

## Tiarnan O'Sullivan CV

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### Professional Summary

Highly creative Writer and Director with credits across feature films, television, shorts, live events, promos and music videos. Through these projects I have worked with a wide range of incredible actors and crew - including Sir Ian McKellan, Ray Winstone, Paul Reiser, Omid Djalili, Adrian Dunbar and Pat Laffan - who support my dedication to strong performances, comedy and storytelling. In 2019, I was selected for the Director's UK "Inspire" scheme, through which I have been mentored by Jim O'Hanlon (*Catastrophe*, *Trying*).

Notable credits include debut feature film *Playing Dead*, festival-touring short films *Laid to Rest* and *Sleeper Cell*, TV Pilot *The Amazing World of Charlie*, comedian Omid Djalili's *Schmuck For A Night* tour, and most recently 2nd Unit Director on the new Apple/BBC TV comedy series *Trying*.

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### Notable Writing / Directing Credits:

<b><i>Trying</i></b>	<b><i>2nd Unit Director</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
2nd Unit Director for Apple TV / BBC Comedy series starring Rafe Spall, Esther Smith & Imelda Staunton.		
<b><i>Playing Dead</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>Feature Film</i></b>
Debut dark comedy feature film following the story of an identity thief who steals the wrong man's life.		
<b><i>Laid To Rest</i></b>	<b><i>Writer/Director</i></b>	<b><i>Short Film</i></b>
Dark comedy short. Nominated for several awards across festivals in the UK, Ireland and internationally.		
<b><i>Sleeper Cell</i></b>	<b><i>Writer/Director</i></b>	<b><i>Short Film</i></b>
Dark comedy short. Nominated for several awards across festivals in the UK and Ireland.		
<b><i>Amazing World of Charlie</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
Dark comedy TV Pilot starring Paul Reiser and Omid Djalili, following the life of a depressed dog.		
<b><i>To The Grave</i></b>	<b><i>Writer</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
Eight-part dark drama series on the rise of technology, previously optioned by <i>Escape Films</i> .		
<b><i>Grassy Noel</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
Comedy pilot starring Adrian Dunbar as an Irish farmer who uncovers the truth about the JFK assassination.		
<b><i>Clapped Out</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
Comedy pilot with Omid Djalili and Owen O'Neill following the highs and lows of life as a comedian.		
<b><i>Take the Lead</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
Comedy pilot following the lifestyle of a young Premier League footballer and his entourage.		
<b><i>Thesps</i></b>	<b><i>Writer/Director</i></b>	<b><i>Web Series</i></b>
Comedy web-series starring comedian Mark Watson following the lives of five aspiring actors.		
<b><i>Saving CACA</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>TV Series</i></b>
Mockumentary following a struggling drama school starring Sylvester McCoy and Sir Ian McKellan.		
<b><i>Almost</i></b>	<b><i>Writer</i></b>	<b><i>Short Film</i></b>
Dark comedy script that reached the final 100 of the <i>50 Kisses</i> script writing competition.		
<b><i>Collection of short films</i></b>	<b><i>Writer/Director</i></b>	<b><i>Short Film</i></b>
Writer and director of a number of other short films and mockumentaries.		
<b><i>Omid Djalili Live</i></b>	<b><i>Director</i></b>	<b><i>Live Event</i></b>
Live multi-camera filming of comedian Omid Djalili performing at the Hammersmith Apollo, London.		

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### Other Relevant Experience:

- Filmmaking Tutor**                      **MET / Central Film School**                      **2013 - Present:**  
Tutor at a variety of film schools - teaching directing, writing, camera skills, editing (Adobe & Final Cut), sound recording, how to work with actors and visual storytelling.
- Head Filmmaker**                      **Youthnet / The Mix**                      **Sept 2015 – Oct 2016:**  
Along with writing and directing video content for the charity I was also in charge of running the charity's Youtube channel, which I grew to over 5 million views and over 10,000 subscribers.
- EPK Director**                      **We Are Colony**                      **Jan 2015 – Oct 2015:**  
Digital content manager and *Behind-the-scenes Director* for a new VOD platform for independent films.
- VFX Cam Operator**                      **Star Wars: The Force Awakens**                      **Sep 2014 - Oct 2014:**  
VFX Reference camera operator for "The Imaginarium" VFX team.
- Development Assistant**                      **Hammer Horror**                      **June 2014 - July 2014:**  
Tasks included reading submissions and writing script reports and making script recommendations.
- Content Manager**                      **Mediacontact.ie**                      **Jan 2009 - Dec 2010**  
Creating content - both through video and written articles - for popular online media database.
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### Education:

- Filmmaking Degree**                      **Met Film School, London**                      **2011 - 2013**  
*Graduated November 2013. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours.* Modules including Craft Skills, Editing, Digital Fiction Production, Short/Feature Film Production, Advanced Screenwriting, Directing Actors.
- Business Studies Degree**                      **University of Limerick, Ireland**                      **2007 - 2010**  
*Graduated September 2010. 2:1,* Majoring in Marketing and Entrepreneurship. Modules included Marketing, Branding, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, International Management and a one-year work placement.
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### Skills & Hobbies:

- Selected for the Director's UK's prestigious "Inspire" scheme, through which I am currently being mentored by Jim O'Hanlon (*Catastrophe, The Punisher, Trying*).
  - Skilled in Adobe Premiere, Final Cut, Movie Magic, Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint.
  - High level of organisational and interpersonal skills developed from my wide variety of previous work and travel experiences.
  - Excellent communication skills – Several awards in public speaking.
  - Regularly attend the theatre and cinema to keep up with latest trends and releases.
  - Knowledge of online fundraising through my own successful *Kickstarter* campaign.
  - A working knowledge of French. Currently studying Portuguese.
  - Also a skilled photographer, and previously ran a successful travel photography website, having visited over 30 countries in the past five years.
  - Host and creator of popular podcast – "There's A Film In That".
  - Professional practice award for dedication, competence and punctuality from the MET Film School.
  - Keen runner and golfer – recently completed my first full marathon for charity.
  - Full drivers licence.
  - First Aid trained.
  - DBS/CRB Approved.
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### Showreel & References:

- For my showreel, and examples of my previous work, please visit: [www.tiarnanosullivan.com](http://www.tiarnanosullivan.com)
- References are available upon request.