

CARICE VAN HOUTEN | BIOGRAPHY

One of Europe's most celebrated actresses, **CARICE VAN HOUTEN** is best known for her role as The Red Priestess Melisandre in HBO and Sky Atlantic's **GAME OF THRONES**, for which she has been thrice nominated as a part of the 'Outstanding Ensemble' at the Screen Actors Guild Awards for the multi-award-winning series.

Carice was most recently seen alongside Dakota Fanning, Guy Pearce and Kit Harrington in Martin Koolhoven's western epic **BRIMSTONE** which was nominated for the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival and as Best Film at the London Film Festival. The film was called out by The Independent as "*raw and very powerful filmmaking, a movie that can't help but get under your skin.*"

Carice is a multi-award-winner in her native Holland with acclaimed roles spanning across film and television. Her Dutch-language feature **LOVE LIFE**, based on the best-selling novel by Ray Kluun, gained Carice further critical acclaim for her performance as 'Carmen', a mother whose world falls apart as she deals with both her cancer diagnosis and serial adulterer husband. The award-winning film broke box office records in the country.

She attracted international attention with her lead role in Paul Verhoeven's acclaimed wartime thriller **BLACK BOOK** - the most commercially successful Dutch film to date. The BAFTA nominated film centres on 'Rachel Stein', played by Van Houten, a Jewish singer who infiltrates the Gestapo headquarters for the Dutch resistance in the Nazi occupied Netherlands during World War II. Carice's turn as Rachel "*with ferocious energy*" was commended by The New York Times. She followed this stellar performance with a role opposite Tom Cruise in Bryan Singer's award-winning **VALKYRIE**. Carice's next film **THE HAPPY HOUSEWIFE** won her a record breaking 5th Golden Calf at The Netherlands Film Festival and she was voted 'Best Dutch Actress of All Time'. Other awards include Best Actress for **BLACK BUTTERFLIES** at the Tribeca Film Festival.

Her further credits include Juan Carlos Fresnadillo's **INTRUDERS**, Bill Condon's **THE FIFTH ESTATE**, **REPO MEN** alongside Jude Law and Liev Schreiber and the Jesse Owens biopic, **RACE**, with Jason Sudekis and Jeremy Irons. She has also voiced a character in an episode of **THE SIMPSONS**. She will be seen next in **I'M NOT A BIRD** by William Olsson and Brian de Palma's **DOMINO**.