

## Biography Stefan de Walle

Being the star of 2012's Dutch box office hit THE MARATHON, Stefan de Walle is not only a house-hold name in Dutch theatre and television, but also in film. Besides this hit movie, Stefan also stars in films such as MANSLAUGHTER, HER MAJESTY and EEP! Stefan is most known for his hilarious representation of 'Kees' in the hit TV show FLODDER, which was later made into multiple movies.

Starting out as a member of one of the major Dutch theatre groups, *Ro Theatre* in Rotterdam, Stefan soon made the transition (2001) to the prestigious *National Theatre* as one of their key actors. He toured with plays such as THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM and MARIA STUART. For portraying the role of Lopachin in THE CHERRY ORCHARD, Stefan won the Arlecchino Award for the Best Male Supporting Role, one of the most desired and prestigious theatre awards in Holland.

In 2011 Stefan became The Netherlands' official and national *Sinterklaas*. This character can be best explained by saying it is the Dutch version of *Santa Claus*. Every year, in December, he appears as *Sinterklaas*, in various TV shows such as SESAME STREET.

For his role in PLAY INSTINCT, Stefan is nominated for an Arlecchino Award once again. For his role in THE MARATHON he is nominated for a Rembrandt Award – the Dutch audience Film Awards - in the category of Best Actor.

In the spring of 2013 the TV series ACCORDING TO ROBERT, directed by Joram Lürsen (LOVE IS ALL, FAMILY WAY), was broadcasted. Furthermore he tours with the *National Theatre* with two plays: THE STONE BRIDESBED and PLAY INSTINCT and can be seen in the film SECRETS OF WAR (*winner Adult's Jury Award at the Chicago International Film Festival*), in which Stefan portrays the role of Mayor Nijskens.

In 2014 Stefan could be seen in the TV hit series NEW NEIGHBOURS and with the National Theatre in the monologue ON A BEAUTIFUL WHITSUN DAY and the play FRIDAY. Both are continued in 2015.

Most recent he could be seen on the big screen in HALLO BUNGALOW, directed by Anne de Clercq, and the film the CRISIS CARAVAN, which was filmed in South-Africa.

Currently he can be seen in JEANNE D'ARC directed by Theu Boermans.

Next up is the film DORST, directed by Saskia Diesing, and the family film DUMMIE THE MUMMY.

### QUOTES:

About his role in the film The Marathon:

*"It's isn't said out loud but you can see the thoughts racing through his mind. And that's because Stefan de Walle. Leading actor in The Marathon, is a beyond exquisite actor".*

*But what elevates the film in its genre is Stefan de Walle, who with his portrayal of this simple and warm character, creates a classic character that from now on should be the norm for the average hard working man."*

Volkskrant - Bart Koetsenruijter