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Daniel Sawka

Daniel Sawka is a writer/director with international experience, working on projects in both the US and in Sweden.

Sawka graduated with an MFA in film directing at the AFI Conservatory in Los Angeles where he received the school's **Franklin J. Schaffner Fellow Award** upon graduating in 2016. Sawka's thesis short film *Icebox* went on to become shortlisted (final 10) for the 2018 Academy Awards in the short film category, won the **Grand Jury Award** at AFI Fest and was shown at prestigious festivals such as Telluride and Clermont-Ferrand.

Sawka then started working with multiple Academy Award winner James L. Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*, *As Good As It Gets*, *The Simpsons*) and his production company Gracie Films. This collaboration resulted in the adaptation of *Icebox* into a feature film, written and directed by Sawka. The film, distributed by HBO, premiered in December 2018, receiving critical acclaim. *Icebox* was nominated for a **Critic's Choice Award**, won the **Cinema Without Borders Award**, the **NAMIC Vision Award** and several categories of the Imagine Awards. The collaboration with James L. Brooks and Gracie Films continued in 2019 with the development of another project.

Currently, Sawka is collaborating with Anagram on his first Swedish feature film, and he is head-writer of the coming thriller series *Jana – Marked For Life*. The series is an adaptation of Emelie Schepp's bestselling novel of the same name.

Awards

Critic's Choice Awards Nominee (Best Movie Made for TV) US – *Icebox*	2019
NAMIC Vision Awards (Best Original Movie) US – *Icebox*	2019
Imagen Foundation Awards (Best PrimeTime Program - Specials, Movies & Limited Series) US – *Icebox*	2019
Cinema Without Borders (Bridging the Border Award) US – *Icebox*	2019
Academy Awards Shortlist (Best Live Action Short Film) US – *Icebox*	2018
AFI Fest (Grand Jury Prize) US – *Icebox*	2016
Seattle International Film Festival Nominee (Best Short Film) US – *Icebox*	2016
AFI Conservatory (Franklin J. Shaffner Award) US	2016

Filmography

Kärlek och andra diagnoser Two People Who Fall in Love *(Feature film)* *(Drama, Romantic comedy)* in-production *– Director , Writer*	2026
Fartblinda Säsong 3 Blinded Season 3 *(TV Series)* *(Drama, Thriller)* *– Writer*	2025
Alla andra kan dra åt helvete *(TV Series)* *(Drama)* *– Creator , Director , Writer*	2025
Jana – Märkta för livet Jana - Marked for Life *(TV Series)* *(Crime, Drama, Thriller)* *– Head writer*	2024
Icebox *(Feature film)* *(Drama)* *– Director , Writer*	2018
Icebox *(Short)* *(Drama)* *– Director , Writer*	2016
Quality Time *(Short)* *(Drama)* *– Director , Writer*	2014
Reverb *(Short)* *(Comedy, Drama)* *– Director , Writer*	2010