

# Daniel McStay

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Director of Photography

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### Education

2007-2009 BA(Hons) Film and Television Production,  
University of Westminster, United Kingdom  
*Specialized in Cinematography*

2006-2007 Film og TV Production, Noroff Institute, Norway

### Feature film

**2024 DOP “Brightly Shining/Stargate - en julefortelling” Prod: Motlys**  
Released in cinemas in October 2025. Based on the book by the same name by author Ingvild Rishøi. Directed by Ida Sagmo Tvedte.

### Selected credits in Television

<b>2025</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Kameleon”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
14 episode drama series slated for release in 2026. Directed by Tonje Voreland and Ingvild Nielsen.			
<b>2025</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Fantorangen på ferie”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
8 episode puppet series. Directed by Stian Presthus and Hilde Hægh.			
<b>2023</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Snøfall 2”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
24 episode Xmas drama series. DOP credit shared with Patrik Säfström. Directed by Tonje Voreland and Tine Grønneberg.			
<b>2023</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Førstemann”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
7 episode scripted docureality series. Directed by Magnus Rye.			
<b>2023</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Hybris”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
8 episode drama series written by Karianne Lund and Hege Gaarder Nordlie. Directed by Karianne Lund.			

<b>2022</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Gutta på skauen”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
10 episode drama series written by Erlend Loe, Per Schreiner and Bjørn Olaf Johannessen. Directed by Liv Karin Dahlstrøm, Ida Sagmo Tvedte and Rune Denstad Langlo.			
<b>2021</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“19”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
19 episode drama series. Directed by Bendik Stalheim Møller.			
<b>2020</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“Stjernestøv”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK, Norway</b>
24 episode Xmas drama series. DOP credit shared with Anna Myking. Directed by Ida Sagmo Tvedte.			
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>DOP/Producer</b>	<b>“SKAM Austin”</b>	<b>Prod: XIX, US</b>
US remake of SKAM that ran for 2 seasons on Facebook Watch. Directed by Julie Andem (S1) and Phillip J. Bartell (S2).			
<b>2015-17</b>	<b>DOP/Colorist</b>	<b>“SKAM”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK P3, Norway</b>
Internationally recognized, award-winning drama series. I am part of the original team that developed this series and worked as a DoP and Colorist in Season 1,2 and 4. Directed by Julie Andem.			
<b>2016</b>	<b>DOP</b>	<b>“My friend Marlon”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK Super, Norway</b>
13 episode drama series released in 2017. Directed by Knut Næsheim.			
<b>2012-14</b>	<b>DOP/Post-producer</b>	<b>“Jenter”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK Super, Norway</b>
Hugely popular online drama-series. I was part of the team that developed the concept and visual style. I also worked as a DoP for Season 1,2 and 4. Directed by Julie Andem, Ida Sagmo Tvedte and Stian Presthus.			
<b>2012</b>	<b>DOP/Post-producer</b>	<b>“MIA: Season 5”</b>	<b>Prod: NRK Super, Norway</b>
Popular online dramaseries. Directed by Knut Næsheim, Anne Wisløff and Julie Andem.			

## Selected Music Videos

<i>Role</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Artist</i>
Director/DoP/ Editor	<b>“Use Me”</b> NO, 2014, McStay Media	<b>Tonedeff</b>
Director/DoP/ Editor	<b>“Water”</b> NO, 2012, McStay Media	<b>Peter Anthony Red</b>
DoP/Producer	<b>“Tusen Tegninger”</b> NO, 2011, Singh/McStay	<b>Karpe Diem</b>

## Selected Promos

<i>Role</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Client</i>
DOP	<b>“MGP”</b> NO, 2025	<b>NRK</b>
DOP	<b>“Humoretaten”</b> NO, 2024	<b>NRK</b>

DOP	<b>“Ski VM”</b> NO, 2024	<b>NRK</b>
DOP	<b>“Valgnatt: Presidentvalget i USA”</b> NO, 2024	<b>NRK</b>
DOP	<b>“Radioresepsjonen: Klikkprostituerte”</b> NO, 2018	<b>NRK</b>
Director/DOP/ Editor	<b>“Tusenlappen”</b> NO, 2011	<b>Finansforbundet</b> through <b>Gambit H&amp;K</b>
DOP	<b>“The Denim Bag Journey”</b> NO, 2011	<b>Mardou&amp;Dean</b> and <b>Cala&amp;Jade</b>
DOP	<b>“The Mardou&amp;Deans”</b> NO, 2010	<b>Mardou&amp;Dean</b>

## **Selected Shorts**

<i>Rolle</i>	<i>Production</i>
DOP	<b>“Life Coach”</b> UK, 2009
DOP	<b>“In Rainbows”</b> UK, 2008
Director/DOP	<b>“Optical”</b> NO, 2006

## **Selected Awards**

- FIPRESCI award 2025 for “Brightly Shining”
- Best TV-drama, Best New Show and Groundbreaking Series Concept for «SKAM» at Gullruten 2016
- Best Nordic TV-drama for «SKAM» at Nordiske Seriedager Awards, 2016
- Best Digital Original for «SKAM» at C21 Drama Awards, 2016
- Best TV for «SKAM» at Natt & Dag Awards