

## Biography Yootha Wong-Loi-Sing

Yootha Wong-Loi-Sing (1987) is both singer and actress. Yootha first came to the scene in the Dutch feature film *The price of sugar*, which was the opening film of the Netherlands Film Festival 2013. At the same festival, Yootha was nominated the Golden Calf for Best Actress (for her portrayal of the free minded slave Mini-Mini, in 18th century colonial Surinam).

*The price of sugar* is adapted for television and the 4 episodes air in 2014, reaching about 1 million people per episode.

In 2015 Yootha could be seen in the international production *Our Sun* by acclaimed Dutch director Joost van Ginkel, starring Isaka Sawadogo in the lead role. And in the TV series *Beauty and the Baker (Dutch remake)* and the second season of *Lord & Master*.

Early 2016 she could be seen on the big screen the thriller *Sneekweek*, in which she plays one of the leading roles. And in the TV series *Project Orpheus* and *The Ludwigs*, short movie *CAS* directed by Joris van den Berg.

Her most recent work includes the television film *Get Lost*, and TV series such as *De Mannentester* and *Suspects*, based on a British series with the same title.

Yootha about her role in *The price of sugar*: *"It's normal that as an actress you transform into your character. That's the essence of acting. But I personally, never before experienced something as heavy as this film. At one point Mini-Mini is sold and taken away, forced to wear a muzzle. She's in a wagon, packed with other slaves. A very uncomfortable, insanitary, cruel situation. At that moment I actually felt what it must have been like to be treated like an...no not even an animal... but something less than an animal. That and the idea of my ancestors probably going through a similar situation made it very confronting and tough on me emotionally. Before this scene was shot I had no problems keeping my distance but this was so intense and with no way back... those tears were real. "*