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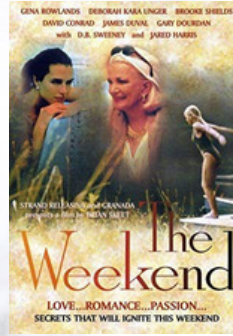
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THE DIRECTOR



BRIAN SKEET is an English director of film and television, who is also the writer, producer and cinematographer of " Wake Up to Love".

Brian is the son of a tailor, born in the East End of London, whose love of arts developed at an early age. He was educated at high school in Maine where he gained recognition for his performance in the musical Anything Goes.

He directed the first student production of Larry Kramer's drama The Normal Heart at the age of 17 winning the National Student Drama Festival and a rave review in the Sunday Times. This led to him becoming the assistant director to Sam Mendes on the production of Cyrano De Bergerac starring Tom Hollander

Brian attended Cambridge University, where his love of the arts and especially his passion for film grew even stronger, while simultaneously gaining praise for his acting ability, most notably as the character of Max in the production of The Homecoming.

After graduating from Cambridge with first class honors, he joined the BBC, gaining recognition for his BAFTA nominated productions about Walt Disney, John Malkovich, and Ridley Scott for Omnibus, as well as two award winning documentaries for Arena, Kramer vs Kramer and In Search of Oz. In collaboration with Simon Curtis, he worked on Performance, alongside John Malkovich, Miranda Richardson, Jane Horricks and Kate Nelligan Brian co-directed The Merchant of Venice with Peter Sellars, starring the late Philip Seymour Hoffman.

After leaving the BBC to pursue a career in film, he made his first short, The Boy Who Fell In Love. The film was a huge success, and opened the door for him to make his first feature The Misadventures of Margaret, a musical comedy starring Parker Posey which gained attention of U.S. audiences at the Sundance Film Festival.

Brian's follow up feature was The Weekend, the steamy Peter Cameron novel about a sextet of wealthy intellectuals relaxing over a summer's weekend which boasts an impressive cast: Jared Harris, Deborah Unger, James Duvall, Brooke Shields, and Gena Rowlands.

