

AB Fab director to make new romcom

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*Fab director Mandie Fletcher is to make a new romcom called **Pants on Fire**. The comedy is about the perils of internet dating. The film's logline is:*

*He
was single*

*But
said he was married*

*She
was wary*

*but
decided to ...*

*and
then ?*

The film will shoot in May and June in the UK and France for distribution in 2020. Casting is underway and top of Mandie's dream cast is Richard Gere, Emma Thompson and Sir Michael Caine. The screenplay is by Martin Duffy and Mandie Fletcher. Producing the film is Mark Forstater (Monty Python and The Holy Grail) and Bob Mahoney for Irregular Features Ltd. The budget is £ 5m.

**Mandie
Fletcher**

AB Fab is screening on New Years Eve at 9.00 PM on BBC1

**Mandie
Elizabeth Fletcher**

(born 27 December 1954) is an English television and film director.

Fletcher began her career at the [BBC](#) as an assistant floor manager and later production manager on comedy programmes, becoming a director of situation comedy while working on the final series of [Butterflies](#) (1983). She followed this with the [second](#) (1986) and [third](#) (1987) series of [Blackadder](#),^[1] for which she won the Best Comedy Series award at the 1988 BAFTAs.

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She also directed episodes of [Only Fools and Horses](#) (1986).

Her debut feature was [Deadly Advice](#) (1994). Fletcher has continued to work in television with [Hamish Macbeth](#) (1996–1997) and [Jam and Jerusalem](#) (2006–2009). She directed the critically acclaimed BBC 2 series [Roger & Val Have Just Got In](#), which was broadcast in Spring 2012, and starred Dawn French and Alfred Molina. She also directed the latest episodes of [Absolutely Fabulous](#) including the Olympic special. In 2013, In 2016 she directed [the Absolutely Fabulous Movie](#) for Fox and the 2018 film Patrick for Disney.

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