

## **Biography Sacha Polak**

Sacha Polak (1982) is an award winning director and writer. She graduated from the Dutch Film and Television Academy in 2006. Her graduation project, the movie TEER, was selected for a number of international movie festivals. Shortly after her project, TEER, the short movies EL MOURABBI (2007), DRANG(2008), ONDER DE TAFEL (2008) and BROER (2011) followed.

With her first feature film HEMEL (2011) she received great critical acclaim from the international press. The project was also part of the selection of many international film festivals, including the Berlinale Forum where it won the FIPRESCI award. (International Federation of Film Critics Award)

Two years after the success of HEMEL, Sacha came back, this time with the documentary NEW BOOBS (2013). The documentary revolves around the options woman have if they are carrying the genetically transmitted breast cancer gene. With this documentary Sacha got her second slew of International Film Festival selections, to great critical acclaim.

Her second feature film ZURICH (2014) got many positive reviews, and it also got selected for the Berlinale where it won the International Confederation of Art Cinema Award (C.I.C.E.A award) ,which is a jury price, for Best Film of FORUM.

As of 2015, Sacha is working on two international projects. She is currently in the process of writing two scripts: the movie JADE, Along with English scriptwriter Susie Farrell, and the tv-show AVRUPA on which she will be cooperating with Stienette Bosklopper of Circe Films.