

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**, a performance which she has been recognized with an Emmy Award nomination in 2019, and 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 Marwan Kenzari (ALADDIN, MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS) in **INSTINCT**, directed by Halina Reijn. **INSTINCT** is the first film by Carice and Halina's production company MAN UP. The film won the Variety Piazza Grande Award at the Locarno Film Festival 2019, as well as a special mention in the First Feature Competition. Variety on Carice's performance: *'For anyone who's forgotten the extent of van Houten's skill set, actress-turned-filmmaker [Halina Reijn](#)'s impressive, icily disciplined debut feature "[Instinct](#)" provides a fearsome reminder.'* The film is also the Netherlands' entry for the Best International Feature Film Category at the Academy Awards, and won selections for film festivals worldwide, such as Toronto, London and Chicago.

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.

She could also be seen opposite 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.*"

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, and **THE GLASS ROOM**, with Claes Bang and Roland Møller . She has also voiced a character in an episode of **THE SIMPSONS**. She will be seen next in **LOST GIRLS & LOVE HOTELS** by William Olsson and Brian de Palma's **DOMINO**.

Recent projects include **TEMPLE**, a new thriller series opposite Mark Strong, which broadcasted on the British channel Sky in 2019 and has been picked up for a second season that is set to shoot in 2020.

Up next is the new Dutch series **RED LIGHT**, in which she not only plays the lead role but she is also creative producer of the show, together with Halina and her production company MAN UP. The show is expected to air in Autumn 2020.