# CV FRANCESCO GABRIELE

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#### **STUDIES**

London Film School - London, 2013 - 2016

M.A. Filmmaking

Raindance Film Institute - London, 2015

Producer's Foundation Certificate

UCLA Film School, Extension Program - Los Angeles, 2012

The Art of Directing - prof. R. Friedman

The Art & Craft of Film Editing - prof. J. Rosenberg

USC School of Cinematic Arts - Los Angeles, 2012

8-Week Directing Intensive Program

American Academy of Dramatic Arts - AADA - Los Angeles, 2010 - 2012

A.A. Acting – Audition Merit Scholarship Award

Columbia College Hollywood - Los Angeles, 2011

3-Month Internship for the "Directing Actors Course" with director John Swanbeck (The Big Kauhna)

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art - LAMDA - London, 2010

3-Week English Through Drama Summer Program

Scuola d'Arte Drammatica "Teatro Azione" - Rome, 2008 - 2010

2-Year Conservatory Program - Diploma Professionale d'Arte Drammatica.

#### FEATURE FILMS

**2023 "Behave"** produced by Thespian Films. In competition at Dracula Film Festival in Romania and winner of the Best Sound Design Award at Skiptown Playhouse Film Festival in Los Angeles.

2023 "Bad Nun 3" produced by Proportion Productions and distributed by ITN Studios.

**2023** "Christmas Party" produced by Fire Flag Films and distributed by Left Films. Released in the UK in streaming and DVD on November 20th, 2023.

**2017 "Blue Hollywood"** feature graduation film from the London Film School. Produced in collaboration with Thespian Films, G-Board, UCLA and filmed in Los Angeles. Selected as the closing night film at the BAFTA Qualifying British Urban Film Festival and Francesco Gabriele ws nominated for the Best Male Emerging Talent Award. Released by Janson Media in the USA in streaming, DVD and Blu-ray in 2020.

#### SHORT FILMS

**2023** "Cul-de-sac" produced by Thespian Films. In competition at Terrorificamente Cortos in Spain e winner of the Best Short Film Award at the Abruzzo Horror Film Festival in Italy and at the Peforformance Short Film Competition in London.

**2020 "For Sale"** produced by Thespian Films in collaboration with the Abruzzo Film Commission and the patronage of the town of Tagliacozzo. In competition in over 50 international film festivals, including renowned genre festivals such as Bucheon (South Korea), Fantaspoa (Brazil) and Ramaskrik (Norway).

**2015 "Italian Miracle"** produced by Thespian Films, in collaboration with the Latina Film Commission and the patronage of the town of Sermoneta. In competition in over 50 international film festivals, including the Oscar and BAFTA Qualifying LA Shorts Fest. Winner of the Jury Award at the Stony Brook Film Festival in New York.

**2013 "The Bicycle"** produced by the London Film School. Filmed in 16mm. In competition at the PSSST Silent Film Festival in Croatia and winner of the Best Short Film Award at the Screen Stockport Film Festival in the UK.

## **OTHER**

- From 2019 Senior Lecturer in Screen Acting on the BA Acting course at St Mary's University in London.
- From 2017 Member of Directors UK.
- From 2016 Lifetime member of the London Film School.
- Dal 2014 Founder and director of the London-based Production Company Thespian Films Ltd.
- From 2014 Lifetime member of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.
- 2009 Author of the fiction novel "Io Ci Voglio Credere" published nationwide in Italy by "Rupe Mutevole Edizioni".

#### **AWARDS**

#### **BEHAVE**

2023 Best Sound Design - Skiptown Playhouse International Film Festival - USA

#### **CUL-DE-SAC**

- 2023 Best Short Film Abruzzo Horror Film Festival Italy
- 2023 Best Horror Short Performance Short Film Competition UK

#### FOR SALE

- 2021 Best International Short The Thing in the Basement Film Festival USA
- 2021 Jury Award Misty Moon International Film Festival UK
- 2021 Best Foreign Short Things 2 Fear Film Fest USA
- 2021 Monument Award Carnival of Darkness USA
- 2021 Best Kill Award Carnival of Darkness USA
- 2021 Special Mention Visioni Notturne Film Festival Italy
- 2021 Best Suspense Short Skiptown Playhouse Film Festival USA
- 2021 Special Jury Award Romford Horror Film Festival UK
- 2021 Best Director IHorrorDB Horror Fest Italy

### BLUE HOLLYWOOD

- 2018 Best Drama Eurovision Palermo Film Festival Italy
- 2018 Nom. Best Male Emerging Talent British Urban Film Festival UK BAFTA Qualifying
- 2018 Best European Feature Award Young Jury Catania Film Festival Italy
- 2018 Director Revelation Award Catania Film Festival Italy
- 2018 Diamond Award California Film Awards USA
- 2017 Best International Feature Regina International Film Festival (RIFFA) Canada

#### ITALIAN MIRACLE

- 2022 Best International Film Highlands Comedy Film Fest USA
- 2018 Best Screenplay Award AShorts International Film Festival Italy
- 2017 Fellini Award and Audience Award Corto Fiction Chianciano Terme Italy
- 2017 Special Mention Premio Cinematografico Palena Italy
- 2017 Best Screenplay Award The Monthly Film Festival UK
- 2017 Audience Choice Award Exposure Short Film Festival UK
- 2016 Jury Award Best Short Stony Brook Film Festival USA