

Biography Noortje Herlaar

Noortje Herlaar (1985) is an award-winning Dutch actress and singer. She was nominated Best Actress at the Netherlands Film Festival for her role in the critically acclaimed TV series *Mother I want to join the cabaret*. Shortly after she starred in the award-winning series *Ramses*, a four-part dramaserie about iconic Dutch musicians Ramses Shaffy and Liesbeth List. *Ramses* was awarded the *Prix Europe* for Best European TV Fiction Serial of the Year 2014. This year she played the female lead in the highly anticipated Dutch book adaptation *In My Fathers Garden*, opposite Barry Atsma. Also, Noortje can be seen in several international productions, such as the second season of TV series *Crossing Lines*, the Belgian film *Paradise Trips* and later this year in the US movie *The Hitman's Bodyguard*, starring Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L. Jackson.

Noortje is equally at home in plays, film and television. After completing her study at the Theatre Academy of the Rotterdam Conservatoire Noortje played one of the most desired lead roles on stage: Mary Poppins in the musical *Mary Poppins*. She has been awarded the Musical Award for Most Promising Talent for both *Mary Poppins* and her role in the off Broadway production *Urinetown*. Consequently, she played roles in several stage productions such as *The Producers*, *Agnes of God*, and *Vaslav*

In 2013, Noortje made her screen debut in the critically acclaimed TV series *Mother I want to join the cabaret*. For this role she received raving reviews for her portrayal of a feminist young woman in the fifties who is forced into marriage due to an unexpected pregnancy, and was awarded the Dutch film award – The Golden Calf – for Best Actress.

Noortje went on to play the iconic Dutch chansonnière Liesbeth List in the miniseries *Ramses*, which won the prestigious Nipkow Award 2014 for Best Dutch TV series of the year and the *Prix Europa* for Best European TV Fiction Serial 2014, about legendary Dutch musicians Ramses Shaffy and Liesbeth List, set in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The same year, Noortje made the leap to the global stage with a guest role in the second season of the international TV series *Crossing Lines*, playing the lead role in episode 4. Also, she can be seen in one of the lead roles in the Belgian film *Paradise Trips* by director Raf Reyntjes. Later this year, she can be seen in a supporting role in the US movie *The Hitman's Bodyguard*, starring Ryan Reynolds and Samuel L. Jackson

Over the years, Noortje has voiced many animation characters, such as Anna in *Frozen*, Barbie in *Toy Story 3*, and Juliet in *Gnomeo & Juliet*.

Recent film productions in her home country The Netherlands include *In My Father's Garden* (2015), the family film *When my Father Became a Bush* and the musical romcom *Seventh Heaven*, which will hit screens later this year.

Next up are the new dramaseries *The Menten Case*, the Dutch entry for the Emmy's 2016, about notorious war criminal Pieter Menten. and the comedy series *Doctor's Diary*, in which Noortje will play the lead role.