

Biography Maarten Heijmans

On the back of his critically acclaimed and award-winning portrayal of iconic Dutch singer songwriter Ramses Shaffy, Maarten Heijmans quickly rose to fame in his native country The Netherlands. Both the four-part series and Maarten's performance received various awards. Maarten received the most important film award in the Netherlands: The Golden Calf 2014 for Best Actor In A Television Drama and an International Emmy Award for Best Actor. The series itself was internationally awarded with the Prix Europe 2014 for Best European Drama Series. In its native country the series won The Silver Nipkow Award for Best Dutch Television Programme of the year.

In 2007 Maarten graduates from the Amsterdam Drama School and Academy Of Performing Arts. His graduation play *The Crying Cherry* wins him the FringeAward 2008. The play is performed on the Prague Fringe and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals. After his graduation Maarten continues to play with various renowned Dutch theatre ensembles, such as The Amsterdam Theatre Group.

In 2013 he temporarily plays one of the lead roles in the most successful Dutch musicals of all time, *Soldier Of Orange – The Musical*, directed by Theu Boermans, one of the country's most beloved and critically acclaimed theatre directors. Producer Robin de Levita invented a new theatrical performance solution for Soldier of Orange – The Musical: a spectacular rotating auditorium in the center of a venue with 1100 seats.

In 2014 Maarten played the role of legendary Russian ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky in the stage play *Vaslav*. He played a role in *Maria Stuart* by The Amsterdam Theatre Group, directed by internationally acclaimed theatre director Ivo van Hove. This year he can also be seen in a play by the Amsterdam Theatre Group, *Ibsen House*, directed by Simon Stone.

Maarten plays in various tv series but by playing the role of Ramses Shaffy in *Ramses* he rockets to fame because of his mind blowing portrayal of the singer.

In 2015 Maarten could be seen in the Dutch TV series *According to Jacqueline* and the TV film *Het Mooiste Wat Er Is* by director Danyael Sugawara. The latter being part of the so called 'telefilm' project, a series of six arthouse films being made for television to reach a wider audience. In 2016 he could be seen in *The Partnership* a four-part drama series about a Dutch family of lawyers and in the family film *STORM*, tv series *FLIGHT HS13*, and the box office hit *Mister Twister at the Pitch*.

Most recently Maarten could be seen in family film *Storm* directed by Dennis Bots and in TV series *Suspects*, bases on a British series with the same title.