

# John Badham

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**John Badham** (born August 25, 1939, UK) is a film director. Though born in the UK (in Luton, Bedfordshire), John Badham was raised in the state of Alabama in the United States and became a naturalized citizen at the age of seven. He attended Indian Springs School in Alabama and college at **Yale University**. He had worked for television for years before his breakthrough with *Saturday Night Fever* in 1977.

As well as numerous film credits, Badham has also directed and produced for TV, including credits for Rod Serling's Night Gallery.

He is the brother of Mary Badham, who played Scout Finch in the movie *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962).

## Filmography (selected)

- *Saturday Night Fever* (1977)
- *Dracula* (1979)
- *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* (1981)
- *Blue Thunder* (1983)
- *War Games* (1983)
- *Short Circuit* (1986)
- *Stakeout* (1987)
- *The Hard Way* (1991)
- *Point of No Return* (1993)
- *Drop Zone* (1994)
- *Nick of Time* (1995)
- *Incognito* (1997)
- *The Jack Bull* (1999)

## Trivia

The leading women in two of Badham's films were named Stephanie (Saturday Night Fever and Short Circuit). Two women in his movies were played by Ally Sheedy.