



Thomas Brodie-Sangster

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Thomas Brodie-Sangster (born 16 May 1990)^[1] is an English actor. As a [child actor](#), he gained recognition for his roles in the commercially successful films *[Love Actually](#)* (2003) and *[Nanny McPhee](#)* (2005). He voiced [Ferb](#) in the first four seasons of *[Phineas and Ferb](#)* (2007–2015), and subsequently gained wider attention with his roles as Jake Murray in *[Accused](#)* (2010–2012), [Jojen Reed](#) in *[Game of Thrones](#)* (2013–2014) and Newt in the *[Maze Runner](#)* trilogy (2014–2018). Continued acclaim ensued with the independent films *[Nowhere Boy](#)* (2009), in which he portrayed [Paul McCartney](#), *[Bright Star](#)* (2009), and *[Death of a Superhero](#)* (2011).

Brodie-Sangster received praise for his roles in the miniseries *[Godless](#)* (2017) and as chess champion Benny Watts in *[The Queen's Gambit](#)* (2020), both for [Netflix](#); his performance in *The Queen's Gambit* earned him a nomination for the [Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie](#). He has since portrayed the titular pickpocket in the [Disney+](#) comedy series *[The Artful Dodger](#)* (2023) and [Rafe Sadler](#) in the series sequel *[Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light](#)* (2024), reprising his earlier role in the first *[Wolf Hall](#)* (2015) series.

Early life [\[edit \]](#)

Brodie-Sangster was born on 16 May 1990 in [Southwark](#), London, to Mark Sangster and Tasha Bertram. Brodie-Sangster's father's family is from [Banchory](#), Scotland.^[2] Brodie-Sangster plays bass and guitar, and he learned to play left-handed guitar to portray the left-handed [Paul McCartney](#) in the feature film *[Nowhere Boy](#)*. He also learned to play the drums for his role in *[Love Actually](#)* (2003).

Career [\[edit \]](#)

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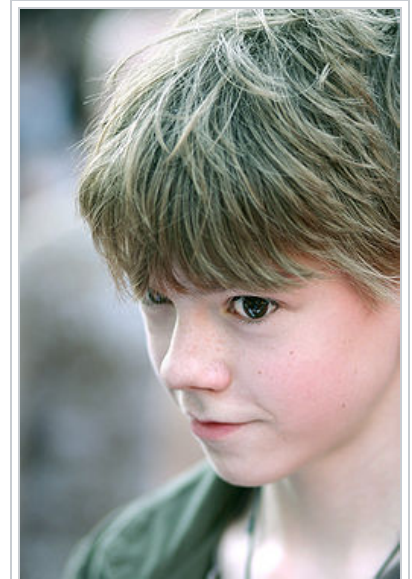
Brodie-Sangster at the 2015 [San Diego Comic-Con](#)

Born	16 May 1990 (age 34) London , England
Other names	Thomas Sangster
Occupation	Actor
Years active	2001–present
Spouse	Talulah Riley (m. 2024)

Early work and child acting (2000s) [[edit](#)]

In 2001, Brodie-Sangster's first acting role was in a BBC television film, *Station Jim*. He subsequently appeared in a few more television films, including the lead roles in *Bobbie's Girl*, *The Miracle of the Cards* (based on the story of [Craig Shergold](#)) and *Stig of the Dump*. He won the "Golden Nymph" award at the 43rd Annual [Monte Carlo Television Festival](#)^[3] for his role in the miniseries *Entrusted*. Brodie-Sangster's first major theatrical film was *Love Actually* (2003), in which he played Sam. He was nominated for a [Golden Satellite Award](#)^[4] and a [Young Artist Award](#)^[5] for his role in the film.

Brodie-Sangster next appeared in a television adaptation of the novel *Feather Boy* and played a younger version of [James Franco](#)'s Tristan in the film version of *Tristan & Isolde*. Brodie-Sangster next starred in the commercially successful film *Nanny McPhee* (2005) as the eldest of seven children.



Brodie-Sangster in 2006

In 2007, he appeared in a two-part story ("Human Nature" and "The Family of Blood") in *Doctor Who* as schoolboy Tim Latimer,^[6] and guest-starred in the [Big Finish Doctor Who](#) audio dramas *The Mind's Eye*^[7] and *The Bride of Peladon*. He also starred in the film adaptation of [Valerio Massimo Manfredi](#)'s historical novel *The Last Legion*, released in 2007. That same year, he voiced the character of [Ferb Fletcher](#) in the [Disney Channel](#) animated series *Phineas and Ferb*. He appeared in the 2008 miniseries *Pinocchio*, filmed in Italy, as Lampwick.

