



Biography: Sir Peter Jackson - Director/Writer/Producer

Sir Peter Jackson made history with THE LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy, becoming the first person to direct three major feature films simultaneously. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, THE TWO TOWERS and THE RETURN OF THE KING were nominated for and collected a slew of film awards from around the globe, including 17 Academy Awards®, 12 British Academy of Film and Television Awards and four Golden Globes.

It was for THE RETURN OF THE KING that Jackson received his most impressive collection of awards. This included three Academy Awards® (Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Director and Best Picture), two Golden Globes (Best Director and Best Motion Picture-Drama), three BAFTAs (Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Film and Audience), a Directors Guild Award, a Producers Guild Award and a New York Film Critics Circle Award.

As a follow up to THE LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy, in 2005, Jackson directed, wrote and produced KING KONG, for Universal Pictures. The film has grossed over \$500 million and won three Oscars®.

Jackson previously received widespread acclaim for his 1994 feature HEAVENLY CREATURES, which received an Academy Award® nomination for Best Screenplay. Other film credits include THE FRIGHTENERS, starring Michael J. Fox; the adult puppet feature MEET THE FEEBLES; and BRAINDEAD, which won 16 international science fiction awards, including the Saturn. Jackson also co-directed the television documentary FORGOTTEN SILVER, which also hit the film festival circuit.

In 2009, Jackson produced the acclaimed sci-fi drama, DISTRICT 9, directed by Neill Blomkamp. The film was nominated for two Academy Awards® and awarded a Saturn Award for Best International Picture. He is a Producer on Steven Spielberg's TINTIN, and will direct the second of the three planned films, executive producing the third.

Born in New Zealand on Halloween in 1961, Jackson began making movies at an early age using his parents' Super 8 camera. At 17 he left school and, after purchasing a 16mm camera, began shooting a science fiction comedy short—which, three years later, had grown into a 75-minute feature called BAD TASTE.

Jackson works closely with partner Fran Walsh, with whom he shares his writing and producing credits, as well as a family. In the 2010 Queen's New Year's Honours List, he was awarded The Knight Companion of the Order of New Zealand for his services to the film industry. Jackson has a special interest in WWI memorabilia. He is also the proud owner of his own Sopwith Camel.