

Agent: Peter MacFarlane

## **LEON OLDSTRONG**

### **Director/Writer**

Tired of watching the same content, told by the same voices, played by the same type of people, Leon founded Solaris2 Media to change the things he cannot accept - to create the films and TV programmes he wanted to see growing up. A self-taught, passionately humane writer and film maker, Leon is committed to telling authentic, unapologetic, stories about underrepresented groups. As versatile as he is creative, he writes across genres. His poetic imagination and unique voice have won him many awards. His current project in development is a dramedy series, set against a London dreamscape, executive produced by Cush Jumbo.

#### FILMOGRAPHY: Director & Writer

##### **CLEANSKIN**

Virtual reality, drama, post-production, Solaris2 Media

A 360° immersive drama exploring how girls are exploited by gangs and failed by the state.

##### **THE LIES OF OUR CONFINES**

Horror, 2022, Solaris2 Media

A group of Black boys from London are taken to the Scottish Highlands to broaden their horizons. But things turn sinister when one of them stumbles across a corn doll, housing a vengeful spirit, forcing them into survival mode.

*Formerly available on Discovery Plus*

**Best Feature Film - Dead Northern Film Festival 2022**

##### **WEATHERING**

Documentary, 2022, Solaris2 Media

Two, Black essential workers share their experiences of racism during the Covid pandemic. *Acquired by Al Jazeera*

**Shortlisted, the Community Portraits and the National Affairs Awards - New York TV & Film Festival 2023**

##### **VIRTUALLY THERE**

Virtual reality, drama, 2021, Solaris2 Media

A 360° immersive drama which considers the perspectives of those impacted by a knife attack.

**Special Mention - BFI Film Awards 2021 Finalist – Social Impact Media Awards 2023**

**Longlist – BFI & Chanel Filmmakers Award 2023**

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Fair Trade - drama, 2020, Solaris2 Media

Set in South London, a 15-year-old boy's life is turned upside down when he comes to the attention of a local drug dealer.

**1.4 million views on YouTube.**

Growing up as a Somali in the UK - documentary, 2019, Solaris2 Media

Two young, British Somalis make sense of their rich heritage and multiple identities.

**Finalist - Charity Film Awards 2022**

That's Not Ours - documentary, 2018, Solaris2 Media

17-year-old Ethan survived a knife attack. Ignored by passers-by, and presumed responsible by medics, he discusses his experiences of invisibility and racial profiling in the UK.

Acquired by NRK

**Official Selection - Sheffield Doc Fest 2018, London Short Film Festival 2018, S.O.U.L. Fest 2018**

Sweet - documentary, 2018, Solaris2 Media

TfL officer, Sylvain's mission to make everyone who passes through his train station, smile.

Acquired by LYFTA

**Official Selection - Docheads Film Festival 2019**

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