In 2008, Brodie-Sangster had a role in director [Jane Campion](#)'s film *Bright Star*, a love story about [John Keats](#) and his lover Fanny Brawne. He also starred as Paul McCartney in *Nowhere Boy*, a film directed by artist [Sam Taylor-Wood](#), about the teenage years of [John Lennon](#).

Brodie-Sangster appeared as Casey in the film *Some Dogs Bite*, about a boy who wants to keep his family together. He also appeared in the Irish film *Death of a Superhero*, based on the novel by [Anthony McCarten](#).^[8]

Mature roles, independent films, and established actor (2010s) [[edit](#)]

In 2011, Brodie-Sangster played Liam in the film *The Last Furlong*. In April that same year, he made a guest appearance as Adam Douglas in an episode of British detective drama *Lewis*. In 2012, he starred in *The Baytown Outlaws*, in which he plays a young disabled man in a wheelchair, and in Ella Jones's short film *The Ugly Duckling*, the third instalment of the *Tales* trilogy of reworked fairy tales from *More Films*.^[9] From 2013 to 2014, he played the role of [Jojen Reed](#) in the HBO series *Game of Thrones*.^[10] In 2015, he began providing the voice of [John Tracy](#) in ITV's remake of [Gerry Anderson](#)'s puppet series *Thunderbirds Are Go* (2015–2020).



Brodie-Sangster promoting *Death of a Superhero* in 2011

Brodie-Sangster played Newt in the 20th Century Fox *Maze Runner* trilogy, including *The Maze Runner* (2014), *Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials* (2015), and *Maze Runner: The Death Cure* (2018).^[11] In BBC2's 6-part television adaptation of *Wolf Hall* (on BBC2 from 21 January 2015), Brodie-Sangster portrayed *Rafe Sadler*, the ward of *Thomas Cromwell*.^[12]

On 24 May 2017, a 15-minute sequel to *Love Actually* was released, with Brodie-Sangster as part of the cast. It was shown on the BBC as part of Comic Relief's *Red Nose Day* and titled *Red Nose Day Actually*; it brought back a large number of characters from the first film.^[13]

In 2017, Brodie-Sangster began portraying Whitey Winn in the 2017 *Netflix western drama* miniseries *Godless*, created by *Scott Frank*.

Streaming projects (2020s) [edit]

Brodie-Sangster began the 2020s with a role as chess player Benny Watts in the Netflix miniseries *The Queen's Gambit* (2020), marking his second collaboration with Frank.^[14] His performance as Watts earned Brodie-Sangster a nomination for the *Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited Series or Movie*.

In 2023, Brodie-Sangster played *Jack "Artful Dodger" Dawkins*, originally featured in *Charles Dickens'* 1838 novel *Oliver Twist*, in the *Disney+* miniseries *The Artful Dodger*, which follows the character after the novel's events.^[15] On 21 November 2024, it was announced that the show had been renewed for a second series and that Brodie-Sangster would reprise his role from the first series.^[16]

Brodie Films and Winnet music [edit]

Brodie-Sangster established Brodie Films in 2006 with his mother, Tasha Bertram, "to create opportunities in the film industry for new British talent; innovative writers, actors and directors".^[17] The company was dissolved in May 2013.^[18]

Brodie-Sangster plays bass guitar and, in January 2010, joined the band Winnet, in which his mother provides vocals.^[19]

Personal life [edit]

Brodie-Sangster married actress *Talulah Riley* on 22 June 2024, in Hertfordshire, United Kingdom.^[20]

Filmography [edit]

Film [edit]

Key

† Denotes film or TV productions that have not yet been released

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2003	<i>Love Actually</i>	Sam	
2005	<i>Nanny McPhee</i>	Simon Brown	
2006	<i>Molly: An American Girl on the Home Front</i>	Boy in spelling bee	
	<i>Tristan & Isolde</i>	Young Tristan	
2007	<i>The Last Legion</i>	Romulus Augustus	
2009	<i>Bright Star</i>	Samuel Brawne	
	<i>Nowhere Boy</i>	Paul McCartney	
2011	<i>Hideaways</i>	Liam	
	<i>Death of a Superhero</i>	Donald Clarke	
	<i>Albatross</i>	Mark	
2012	<i>The Baytown Outlaws</i>	Rob	
2014	<i>The Maze Runner</i>	Newt	
	<i>Phantom Halo</i>	Samuel Emerson	
2015	<i>Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials</i>	Newt	
	<i>Star Wars: The Force Awakens</i>	Petty Officer Thanisson	Cameo
2018	<i>Maze Runner: The Death Cure</i>	Newt	
2020	<i>Dragon Rider</i>	Firedrake	Voice role
2025	<i>Grand Prix of Europe</i> † ^[21]	Ed	Voice role

Television [[edit](#)]

