a feature for Hardy Baker and Studio Canal.

#### FARAH ABUSHWESHA



BAFTA-nominated producer and best selling author, Farah is a champion of new talent. She is currently producing *The Singapore Grip* adapted by Christopher

Hampton and *The ABC Murders* adapted by Sarah Phelps. Her most recent feature films include Netflix Original *Irreplaceable You* with Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Michiel Huismann, Christopher Walken and Steve Coogan. She is the founder of the BAFTA Rocliffe New Writing Showcase.





# CHOSEN by John Owen Theobald

#### Directed by NOUR WAZZI Composer CLARA SCHUMANN

1853. Classical musicians Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms engage in a scandalous love affair, while an ideological war rages around them.

JOHN OWEN THEOBALD is a novelist and screenwriter. He the author of the *Ravenmaster Trilogy*, a series of novels set in the Tower of London during the Blitz, and the forthcoming epic novel *The Deserters' Orchestra*, set during the siege of Leningrad. His debut feature screenplay *Chosen* explores Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms's scandalous love affair. John's TV pilot *Avalon*, a political drama based on the true story of Nazi leader Rudolph Hess, was selected for the Austin Film Festival 2018. His short films have screened at the BAFTA-qualifying BFI Flare and London Short Film Festival. He is currently adapting the *Ravenmaster Trilogy* for the screen.

## CAST

Narrator/Marie EVLYNE OYEDOKUN Milburn Browning Associates

Clara Schumann LIA BURGE Mia Thomson Associates

Johannes Brahms TOM CANTON Conway van Gelder Grant

Robert Schumann JO STONE-FEWINGS United Agents

Liszt ROBERT CAVANAH Eamonn Bedford Agency

Josef HENRY FELIX A&J Artists

Doctor/Guard WILLIAM BELCHAMBERS Tildsley France Associates

# NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

#### by ADAM BUTCHER

Directed by IAN ARYEH Composer ANDREA BOCCADORO

A world-weary hermit finds a young woman's diary and is inspired to start looking for love... despite the fact he lives in a terrifying post-apocalyptic wasteland.

ADAM BUTCHER is an award–winning writer/ director and recent graduate of the Berlinale Talents campus. He's written and directed many successful short films, receiving a total of four Vimeo Staff Picks. His viral thriller *Internet Story* attracted over a million views in its first week online, while *Bradley Manning Had Secrets* won 'Best Short Film' at Mix Copenhagen 2013. His most recent short *The Prevailing Winds* (written by Lawrie Doran) was funded by Film London and premiered at the BFI London Film Festival.

Adam recently finished writing a feature adaptation of *Internet Story* with Western Edge Pictures (*Third Star, Prevenge*), and he's now developing a slate of projects with the hope of making a directorial debut in the near future.

### CAST

Narrator ELOISE SECKER Winterson's Arthur JOEL FRY United Agents Nomad DAVID FIELDER Gardner Herrity Emily JEMMA GEANAUS Tildsley France Associates

Gwendoline ALANA BODEN Olivia Bell Management

# GALA DALI by FINOLA WALLER

Directed by SUSAN JACOBSON Composer GARETH MURPHY

*A biopic of the battles faced by Gala – wife, manager and muse of the artist, Salvador Dali.* 

FINOLA WALLER's first ever script reached the Second Round of The Austin Film Festival. After then, she carried on learning the craft and writing. She blogs for educational sites and has created educational quizzes for an e-learning portal. She mostly freelance as a proof-reader and copywriter as well as teach English to GCSE students as a private tutor.

## CAST

Narrator VERITY MARSHALL Piers Nimmo Management

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Gala SIUBHAN HARRISON Olivia Bell Management

Paul Eluard RORY FLECK BYRNE The Artist's Partnership





