

Press Release



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Nick Whitfield's SKELETONS gears up for DVD release

SKELETONS, Edinburgh International Film Festival's Best British Film of 2010, can be purchased on DVD from Monday 4 October 2010.

Written and directed by Derbyshire based Nick Whitfield and shot entirely on location in the county, SKELETONS tells the story of Davis and Bennett, a mismatched pair of travelling salesman in the business of cleaning skeletons from closets. Together they travel across Britain, wandering in and out of other people's lives, performing the 'Procedure' whereby hidden secrets and lies are exposed. They literally bring the skeletons out of the closet.

In June SKELETONS was awarded the Edinburgh International Film Festival's prestigious Michael Powell Award for Best New British Feature Film. The Edinburgh International Film Festival's jury, headed by veteran actor Sir Patrick Stewart, was unanimous in its decision, commenting: "Nick Whitfield's debut feature SKELETONS best exemplifies the spirit of Michael Powell in its original vision and dark humour".

A passionate advocate and spotter of new British film talent, EM Media has been supporting former actor and theatre director Nick Whitfield since his self-financed debut short film, which formed the basis of his feature. Whitfield's second short film REBECCA was developed and produced in 2007 through EM Media's DV Shorts Scheme – the digital short filmmaking scheme backed by the UK Film Council. SKELETONS the feature was developed by Forward Films in 2008 with development and production finance from EM Media.

Forward Films have since established an East Midlands base under the name Forward East. They are continuing to work with Nick Whitfield and with finance from EM Media are currently developing Nick's second feature, TRENCHMEN.

Want to get your copy of the year's Best British Film?

Go to the [SKELETONS website](#) where you can pre-order your copy of the film of the year.

Read all about Nick Whitfield's guide to filmmaking in The Guardian [here](#).

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