

# DIDIER LEAN RACHOU

COMPOSER



## BIOGRAPHY

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Didier Lean Rachou is the award winning composer of both the 16-time Emmy winning series **DEADLIEST CATCH** and **GOLD RUSH** (Discovery). In 2017, Didier will take home his 12th ASCAP Film and Television Music Award, winning the Most Performed Themes and Underscore award for the 5th year in a row. He is also a nominee for this year's prestigious **ASCAP Television Composer of the Year** award.

Didier's feature film credits include **POWDER BLUE** starring Academy Award-winners Forest Whitaker and Eddie Redmayne, **HOW TO ROB A BANK** starring Erika Christensen, **MOVING McALLISTER** starring Mila Kunis and MGM's **HER BEST MOVE**. He has had the privilege to work with such diverse artists as Ashford & Simpson, David Johansen, McCoy Tyner, Luis Bonfa, Paquito D'Rivera and members of the Pilobolus Dance Theater, amongst many others, as a composer, producer and/or engineer.

After being selected for the prestigious ASCAP Film Scoring Workshop, Didier relocated his NYC studio to a historical Hollywood Hills compound. Within months of moving to Los Angeles, he was scoring key scenes for the Golden Globe and Emmy winning series **SEX AND THE CITY** (HBO). In bringing his big screen sensibilities to the small screen with **STORM CHASERS** (Discovery), Didier has defined the sound of a television genre by scoring several of the highest rated action-adventure unscripted series on cable, from **GOLD RUSH**, **DEADLIEST CATCH** and **BERING SEA GOLD** (Discovery) to the Michael Bay-produced series **BILLION DOLLAR WRECK** (History).

Didier received a BA in Composition and Jazz Performance from the **Manhattan School of Music** and studied composition privately at **The Juilliard School**. He has been a voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (**GRAMMY** Awards) since 2000 and a voting member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (**EMMY** Awards) since 2012.

Raised in Europe and New York City, Didier is the son of world-renowned French chef Jean-Jacques Rachou (of **La Côte Basque** fame). He is married to author and culinary impresario **Lucy Lean**, niece of two-time Oscar winning director, **David Lean**. Some fun facts about Didier are that as a teen in NYC, he lived right upstairs from four-time Oscar winner **Henry Mancini**. During this time, he also taught guitar lessons to Julian Casablancas and Nick Valensi who went on to form **The Strokes**. He is a relative of the infamous Rachou couple who ran '**The Beat Hotel**' in Paris, where the major Beat poets would live and create. Didier is also directly related to the noted French painter, Henri Rachou (1856-1944). Henri not only has a street named after him in Toulouse, but was also a friend of **Toulouse-Lautrec's** and painted his portrait.

Didier holds **dual-citizenship** with France and the US. He is represented by John Tempereau at **Soundtrack Music Associates**. He currently resides in Los Angeles, with his lovely wife, Lucy and their two children.



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## AWARDS

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**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2016)**

Most Performed Television Themes and Underscore

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2016)**

GOLD RUSH

Top Television Series

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2015)**

Most Performed Television Themes and Underscore

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2014)**

Most Performed Television Themes and Underscore

**REELSCREEN AWARD (2014)**

DEADLIEST CATCH

Outstanding Achievement In Music

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2013)**

Most Performed Television Themes and Underscore

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2013)**

DEADLIEST CATCH

Top Television Series

**UNITED FILM FESTIVAL LOS ANGELES (2012)**

IT'S IN THE BLOOD

Best Film Score

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2012)**

GOLD RUSH

Top Television Series

**ASCAP FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC AWARD (2011)**

GOLD RUSH

Top Television Series



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## TELEVISION (Selected Credits)

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**GOLD RUSH**

Discovery Channel

RAW TV

**DEADLIEST CATCH**

Discovery Channel

Original Productions

**SEX AND THE CITY**

HBO

Darren Star Productions

\*Final Season

**HUMAN PLANET**

Discovery Channel

BBC

\*US Score

**HOME FREE**

FOX

Relativity Television

**BERING SEA GOLD**

Discovery Channel

Original Productions

**STORM CHASERS**

Discovery Channel

Original Media

**BILLION DOLLAR WRECK**

HistoryChannel

Platinum Dunes Productions

Michael Bay, Executive Prod.

**AQUAMAN**

WB

Warner Bros. Television

**MYGRATIONS**

National Geographic Channel

October Films



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## FEATURE FILM (Selected Credits)

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### **POWDER BLUE**

Grosvenor Park Productions

Starring **Forest Whitaker** and **Eddie Redmayne**

Tim Linh Bui, dir.

### **MOVING McALLISTER**

First Independent Pictures

Starring **Mila Kunis** and **John Heder**

Andrew Black, dir.

### **HOW TO ROB A BANK**

IFC Films

Starring **Erika Christensen** and **Terry Crews**

Andrews Jenkins, dir.

### **HER BEST MOVE**

MGM/ Disney Channel

Norm Hunter, dir.

### **THE PILL**

Shoot First Entertainment

J.C. Khoury, dir.

### **SURVIVING D-DAY**

France 2/ Dangerous Films

Richard Dale, dir.

### **THE TRADE**

Don Quixote Productions

Starring **Elizabeth Banks**

Tom Halikias, dir.

### **ALL RELATIVE**

Shoot First Entertainment

J.C. Khoury, dir.

### **AROUND JUNE**

Indican Pictures

James Savoca, dir.



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## MISCELLANEOUS

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### MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL

Lionsgate

Song "Irish Jigged"

### THE CAVE

Screen Gems

Trailer

### MEAN GIRLS

Paramount Pictures

Song "Happy McRap"

### SHUT UP & SING

The Weinstein Company

Song "Sawblade"

Private composition studies at **The Juilliard School**, NYC

BM, **Manhattan School of Music**

Voting member of the **Television Academy** (Emmy Awards) since 2011

Voting member of the **Recording Academy** (Grammy Awards) since 2000

**ASCAP Film Scoring Workshop** participant

Produced/Composed/Arranged **Christy Baron's, *Steppin'*** featuring **David Johansen**

Engineer for **Ashford and Simpson**, 1999-2002

**Dual-citizenship** with France and the US



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