

## Biography Kees van Nieuwkerk

Kees van Nieuwkerk is both film maker / director and writer. After graduating high school Kees moved to London to get his degree in directing and script writing at the Met Film School. In 2010 he makes his graduation film *Strong Stories*. In the fall of 2014 his first feature film *Pak van mijn Hart* was released in Dutch cinemas, which so far has attracted over 400.000 visitors – which is considered highly successful in The Netherlands - , earning Kees a platinum award.

Besides directing and every now and then producing commercials, music videos and the short tv series *Black Hole*, Kees is also a writer. As early as age 17 he starts writing for the popular teen blog [www.spunk.nl](http://www.spunk.nl). His articles are published in acclaimed newspaper NRC Handelsblad. He's responsible for editing, directing and the montage for *As The World Spunks*, a daily online news section of [www.spunk.nl](http://www.spunk.nl). For this he receives the Dutch Bloggie Award twice, in 2007 and in 2008. For the teen girl glossy FANCY Kees writes a column which is bundled into the book *Het Is Weer Raak Met Kees en Sjaak*. Later he starts writing columns for the women's weekly magazine VIVA, until 2014.

In 2015 his romantic comedy *Yes, I Do!* with an allstar Dutch cast, was a big hit in Dutch cinemas. Currently he is directing the RTL tv series *All-in Kitchen* which will be released on Videoland and RTL 5 at the end of 2016.