

PATRICK GILLIES

BIO

Beginning his career in television news, New Zealander, Patrick Gillies, has gone on to make ten short films, two independent feature films and three television comedies. He is a past winner of a New Zealand AMP Scholarship and is also the inaugural winner of the 2003 Roy Dean NZ Writer's Grant.

Gillies' second short film, *Admit One* (1999), was selected for Official Competition in both the Montreal Film Festival and the Palm Springs International Short Film Festival. His short film, *Kitty* (2002), has been selected for over eighteen international film festivals, including Montreal (Official Competition), London, Sydney, New Zealand (Opening night), Hof, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and the "Short Shorts" tour of Asia. His debut feature film, *Offensive Behaviour*, was nominated for a 2005 New Zealand Film Award, premiered at the 2006 Cannes Marché du Film and is currently being distributed worldwide by New York-based Troma Entertainment Inc.

His latest short film, *Huhu Attack!* (2011), features a spectacular musical score performed by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. *Huhu Attack!* has been selected for the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, the Beverly Hills Shorts Fest, the Puchon International Fantastic Film Festival, the New Zealand International Film Festival, the Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival, the Traverse City Shorts Fest, and has been selected for two Oscar-qualifying festivals, the Seattle International Film Festival and the Palm Springs ShortFest (Best of Fest: Audience Favourite Comedies).

In early-to-mid 2012, Gillies' second feature film, *The Holy Roller*, will receive a theatrical release in the United States, Canada, South Africa and Australia. Distributed by IndustryWorks and Rialto Distribution, it opened in New Zealand cinemas on September 15th 2011.

FILMOGRAPHY

***The Holy Roller* (89min feature film, RED, 2011)**

- Directed, produced, edited and co-wrote this comedy-drama feature for Life Films.
- 2010 Projecting Hope Film Festival (preview screening).
- 2011 JP2 International Film Festival (Official Competition).
- 2011 New Media-Fest (Official Competition).
- 2011 New Zealand International Film Festival (Christchurch)
- 2011 Cine Con Valor, Acapulco, Mexico (Official Competition).
- Picked up for worldwide distribution (exclusive of Oceania) by **IndustryWorks**. Oceanian distribution by **Life Resources**, **Rialto Distribution** and **Heritage HM**.

***Huhu Attack!* (15min short film, RED, 2011)**

- Wrote, produced & directed this Screen Innovation Production Fund-funded musical short.
- 2011 Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (Panorama).
- 2011 Beverly Hills Shorts Fest (Official Selection).
- 2011 Seattle International Film Festival (Official Selection).
- 2011 Palm Springs ShortFest (Best of Fest 2011: Audience Favourite Comedies).
- 2011 Puchon International Fantastic Film Festival (Official Selection).
- 2011 New Zealand International Film Festival (Homegrown).
- 2011 Traverse City Shorts Fest (Official Selection).
- 2011 Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival (Midnight).

***Take Me Back - Pearl* (3min music video, 2008)**

- Wrote and directed this music video, *Take Me Back*, for Wellington-based duo, Pearl.

Life Is Beautiful - Pearl (3min music video, 35mm/RED, 2008)

- Wrote and directed this music video, *Life Is Beautiful*, for Wellington-based duo, Pearl.

The Track (7min short film, 2007)

- Directed, wrote and produced for the **2007 48-Hours Furious Filmmaking Challenge**.
- WINNER of “**Instant Kiwi**” **Most Thrilling Moment Award** and **Audience Favourite Award** in Dunedin Regional Finals.

Looking Up (6min short film, 2007)

- Wrote, produced & directed this short film, short-listed for **Sony Tropfest 2007**.

Tough Crowd (5min short film, 2006)

- Directed, co-wrote and co-produced this short film for **Sony Tropfest 2006**.
- FINALIST (Sony Tropfest 2006).

The Prefender (Television comedy series, TV3, 2005)

- Directed two episodes for this New Zealand political satire series for Great Southern TV.
- Broadcast on **TV3** in September 2005.

Liberation Force (30min television pilot, TV2, 2005)

- Wrote, produced and directed this self-funded TV pilot, picked up by **TVNZ** for development.
- Broadcast on **TV2** on 14th September 2005.

Bruised Gold (6min short film, 2005)

- Directed, co-wrote and co-edited this mockumentary short film, for the **2005 48-Hours Furious Filmmaking Challenge**.
- WINNER of Best Film and Best Director in Christchurch regional finals.
- 2005 GRAND FINALIST

Oswald Gold: Australia's #1 Motivational Expert (30min television pilot, TV2, 2004)

- Directed, produced and co-wrote this comedy pilot, under the **TV2 Comedy Innovation Initiative**. (Briefly in development.)
- Broadcast on **TV2** on 24th August 2005.

Offensive Behaviour (81min digital feature film, 16mm/Digi-Beta, 2004)

- FINALIST, **2005 NZ Screen Awards** (Best Technical Contribution to a Digital Feature).
- Picked up for international distribution by New York-based **Troma Entertainment**.
- INTERNATIONAL PREMIERE AT 2006 CANNES MARCHÉ DU FILM.
- US/International DVD release on 26 June 2008.

Kitty (5min short film, 35mm, 2002)

- FINALIST, **2003 NZ Film Awards** (Best Technical Contribution to a Short Film)
- RUNNER-UP, 2003 Fuji Short Film Competition, Otago Screen Festival
- 2002 Montreal Film Festival (Official Competition)
- 2002 London Film Festival
- 2003 Sydney Film Festival
- 2003 New Zealand Film Festival (Opening Night Film)
- 2003 Rio de Janeiro International Film Festival
- 2003 Sao Paulo International Short Film Festival
- 2003 Hof Short Film Festival
- 2004 Short Shorts Film Festival Tour of America and Asia
- Plus many more festivals (at least another seven and counting)!
- Screened on cable, satellite and free-to-air television around the world, including Canal+, Universal (Italy) and Intermedia.

Admit One (5min short film, 35mm, 1999)

- 1999 Montreal Film Festival (Official Competition)
- 1999 Palm Springs International Short Film Festival (Official Competition)
- Picked up for worldwide non-theatrical and online distribution by AtomShockwave.

Lemi's Comic Strip Capers (13min short film, 16mm, 1997)

- 2005 Pollywood Short Film Festival
- Television broadcast – TVNZ's *Tagata Pasifika* (January 1999)