

**JOEL TRUSSELL**  
**Director**

Award-winning director Joel Trussell has worked in television, commercials and music videos since receiving his B.F.A. in Drawing from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1998.

Trussell has directed several music videos for popular artists such as M.Ward, Morcheeba, Coldcut, and Jason Forrest, for which he won a number of awards, including the Ottawa International Film Festival's Best Music Video in 2006. His music videos have been featured in over two dozen film festivals such as Animpact Korea, the San Francisco International Animation Festival, the Los Angeles Film Festival, Platform, and Resfest. They have also been included on StashDVD, OneDotZero's Select DVD and Pictoplasma's Characters in Motion DVD, and have been featured on MTV2, MuchMusic, CMT, MTV Europe and other music programs.

Trussell recently made his television directorial debut with three segments for Nickelodeon's hit kids' show "YO GABBA GABBA!" He has also directed animated television commercials for Esurance and Nicorette.

Before his work as a freelance director, Trussell worked as an animation director in Seattle, animating online projects for clients including Disney, Napster and the band Devo.

Joel Trussell currently lives in Knoxville, TN with his wife, two young sons and their bitter old dog.