

## LAURA WADHA

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I am a half Scottish/ half Syrian documentary filmmaker based just outside London. I like to tell stories about people in a sensitive way and make films that build into an emotional and psychological journey. I have a vivid imagination and strive to create work that has a visceral quality.

I love to work collaboratively and have formed lasting relationships with editors, sound designers and composers. I am reliable, adaptable and I work well under pressure.

As a self-shooter, I have experience operating the Sony PXW-FS7, Z190 and Panasonic DVX200. I know how to operate different DSLR cameras and other equipment like lighting and sound recording kit. I can edit on Final Cut Pro 10 and have some basic knowledge using Premier Pro and Avid.

### EDUCATION

**The National Film and Television School 2020**  
MA Directing Documentary

**Norwich University of the Arts 2017**  
BA (Hons) Film and Moving Image Production  
First Class Honours

### SELECTED SHORT FILMS

**Isle Of Us** (*Post-production 2019*)

- Director, Producer, Cinematographer
- NFTS Graduation Documentary

• **Like Sunday** (*2018*)

- Producer
- **FIRST ACTS**: films made by young filmmakers aged 16-25 from around the UK

### **Flight (2017)**

- Director, Producer, Editor, Cinematographer
- Developed through 'Bridging the Gap' with the Scottish Documentary Institute
- Pitched: Sheffield Doc/Fest Mini Meet Market
- Nominated Best Factual – RTS East Student Awards
- Winner Best Under 25 – Underwire Festival 2018, Best Documentary - Norwich Film Festival 2017
- Official Selection – Aesthetica Short Film Festival 2017, London Short Film Festival 2018, East End Film Festival 2018, Future Shorts 2018, Short Of The Week, The Atlantic Selects

### **Hester (2014)**

- Director, Producer, Editor, Cinematographer
- BAFTA New Talent Nominated 2014
- Edinburgh College Graduation Film

### **Saved By Shrapnel (2013)**

- Director, Producer, Editor, Cinematographer
- Shortlisted: Creative Loop Awards - Student Showcase Creative Scotland 2013

## EMPLOYMENT

**Edinburgh International Film Festival 2014-2016:** I volunteered with the Press and Industries Screenings team throughout the festival, welcoming industry guests and scanning passes.

**The Guerilla Film School 2013-2015:** The Guerilla Film School provide filmmaking workshops and short courses for children and I worked there from 2013-2015. I worked with young children and teenagers as they transformed their ideas into short films.

**Fresh Air Radio Station 2013-2015:** As the Head of Arts, I managed a team of students creating live and online content at The University of Edinburgh. We broadcast all year and throughout the Fringe Festival, interviewing artists, musicians and filmmakers.

**Arpeggio Pictures 2015:** Arpeggio Pictures are a small production company based In Edinburgh, I worked as a production assistant on their short film 'Take Your Partners' by Siri Rodnes.

**Freespace 2014:** Freespace are a charity based in Scotland who provide support for people with disabilities who choose to live at home. In 2014 I was involved in the re-brand of their website and this involved making a short film showing what they do and introducing the support workers.

**Ice coaching Elite 2013:** I was commissioned to make a series of short films for Ice Coaching Elite, a figure skating team based in Dundee who produces some of the world's best figure skating champions.

**Greenroom Films 2012:** Greenroom Films are a production company based in Edinburgh and I worked as a runner there while I was a student in Edinburgh.