



ELLA BOURNE

Director

ABOUT ME

Hi! I'm Ella Bourne – female director from coastal Victoria (Apollo Bay). My work focuses on the female experience in relation to the natural environment.

I began my career in Film and TV as an actor over a decade ago and in the past 5 years have turned my hat to directing and have found my new love!!

My first film **Awoke**, produced through my company Hightide Production Co. was a meditation on how humans interact with nature, shot in the Otway National Park it received multiple awards globally. On the back of this I was commissioned to direct **Great Ocean Love**, Indigenous surf doc from Surfers For Climate and supported by Patagonia. It's been distributed by WaterBear Network (US) and Ananda Media (FRA). Most recently I directed indie pilot **Rag & Bone** in LA, set for release in 2025.

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

Australian Catholic University
2009 - 2012

Graduate Diploma Creative Arts

University of Melbourne
2013

Master Arts Management

RMIT
2014-2016

EXPERTISE

Film Directing

Commercial Directing

1st AD

Producing

AWARDS

Best Female Director
Tokyo International Short Film Festival
(Great Ocean Love)

Audience Award
Blue Water Film Festival
(Great Ocean Love)

Best Documentary
Japan International Film Festival
(Great Ocean Love)

*Full list of festivals & awards attached

WORK EXPERIENCE

2025

Rag & Bone (LA)

Director | Independent Pilot (Post Production)

Psychological Drama ruminating on the rising cost of living from US writer Cameron Case. In post production, set for release and pitching in 2025.

2024

Great Ocean Love (AU)

Director | Distributed by WaterBear, Patagonia, Ananada Media

Great Ocean Love is part documentary, part road trippin' surf flick that follows Belinda Baggs, Linley Hurrell and Lilly Pollard on a journey of discovery from the teachings of Gunditjmarra whale dreamer Yaraan Bundle. Funded by The Mindaroo Foundation & Surfers For Climate.

2023

Bobo (LA)

Director & Writer | Short Film (Completed, Festival Circuit)

BOBO: ~ noun ~ Colloquially described as 'Botox' "She went to New York to get her Bobo." Kitty & Tigress have it all figured out. From zero to hero they've found their place in the world and are living their best lives bitches! Self funded and produced. Serves as a proof of concept for series or feature.

2021

Sisters | Short (AU)

Director & Writer | (Released through Vimeo)

Director & writer of the short film **Sisters** - down on her luck sister Kim comes crawling back to her big sister Susie who has it all together. The final straw for their relationship.

2018

Awoke (AU)

Director & Writer | Short Film (Released through Vimeo)

Awoke was shot in Australia in 2017. It was the first film produced by Hightide Production Co. and won multiple awards including: Best Environmental Film at the California Film Awards, Best Short at the Accolade Global Film Festival and Best Voice Actress at the LA Film Awards.

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WORK EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

2020 - 2024

Bothered | IndieFlix Series (LA)

1st AD

For 4 years I've been the 1st AD for the streaming series **BOTHERED**, created by and starring Julie Phillips. So far I've AD'd over 30 episodes of **BOTHERED**. All seasons currently streaming on **IndieFlix**.

2024

Sitting in Silence | Short Film

1st AD

1st Assistant Director of the short film **Sitting in Silence** - after Emma goes through a traumatic experience at a New Years Eve Party, her lifelong best friend Claire brings her to a secret spot, to help her heal. Currently on the festival circuit (2025)

2024

Artemis & Cassandra (LA)

1st AD

1st Assistant Director of the short film **Artemis & Cassandra** - Artemis and Cassandra are lovers and witches. Their on again/off again romance lasts through the ages. We crossed 5 different centuries in this piece! Currently on the festival circuit (2025)

2022 (Short)

Covid Book Club | Web Series (LA)

1st AD

1st Assistant Director of the short film **Covid Book Club** - winner Mischeaux Film Festival (LA) . In development in LA.

2022 (Short) 2025 (Feature)

A New Era of Cowboy | Short Film & Feature Film (LA)

1st AD

1st Assistant Director of the short film **A New Era of Cowboy** - shortlisted for the Sundance Development Market. Feature film shooting 2025.

2022

Who Killed Mr Moss | TV Movie (AU)

2nd AD

In a world of 10-13 year-old children, who all have cars, jobs, motives, fancy hats and handlebar mustaches, we meet Donohue, a detective who solves classic crimes of the jazz era, committed by a cast of dangerous bad guys. Produced by IndieMax productions and Directed by Ben Whimpy.

REFERENCES

Belinda Baggs | Producer/Activist

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