

Biography Halina Reijn

Halina Reijn (1975) is a Dutch actress, director, writer and producer. Her directorial feature film debut *INSTINCT*, starring Carice van Houten (*GAME OF THRONES*) and Marwan Kenzari (*ALADDIN*) will be released in October of this year. *INSTINCT* will be the first outing for *Man Up*, the production banner of Halina and Carice. In addition, she created the successful Dutch TV series *MEISJE VAN PLEZIER* (2017), which has been picked up for a second season and co-created a Dutch/ Belgian TV series *ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROSTITUTION*, which is currently in pre-production and is set to shoot in 2019. Next to being one of the creators of the show, she is also coproducing with *Man Up* and set to star in one of the lead roles.

In her native country The Netherlands, Halina is considered one of the best and most versatile actresses of her generation. She worked for 15 years with renowned theatre director Ivo Van Hove, as the lead actress of his company, ITA. She toured the world with their plays, while combining her stage work with film. She won multiple awards, including the Dutch film Award, the Golden Calf for Best Actress, the highly prestigious Dutch theater awards Theo D'Or and Colombina as well as the Courbois Pearl, an oeuvre award which honours an actress who had made an indelible impression on a huge audience, both on stage as in film and television. Most recently, the Theo Mann- Bouwmeester Ring was added to her list of awards. With his prestigious award Halina was honoured for her significant contribution to the Dutch theatre.

During her second year at the Maastricht Theater Academy, one of the best drama academies in Europe, Halina gets offered a contract by Theu Boermans, a well-known Dutch director and at the time artistic leader of 'Toneelgroep Amsterdam', the Amsterdam Theater Company. Halina left the academy in her second year to debut on stage as Ophelia in *HAMLET*. In the same year she landed a role in *ZUS & ZO*, a film directed by Paula van der Oest (*BLACK BUTTERFLIES*) which picked up the Academy Award nomination for Best Foreign Language Film 2003. The Maastricht Theater Academy, normally a four-year education, allowed Halina to graduate early because of her special qualities. Hereafter she transformed into the grande dame of the Amsterdam Theatre Company, where she works with Tony winner Ivo van Hove, performing their plays such as *LULU*, *HEDDA GABLER*, *MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA*, *THREE SISTERS*, *A DOLL HOUSE* and *MARIA STUART*. She toured all over the world with Jean Cocteau's monologue *LA VOIX HUMAINE*. Most recently, she played opposite Jude Law in *OBSESSION*.

In the meantime, she continued to work on film and TV series as well. In 2006 Halina starred in Paul Verhoeven's critically acclaimed *BLACK BOOK*. Her performance in this film didn't go unnoticed, and Bryan Singer offered her a role in his 2008 film *VALKYRIE*, starring Tom Cruise. Other projects include *IN THERAPIE*, the Dutch version of the HBO hit series *IN TREATMENT*, and the title role in *CHARLIE*, the Dutch remake of Showtime's *NURSE JACKIE*. She worked with Peter Greenaway on *GOLTZIUS & THE PELICAN COMPANY* and played the lead role in *ISABELLE*, by director Oscar nominated director Ben Sombogaart. Last year, she played in the Swedish TV series *CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE*, directed by Charlotte Brändström.