

**ON BEHIND SCENES AT MENTOR'S SEMINARS**

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MOVIE: Jim Sheridan

## Sheridan to make mob film

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OSCAR-NOMINATED filmmaker Jim Sheridan plans to bring notorious Irish-American gangster James 'Whitey' Bulger to the big screen.

He will direct a film based on the book *Black Mass: The True Story of an Unholy Alliance Between the FBI and the Irish Mob*, by Boston Globe reporters Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill.

Dublin-born Sheridan (59), whose films include *In The Name of the Father*, *My Left Foot* and *The Boxer*, hopes to start production later this year.

Bulger grew up on the tough streets of South Boston as a child gang member and progressed to bank robbery.

In 1956, he was sentenced to 25 years and served nine, including time in the tough Alcatraz prison in San Francisco Bay.

### Rivals

On his return to Boston he became involved in Irish gangs, eventually taking over the Winter Hill Gang, which effectively controlled crime in the area, and maintained control by ruthlessly having his rivals killed.

His activities included supplying arms to the IRA, bookmaking, drugs, extortion and loan-sharking and his influence spread across New England. He also became an FBI double-agent.

But his FBI handler, John Connolly, was also a double agent, and tipped him off that he was about to be indicted on racketeering charges in 1995.

Bulger, now 79, fled and is on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, second only to Osama Bin Laden, with US\$2 million on his head.

Sheridan, who had previously announced plans to make *Emerald City*, about Irish gangs in New York, said: "This is a story of a corrupt system and about how an angry man became the second most wanted man after Bin Laden."



**POWERFUL:** Tony Quinn talks his clients through a hypnotic process where they will experience feelings of euphoria



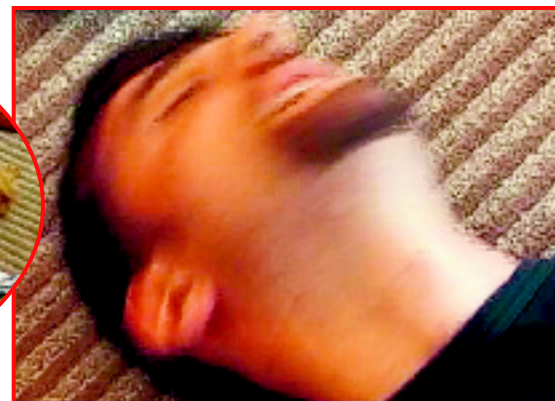
**PEP TALK:** Quinn calms a client before their surgery



**HYPNOTISED:** A client reveals her vision to Tony Quinn



**SPELL-BOUND:** A client in a trance-like state



**BIZARRE:** A client thrashes about in hypnotic ecstasy

one woman says: "When Tony put his hands on me the feeling intensified. I thought I was going to take off."

Last night Dr John Butler, who has counselled ex-members of the cult, says that Quinn's hypnotism techniques are behind the bizarre scenes.

### Thrashing

"These people thrashing around on the floor in an orgasmic state are the result of the power of suggestion. When a person opens up their subconscious mind through prayer or relaxation, they are totally open to suggestion. One person starts shaking and then they all start. We see it all the time. The problem is that we don't fully understand it and some people get into a very dangerous situation with it."

Dr Butler, who lec-

tures at Guys Hospital in London and who is an expert on mind-control cults, says that people believe that Quinn is God and therefore his use of suggestion is even more powerful.

"The high is like taking an ecstasy tablet or LSD. The problem is these people are handing over a huge amount of money for that and the high goes.

"These people believe they are seeing God and seeing the light but they are led in a calculating manner to feel and experience these things."

Quinn claims couples can get huge benefits from his sessions and for

their money will have a closer connection than ever before.

But it is business people and those with healthy bank balances that he is really interested in talking to.

In astonishing claims he says that those who have studied his mind and body system known as Educo and who have attended pricey seminars increase their earnings by 264 per cent within three years while business owners will increase their turnover by 360 per cent.

### Techniques

On the tape Irish businessman Glen O'Callaghan, who runs a carpet business, boasts how attending the seminars turned him into an overnight success.

"Within three months my turnover shot through the roof from €8,000 a week to €80,000, effortlessly."

On the tape Quinn claims that he is able to programme children to ensure they have a much better future, claiming he uses the same techniques that Hitler used to programme children to carry out acts of

genocide and Hamas use to create suicide bombers from kindergarten children.

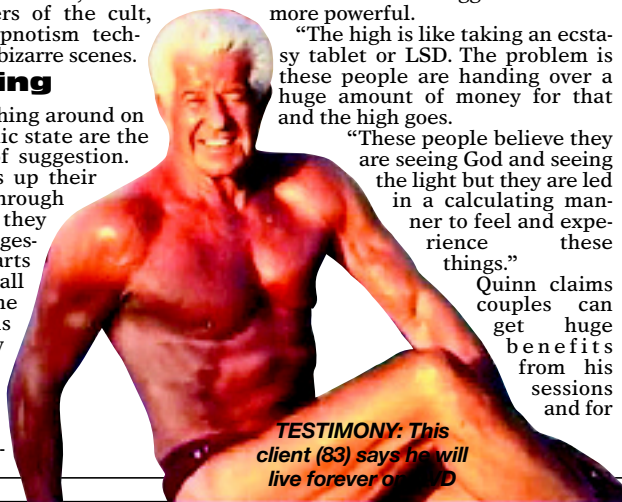
"Children, if you realise, are almost like sponge. Their minds are sensitive and you can put programmes into children's minds," he said on the tape.

One former member of the group who worked closely with Quinn has included special 'aura reading and re-aligning' time in his €63,500 Connections Seminars.

However, according to our source, the readings are done in front of up to 12 other people attending the seminar and often result in those having their aura read talking openly about deeply personal incidents like abuse, incest and extra marital affairs which may have happened in their past.

"There is also hypnotism and gym work along with talks from Tony. He will often say things like 'Have you heard reports that I am Jesus'. Then he will smile and shake his head. It is very subtle."

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**TESTIMONY:** This client (83) says he will live forever on ED



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