

JOSEPH CAIRNS*Supervising Location Manager / Location Manager*

With credits including Darkest Hour, Sherwood, both Peter Rabbit films and, more recently, The History of Sound, Joseph has built a long-standing career across studio features and high-end television. Based in the North-West, he has extensive knowledge of the region but also works UK-wide and internationally. He is comfortable leading teams of any size across a range of budgets and schedules, offering detailed ground and drone-based scouting where required.

Alongside film and television, he also works on selected commercial and music projects, most recently collaborating with Philip Barantini on Sam Fender's Little Bit Closer. Joseph also runs [Film Lake District](#), providing a full wraparound service to productions filming in the region.

Selected credits as Location Manager, unless otherwise stated

date	production	director / production company
features:		
2025	THE HISTORY OF SOUND (UK unit) 3 wins & 9 nominations	Oliver Hermanus / Film4
2024	UPGRADED	Carlson Young / Tempo Films, Amazon Prime
2023	THE CRITIC	Anand Tucker / Lionsgate
2021	PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY 2 wins & 8 nominations	Will Gluck / Sony Pictures
2020	SUPERNOVA 3 wins & 10 nominations	Harry MacQueen / The Bureau, BBC Film
2019	LITTLE JOE (Location Scout) 8 wins & 17 nominations	Jessica Hausner / The Bureau
2018	PETER RABBIT (UK unit) 4 wins & 18 nominations	Will Gluck / Sony Pictures
2017	DARKEST HOUR Won 2 Oscar Awards. Another 52 wins & 81 nominations	Joe Wright / Working Title Films
2014	CATCH ME DADDY 3 wins & 7 nominations	Daniel Wolfe / Film4
2014	BELIEVE 2 wins & 2 nominations	David Scheinmann / Bill and Ben Productions
television:		
2026	YOU ARE HERE (Location Scout, Prep)	Lenny Abrahamson / Element Pictures
2024	SHERWOOD 2 (Supervising Location Manager) 4 wins & 13 nominations	Clio Bernard, Tom George / House Productions, BBC Productions, ITV
2022	THE RISING (Supervising Location Manager) 4 wins & 2 nominations	Ed Lily / Sky Studios
2020	SMALL AXE (additional) Nominated for 1 Primetime Emmy Award. Another 25 wins & 84 nominations	Steve McQueen / BBC, Amazon Prime
2017	THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN S4	Steve Bendelac / BBC Comedy
2015-17	SAFE HOUSE S1 & S2	Marc Evans / Eleventh Hour Films, ITV
2015	JONATHAN STRANGE & MR NORRELL (Location Scout)	Toby Haynes / BBC, Cuba Pictures
2010	ROAD TO CORONATION STREET (TVM)	Charles Sturridge / BBC Drama
2010	FIVE DAYS (Unit Manager)	Toby Haynes / BBC Drama
2009	RED RIDING: THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1974 (Unit Manager & Location Scout)	Julian Jarrold, James Marsh / Revolution Films
2008	WHITE GIRL (Unit Manager)	Hettie Macdonald / Kudos TV and Film
2005-06	LIFE ON MARS S1 & S2 (Location Manager, Unit Manager & Location Scout across various episodes)	SJ Clarkson, Bharat Nalluri / Kudos TV and Film

commercials & promos:

2025	SAM FENDER: LITTLE BIT CLOSER	Philip Barantini / Universal, BlindEye Films
2025	LEEDS UNITED x ADIDAS	Will Innes Smith / Hype Empire
2025	NEW BALANCE: ALLERDALES	Francis Plummer / NB, Cebe Studio
2025	M&S: EVERYDAY FASHION AW25	Laura Galligan / LG Studio
2024	SIR KEIR STARMER x THE OVERLAP	Barnaby Spurrier / Labour Party
2024	SKY: BET 2024	Ewen Spencer / Locate Productions
2023	ADIDAS: YOU GOT THIS	Elliot Simpson / Hype Empire
2023	EUROVISION: WELCOME TO LIVERPOOL	Robin Mason / BBC