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2001	<i>Station Jim</i>	Henry	Television film
	<i>The Miracle of the Cards</i>	Craig Shergold	Television film
2002	<i>Stig of the Dump</i>	Barney	Television miniseries
	<i>Bobbie's Girl</i>	Alan	Television film
	<i>London's Burning</i>	Stephen	Episode #14.6
2003	<i>Hitler: The Rise of Evil</i>	Young Hitler	Television film
	<i>Entrusted</i>	Thomas von Gall	Television film

	<i>Ultimate Force</i>	Gabriel	Episode: "What in the Name of God"
2004	<i>Feather Boy</i>	Robert Nobel	Television miniseries
2005	<i>Julian Fellowes Investigates: A Most Mysterious Murder</i>	John Duff	Episode: "The Case of the Croydon Poisonings"
2007–2015	<i>Phineas and Ferb</i>	Ferb Fletcher	Voice role; main role (seasons 1–4)
2007	<i>Doctor Who</i>	Tim Latimer	Episodes: " Human Nature " and " The Family of Blood "
2008	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Lampwick	Television film
2010	<i>Some Dogs Bite</i>	Casey	Television film
2010–2011	<i>Take Two with Phineas and Ferb</i>	Ferb Fletcher	Voice role; main role
2011	<i>Lewis</i>	Adam Douglas	Episode: "The Mind Has Mountains"
	<i>Phineas and Ferb the Movie: Across the 2nd Dimension</i>	Ferb Fletcher	Television film; voice role
2012	<i>Accused</i>	Jake Murray	Episodes: "Tina's Story" and "Mo and Sue's Story"
2013–2014	<i>Game of Thrones</i>	Jojen Reed	Recurring role (season 3–4)
2014	<i>American Dad!</i>	Avery's Roommate	Voice role; episode: "I Ain't No Holodeck Boy"
2015	<i>Wolf Hall</i>	Rafe Sadler	Television miniseries
2015–2020	<i>Thunderbirds Are Go</i>	John Tracy / Pirate Dobbs	Voice role; main role ^{[22]}
2017	<i>Red Nose Day Actually</i>	Sam	Television short film
	<i>Godless</i>	Whitey Winn	Miniseries
2020	<i>The Queen's Gambit</i>	Benny Watts	Miniseries
2022	<i>Pistol</i>	Malcolm McLaren	Miniseries
	<i>Interrupting Chicken</i>	Apprentice	Voice role; episode: "Dr. Chickenstein / The Sorcerer's Thesaurus"
2023–present	<i>The Artful Dodger</i>	Jack Dawkins	Miniseries
2024	<i>Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light</i>	Rafe Sadler	Miniseries

Music videos [\[edit \]](#)

Year	Title	Artist	Role	Notes
2014	<i>30 Minute Break</i>	The Luka State	Boyfriend	[23] [24]
2016	<i>Tired of Lying</i>	Kioko	—	[25]
2020	<i>Ballad of You & I</i>	Hotel Lux	—	[26]

Audio plays [\[edit \]](#)

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2007	<i>Country Life</i>	Boris	First broadcast on 22 March 2007, BBC Radio 4 ^{[27]}
	<i>The Mind's Eye</i>	Kyle	Recorded: 25, 27 July 2007; Released: November 2007 ^{[28]}
2008	<i>The Bride of Peladon</i>	Miner	Recorded: 26, 27 July 2007; Released: January 2008 ^{[29]}

Awards and nominations [\[edit \]](#)

Year	Award	Category	Work	Result	Ref.
2003	Golden Nymph at Monte Carlo Television Festival	Best Actor in a Mini-series	<i>Entrusted</i>	Won	[3]
2004	Phoenix Film Critics Society Awards	Best Ensemble Acting	<i>Love Actually</i>	Nominated	
		Best Performance by Youth in a Leading or Supporting Role – Male	<i>Love Actually</i>	Nominated	
2004	Satellite Awards	Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, Comedy or Musical	<i>Love Actually</i>	Nominated	
2004	Young Artist Award	Best Performance in a Feature Film – Supporting Young Actor	<i>Love Actually</i>	Nominated	
2007	Young Artist Award	Best Performance in a Feature Film – Leading Young Actor	<i>Nanny McPhee</i>	Nominated	
		Best Performance in a Feature Film – Young Ensemble Cast	<i>Nanny McPhee</i>	Nominated	
2008	Young Artist Award	Best Performance in an International Feature Film – Leading Young Performer	<i>The Last Legion</i>	Nominated	


2015	Teen Choice Awards	Choice Movie: Breakout Star	<i>The Maze Runner</i>	Nominated	
		Choice Movie: Chemistry (shared with Dylan O'Brien)	<i>The Maze Runner</i>	Nominated	
2016	Teen Choice Awards	Choice Movie: Chemistry (shared with Dylan O'Brien)	<i>Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials</i>	Won	
2021	Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie	<i>The Queen's Gambit</i>	Nominated	^[30]

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