

## Will McCormack '96



Will McCormack is a director, writer, producer, actor, and author.

HE recently won the Academy Award for the animated short film *IF ANYTHING HAPPENS I LOVE YOU* in his directorial debut, which he co-wrote and co-directed with Michael Govier - a story about parents grieving the death of their daughter killed in a school shooting. The film is currently streaming on Netflix.

A graphic novel based on *IF ANYTHING HAPPENS I LOVE YOU* was adapted by McCormack and Govier and will be released this August (2022) and is being distributed by Andrews McMeel Universal/Schuster.

Will is currently directing an animated feature film for HBO MAX called "Sandcastle".

Will was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award for *CELESTE AND JESSE FOREVER* co-written with Rashida Jones. Other writing credits include "Toy Story 4" and "A to Z" on NBC. He's written the screenplay *CHALLENGER DEEP* for Disney Plus to be directed by Bob Persichetti. Also in development, *The War and Treaty*, a screenplay written by Will and Craig Borten (*Dallas Buyer's Club*) is produced by John Legend and directed by Numa Perrier. He's also writing "The People Upstairs" for Film Nation to be directed by Dayton and Faris.

Will and his producing partner Rashida Jones' company Le Train Train produced the hit tv show *CLAWS* on TNT. They also produce *KEVIN CAN F\*\*\* HIMSELF*, a new series on AMC starring Annie Murphy. Will and Rashida have an overall deal with Lions Gate Television. Other producing credits include "A to Z" for NBC and "Centerpiece" for Quibi.

His sisters are both Trinity graduates. Mary '91 is an acclaimed actress and Bridget '89 is the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Michigan.

As an actor Will won a Lucille Lortel award for his performance in Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Paula Vogel's play "A LONG CHRISTMAS RIDE HOME". He's appeared in dozens of films and TV shows including *THE SOPRANOS* and *BROTHERS AND SISTERS*.