



COLIN CAIRNES
Director

Colin is an award-winning writer/director whose credits span feature film, television, web series and some best forgotten corporate videos in the late 90s.

After helping to establish and direct some of South East Asia's most popular television comedies in the 90s and early 2000s, Colin returned to Australia and joined forces with his brother Cameron on a string of acclaimed short films, including the Tropfest finalist **Beggar's Belief** (2008) and the multiple award-winning **Celestial Avenue** (2009).

The brothers' debut feature, **100 Bloody Acres** was released theatrically in 2013 and has gone on to become a cult classic. Starring Angus Sampson and Damon Herriman, the film received rave reviews with Pulitzer Prize nominated critic, Matt Zoller Seitz calling it "the best low budget horror-comedy since Shaun of the Dead". The film was nominated for Best Original Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor (Sampson) at the 2013 AACTA Awards.

The brothers' second feature, **Scare Campaign**, was released in 2015 and collected the Best Film, Directing and Writing gongs at Monsterfest, Australia's premier horror movie festival.

2016 marked Colin's return to TV directing when he helmed all six episodes of the audacious ABC comedy series, **Fancy Boy**. This was followed by work on such shows as **True Story With Hamish & Andy** for which he won the Best Director Award (TV or SVOD Comedy) at the 2019 ADG Awards.

With his intimate knowledge of the scripting process, a flair for cinematic staging, and a belief in the primacy of performance, Colin ranks as one of the most distinctive and assured directors of comedy and suspense in Australian Film and TV.

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