

Biography Tomas Kaan

Dutch film & documentary director Tomas Kaan (1979) has a distinctive visual and experimental style, which becomes clear from watching his documentaries, fiction films and music videos.

In 2012 Tomas wins the Dutch Documentary Mediafund Award for his documentary *We Are 18*, in which he assembles a group of 18 year olds in a closed off area and tries to discover what it means to be on the brink of adulthood. The film premiered in 2014, was broadcasted on television and shown on various international festivals.

His earlier films are also shown on various (international) festivals, winning Tomas multiple awards. In 2005 his first film *Amsterdam – Kosovo* is selected for the student competition at the Tribeca Film Festival. *Dream City – Iraq* about an amusement park in Iraq is selected for the International Film Festival Rotterdam in 2008.

His short film *Boys We Are* (2009) is nominated for the prestigious Prix Jeunesse, wins the Cinekid Kids Closet Jury Award and the award selected by a children's jury at the International Short Film Festival in Oberhausen. Tomas' *Days Of Grass* (2011), screenplay by Philip Huff, is selected for the Nashville Film Festival and European Medium Length Film Festival Brive. His video *Hidden Wounds* for the band dEUS is selected for the International Documentary Festival Amsterdam 2013, is awarded with the Best Short Documentary Award CIMM Fest Chicago and the Corti Da Sogni Videoclip Award at the Ravenna Film Festival.

Tomas also made documentaries for Dutch television, such as the six episodes of *The Border* and various episodes of *Tegenlicht*.

In 2015 his first feature film *Greenland* was released, starring rising star Gaiete Jansen in the lead role, and he co-directed the critically acclaimed Dutch TV series *Fighter's Heart*.

Currently Tomas is working on several episodes of family series *Zenith* and is set to direct an episode of the TV series *Godforsaken!*

Tomas lives in and works from the French Pyrenees where he's currently writing new film plans.