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John Curran received an art scholarship to Syracuse University in New York State, where he majored in Illustration/Design. After graduating in 1982 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree he moved to New York City, where he worked as a freelance illustrator, graphic designer and then as an art director full time.

In 1986 he moved to Sydney, Australia where he set up a production company with five other filmmakers and began directing music videos, commercials and short films.

In 1998 John directed **Praise** in 1998, based on Andrew McGahan's novel, winning the International Critic's prize at the Toronto International Film Festival, and was selected for Sundance and Berlin Film Festivals. John was nominated for Best Director at the AFI Awards and received the award for Best Independent Filmmaker at the inaugural Independent Filmmaker Awards in Sydney.

In 2004 John premiered his film **We Don't Live Here Anymore**, starring Naomi Watts, Laura Dern, Peter Krause and Mark Ruffalo at the Sundance Film Festival. John also directed in 2004 episodes of the US TV series The L Word.

In 2006 John directed the Golden Globe winning **The Painted Veil**, starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts. The film was shot in China and received rave reviews world wide.

John is currently in pre production on **Stone**, starring Robert De Niro.



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