

Hannah Hilliard - Biography

Hannah Hilliard was awarded the Crystal Bear at the 60th *Berlin Film Festival* for *Franswa Sharl*, as well as being selected across all sections of the *Berlinale* as a *Teddy Award* nominee. The film's other accolades include Best Film at the *Melbourne International Film Festival* and the *Audience Award for Most Popular Film* at *Flickerfest International Film Festival*.

Hannah is an AFTRS graduate whose first film *Blame* won several awards on the film festival circuit. Following this she received a *Young Filmmakers Fund* grant towards her twenty-minute drama *Search*. *Search* premiered at the *Sydney Film Festival*, screened at numerous international festivals including *Creteil Film Festival*, in Paris. Prior to completing her Masters degree in directing at AFTRS, Hannah studied English Literature at Sydney University and creative writing at the University of Sydney.

As a commercials director Hannah's work includes two spots for the acclaimed Intel Visibly Smart campaign. Shot in Indonesia, *Jogja Jip Hop Foundation* and *Batik Fractal* generated a lot of publicity worldwide and put Hannah firmly on the map as an advertising director. Her next campaign for Adidas was through Helmat Berlin further affirming Hannah's ability to work internationally on high profile brands.

Hannah has directed some of Australia's most exciting emerging acting talent including Mia Wasikowska (*Alice in Wonderland*, *The Kid's Are Alright*), Margot Robbie (*The Wolf of Wall Street*), and Callan McAuliffe (*Flipped*, *The Great Gatsby*, *I Am Number Four*). Hannah has also directed several blocks of *Neighbours*, and was invited to direct the *Flickerfest 'Star Wars'* trailer featuring David Wenham.

Hannah is the recipient of the *Screen Australia Acclaim Fund* and is currently developing her feature films *Komodo*, which is based on the true story of her Broome pearling families experience of war on a remote Indonesian island.