

Biography Joost van Ginkel

Joost van Ginkel (1971) is a Dutch director and screenwriter.

SAND (2008), his first short film, was selected for the 2008 Venice Film Festival, won 13 international awards and was the Dutch submission for the Academy Award for Best Live Action Short. His second short film KISS (2009) was selected for the 2010 Tribeca Film Festival.

His feature film debut 170Hz (2011) won the audience award at the Dutch Film Festival and the Dutch press called the film 'intense and sensory', 'a visual adventure' and 'unique in the Dutch film culture'. 170Hz had its international premiere at Busan International Film Festival 2011. Lead actress Gaije Jansen won Best Actress at Seattle International Film Festival and was nominated Best Actress at the Netherlands Film Festival. At this festival, 170HZ won the Public's Choice Award and the YouthMovieSquad Award.

In THE PARADISE SUITE (2015), the lives of six people, who seem to have nothing more in common than their faraway homelands, become inextricably linked in Amsterdam, the city they have chosen as their new home. THE PARADISE SUITE is a profound and lyrical reflection on human resilience in the face of ongoing evil within 21st Century Europe.

THE PARADISE SUITE has been chosen as the official entry from the Netherlands for Academy Award in the Best Foreign Language Film category, and had its world premieres at International Film Festival Toronto 2015 in the *Discovery* section.