

Boots Riley is a provocative and prolific poet, rapper, songwriter, producer, screenwriter, director, community organizer, and public speaker.

Boots Riley wrote and directed *Sorry to Bother You*, a comedy fantasy sci-fi film, in his directorial debut. It stars Lakeith Stanfield, Armie Hammer, Tessa Thompson, Steven Yeun, Jermaine Fowler, Omari Hardwick and Terry Crews. The film premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Fest and opened to strong critical acclaim in theaters nationwide later in 2018, and is available now through streaming. Boots was nominated for the DGA's Outstanding Directorial Achievement of a First-Time Feature Film Director Award, and *Sorry to Bother You* was nominated for the Film Independent Spirit Award for Best Screenplay and won the Spirit Award for Best First Feature, as well numerous other awards, including seven critics awards and a Humanitas nomination.

He is the lead vocalist of The Coup and Street Sweeper Social Club.

Fervently dedicated to social change, Boots was deeply involved with the Occupy Oakland movement. He was one of the leaders of the activist group The Young Comrades. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *Tell Homeland Security-We Are the Bomb*.