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Charles Officer
2012 Don Haig Jury Special Merit Award



Officer's debut short film *When Morning Comes* premiered at the 2000 Toronto International Film Festival to wide acclaim.

In 2001, he completed the Alliance Atlantis Directors Lab at the Canadian Film Centre, where his second film, *Short Hymn—Silent War* received a Special Jury Citation at TIFF 2002 and a Genie nomination in 2004. In 2005, Officer developed and directed the television pilot *Hotel Babylon*. Then followed with *Hotel Vladivostok* and *Everything is Love & Fear*. In 2007, episodes of the hit Global television series, *Da Kink In My Hair* found Officer honing his director chops.

His screenplay, *Nurse. Fighter. Boy* was selected to participate at the 57th Berlinale Film Festival. The lyrical love story about a young boy's faith in magic premiered at TIFF '08 and was theatrically released in 2009 by Mongrel Media and US distributor, Cinetic Media.

Officer finished his feature documentary, ***Mighty Jerome in 2010***— a film about African-Canadian sprinter, Harry Jerome - Canada's most promising track and field star, on his way to the Olympics in Rome. Officer won the Emmy at the Northwest Regional Emmy Awards for his picture.