



MATT HARVEY

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Biography: Matt Harvey is a feature film and TV writer specialising in thrillers and factual dramas.

His produced films include horror thriller MANDRAKE, action thrillers IMPACT EARTH and HARD TARGET 2, epic drama TRISTAN AND ISOLDE, and award-winning courtroom drama AN ACT OF DEFIANCE based on the true story of the Rivonia trial. Matt was also a co-writer on TAGGART with Dominic Morgan.

He is currently developing several projects, including DE BURGO, co-written with Martein Thorisson, a TV drama series about a specialist investigative unit who pursue environmental crimes across Europe; produced by ndFH, DEAL Productions for ZDF with international partners.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

An Act of Defiance (2017)

WINNER: Best Film, Jewish Film Festival

WINNER: Audience Award for 'Movies That Matter' in The Hague, Holland

WINNER: Audience Award for 'Independent World Cinema' at the San Francisco Mill Valley Film Festival

WINNER: Golden Calf for Best Script at the Dutch Film Festival

WINNER: Best Script at The Cape Town Film Festival

PRAISE FOR MANDRAKE:

"A stunning work that instantly won a spot on my list of best horror films of 2022. Unrelentingly bleak and absolutely mesmerizing, Mandrake gets my highest recommendations." Scariesthings.com

"An intensely atmospheric piece of work, built up from a myriad acutely observed details." eyeforfilm.co.uk

"A few shock moments jar the nerves, but it's the atmosphere of damp, earthy dread that'll stick with you." Kim Newman. Empire Magazine.

"Calls to the best of folk horror while adding a strong narrative from two different women's perspectives... an essential watch for fans of the genre." grimoireofhorror.com

In Development

DE BURGO	3 X 90' Drama co-written with the show's creator, Martein Thorisson. ndFH, DEAL Productions for ZDF with international partners	Drama about a specialist police unit who investigate environmental crimes across Europe.
THE TIN OPENER	Feature film animation script Commissioned by Skylark Films, backed Northern Ireland Screen	Based on a secret WW2 operation to recover gold from a sunken submarine.
THE DEAL	TV drama co-written with Hamish Wright Cornelia Street Productions	Based on the greatest corporate coup of all time, where the chief movers and shakers in British football and TV duked it out over the broadcasting rights to the newly-minted Premier League – and birthed a monster.

Credits

MANDRAKE	2020	Feature film: 85 minutes	<i>A probation officer, Cathy Madden, is tasked with rehabilitating a notorious killer named 'Bloody' Mary Laidlaw back into society following a two-decade</i>
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		Village Films	<p><i>sentence. Cathy has always believed that every client deserves a shot at redemption, but her beliefs are firmly tested when two children disappear near Mary's farm.</i></p> <p>Filming took place in November 2020. Starring Deidre Mullins, Derbhle Crotty and Paul Kennedy. Festivals: Belfast Film fest, and Glasgow Frightfest.</p>
AN ACT OF DEFIANCE	2017	<p>Feature Film co-written with Dominic Morgan</p> <p>Spier Films and Cool Beans</p> <p>Theatrical release 2017</p>	<p><i>In apartheid-ruled South Africa, a renowned lawyer struggles to hide his secret affiliation to the nation's chief resistance movement - as he takes on defending a group of its arrested members, including its leader, Nelson Mandela.</i></p> <p>Based on THE STATE VERSUS MANDELA by Joel Joffe about the ANC Rivonia trial.</p> <p>Stars Peter Paul Muller and Sello Motlounge. Directed by Jean van de Welde.</p>
HARD TARGET 2	2016	<p>Feature Film co-written with Dominic Morgan</p> <p>Universal</p>	<p><i>Wes is slumming it in Bangkok 6 months after killing his best friend in a match in Vegas. He's tricked into Myanmar's jungle, where he's the fox in rich people's hunt.</i></p> <p>Action thriller set in Thailand. Director Roel Reine, starring Scott Adkins, Robert Knepper and Temeura Morrison</p>
TAGGART	2009	<p>Episode co-written with Dominic Morgan</p> <p>SMG/ITV.</p>	<p>Episode 'Cold Reader' in the TV cop series.</p>

FUTURESHOCK: COMET	2007	TV film co-written with Dominic Morgan Darlow Smithson / Five	2-hour Event Thriller about a comet hitting the Earth “4 stars. An impressive drama” Daily Mail, Choice.
TRISTAN & ISOLDE	2004	Production re-write Scott Free Productions, Directed by Kevin Reynolds and Executive Produced by Ridley Scott	Epic love story set in the Dark Age, based on the medieval romantic legend. Starring James Franco, Rufus Sewell, Mark Strong and Henry Cavill.