

DAVID CHALSTREY*1st Assistant Director*

David is a familiar face across UK HETV, working steadily on major returning series for the BBC, Apple TV+ and Netflix, including Ludwig, Endeavour, Top Boy and His Dark Materials. He has built long-running relationships across both broadcast and streaming drama.

He has worked with directors including Ben Palmer, George Kane, Lynsey Miller and Charles Martin, and is equally at home on high-end single-camera drama and fast-moving HETV productions. Having come up through the AD department, David is a consistent presence on set and used to stepping into established productions. Based in Surrey, he is happy to work across the UK.

Selected credits

date	production	director / production company
television:		
2026	NUMBER 10	Ben Palmer / Hartswood Films, Channel 4
2025	LUDWIG S2	George Kane / Big Talk, BBC
2025	CRIMINAL RECORD S2	Joelle Mae David / STV, Apple TV+
2025	THE COMPLETELY MADE-UP ADVENTURES OF DICK TURPIN S2	Ben Palmer / Big Talk, Apple TV+
2024	LUDWIG S1	Jill Robertson / Big Talk, BBC
	Winner: International Emmy Award – Comedy	
	Winner: Venice TV Award – Best Comedy	
2024	THE DEVIL'S HOURS S3	Shaun James Grant / Hartswood Films, Amazon Prime
2023	DOUGLAS IS CANCELLED	Ben Palmer / Hartswood Films, ITV
2023	SURFACE S2	Lynsey Miller / Hello Sunshine, Apple TV+
2023	THE COMPLETELY MADE-UP ADVENTURES OF DICK TURPIN S1	Ben Palmer / Big Talk, Apple TV+
2022	TOP BOY S5	Will Stefan Smith / Cowboy Films, Netflix
	Winner: BAFTA Award – Drama Series	
2022	THE BALLAD OF RENEGADE NELL	Ben Taylor / Lookout Point, Disney+
2022	BREEDERS S3	Ollie Parsons / Avalon, Avalon, FX & Sky
2021	MARRIAGE	Stefan Golaszewski / The Forge, BBC
2021	HIS DARK MATERIALS S3	Charles Martin / Bad Wolf, HBO
	Winner: RTS Award – RTS Northeast & Border Television Award	
2021	BACK TO LIFE S2	Ella Jones / Two Brothers, BBC
2020-18	HOLBY CITY S18-22	Various / BBC, BBC One
2020	BREEDERS S2	Ollie Parsons & Ben Palmer / Avalon, FX & Sky
2019	ENDEAVOUR S7	Zam Salim / Mammoth Screen, ITV
2019	BREEDERS S1	Ben Palmer / Avalon, FX & Sky
	Winner: Venice TV Award – Best Comedy	
2018	ENDEAVOUR S6	Jamie Donoughue & Johnny Allen / Mammoth Screen, ITV
2018	FLACK S1	George Kane / Hat Trick Productions, UKTV
2018	SEMI-DETACHED	Ben Palmer / Happy Trampe, BBC 2
2017	ENDEAVOUR S5	Geoff Sax / Mammoth Screen, ITV
2017	MUM S2	Stefan Golaszewski / Big Talk, BBC
2016	CATASTROPHE S3	Ben Taylor / Avalon, Channel 4 & Amazon Prime
2016	THE WINDSORS	Adam Miller / NOHO Film & TV, Netflix
2015	MUM S1	Richard Laxton / Big Talk, BBC
	Winner: Broadcasting Press Guild Awards – Best Comedy	
2015	CUFFS	Kieran Hawkes / Tiger Aspect, BBC
2014	LIVES OF THE INFAMOUS COMEDY BLAPS	George Kane / Big Talk, Channel 4
2013	HIM & HER S4	Richard Laxton / Big Talk, BBC
	Winner: BAFTA Awards – Best Situation Comedy	