

MICHAL INDRAK

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Personal Statement

Award-winning filmmaker, recognised for Best First-Time Director (Ottawa Film Awards), Best First-Time Filmmaker (Berlin Film Awards), and Best Cinematographer (Cineplay International Film Festival). Currently studying Film and Media at Birkbeck, University of London, with an Advanced Film Directing Certificate from Raindance. Bringing creative vision and hands-on expertise to innovative film projects.

Experience

Film Director, Cinematographer & Producer

Whispers: Waves of the Diary - 06/2024 - 07/2024

- Directed, produced, and shot a short essay film exploring Whitstable's iconic locations, including sunsets, vibrant town scenes, and maritime heritage.
- Utilised advanced cinematic techniques to capture the essence of the town, with a soundtrack by AudioCoffee.
- Recognised with multiple awards, including Best First-Time Director at the Ottawa Film Awards.

Film Director, Producer, Writer & Editor

Replaced - 09/2024–Present

- Directing, producing, writing, and editing a short film exploring AI's impact on mental health and human connection.
- Currently in pre-production and principal photography, filming primarily in London, with additional scenes in Whitstable.
- Collaboration with a diverse team, including Assistant Director Talisa Du-Pont

Key Achievements and Filmography

Whispers: Waves of the Diary (2024) – **Director, Producer,**

Cinematographer

- Best First-Time Director, Ottawa Film Awards
- Best First-Time Filmmaker, Berlin Film Awards
- Best Cinematographer, Cineplay International Film Festival
- Best Cinematography, Red Moon Film Festival and NYC Independent Film Festival
- Best Short Documentary, Seattle Independent Film Festival
- Best Male Director, Green International Film Festival
- Best Experimental, Philadelphia Film Awards
- Best Director, Filmique International Film Festival
- Honourable Mention, Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival

Replaced (In Progress) – **Director, Producer, Writer & Editor**

- A short film exploring AI's impact on mental health and human connection.

Education

Birkbeck, University of London

BA Film and Media Practice October 2023 – Present

Course/Training

- St John Ambulance: Emergency First Aid at Work (2023)
- Mental Health First Aid USA (2024)
- Raindance: Advanced Film Directing Certificate (2024)
- Cultural Intelligence and Lego Serious Play workshop (2023)

Finalist Awards

- **Best Short Film, Best Director, and Best Experimental Film** - Elegant International Film Festival
- **Best Experimental Film and Best Director** – Pageant Film Festival
- **Best Short Film and Best Cinematographer** - Cine Vista Oasis Film Awards
- **Best Documentary (Short) and Best Director** - Chalachitra International Film Festival
- **Best Experimental Film** - Global Visionaries Film Festival
- **Best Director and Best Experimental Film** - Humro Cinema Film Fest

Skills

- Film Direction
- Film Production
- Technical Skills
- Screenwriting
- Film Analysis and Theory
- Communication and Collaboration
- Awards and Recognition
- Adaptability and Innovation
- Technical tools (DaVinci Resolve)



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