

PAULA VAN DER OEST | BIOGRAPHY

Paula van der Oest is an Academy Award nominated director and screenwriter. Her film ZUS & ZO (2001) was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. In 2015 her film ACCUSED (2014) made it to the Academy Award's shortlist and her latest film TONIO (2016) is again chosen as the Dutch entry for the Foreign Language Oscar. Recently, she directed BBC's THE SPLIT Season 2.

For her film THE DOMINO EFFECT (2012), Paula won Best Director at the Netherlands Film Festival. Many of her films, such as BLACK BUTTERFLIES with Carice van Houten and Liam Cunningham (both GAME OF THRONES) in the lead roles, have been nominated and won awards at international film festivals. Her film TONIO, based on the famous novel by iconic Dutch writer A.F.Th van der Heijden, hit the big screen in October 2016 to raving reviews, calling it an instant classic and one of the best Dutch films to date. The film was nominated for seven Golden Calf Awards including Best Film and Best Director. Her latest Dutch film YOUNGER DAYS (OT: DE KLEINE IJSTIJD) had its international premiere in October 2017 at Chicago International Film Festival and was nominated for Best Directing, Best Screenwriting and a Da Vinci Award for Best Film at the Milano International Film Festival.

Her upcoming film THE BAY OF SILENCE, with Claes Bang and Olga Kurylenko in the lead roles, is currently in post-production and set for release in 2021. THE BAY OF SILENCE is the story of a man who embarks on a frantic search across Europe when his family goes missing. Paula also directed the first block of BBC's THE SPLIT Season 2, which launched in March 2020. In addition, she wrote the screenplay and is the creative producer on THE FORGOTTEN BATTLE (2021), it is the most expensive feature film in The Netherlands since Paul Verhoeven's BLACK BOOK (2006).

In 2018, Paula started production company Levitate with Alain de Levita and Mark van Eeuwen.