

Gijs Naber | Biography

Gijs Naber is one of Holland's most sought after actors. He was awarded the Golden Calf for 'Best Actor' twice: for the feature film *THE PETER PAN MAN* (2014), by 'Variety's Director to Watch' Michiel ten Horn, and TV crime drama *JUDAS* (2019)

Gijs played the lead role next to Léa Seydoux (*Inglorious Bastards*, *Spectre*) in *THE STORY OF MY WIFE*, by the Oscar nominated director Ildiko Enyedi (*On Body and Soul*), about a sea captain making the bet in a cafe with a friend that he will marry the first woman who walks in. The film was selected for the Official Competition at Cannes Film Festival 2021.

In 2019, Gijs played the lead role in the critically acclaimed TV-series *JUDAS* based on lawyer Astrid Holleeder's autobiography and her life-or-death struggle to get her brother, Dutch crime kingpin Willem Holleeder, behind bars. This role earned him his second Golden Calf Award for 'Best Actor'.

Earlier in his career, Gijs played the lead role in the action-packed historical spectacle film *REDBAD* (2018) by Roel Reiné – one of the most expensive films in Dutch history – and starred in the arthouse film *MY FOOLISH HEART* (2018), about the last day of Chet Baker. He played the lead role in *TULIPANI, LOVE HONOUR AND A BIKE* (2017), directed by two-time Oscar winner Mike van Diem, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and was the opening-film of the Netherlands Film Festival. Gijs played the role of kidnapper Cor in *THE HEINEKEN KIDNAPPING* (2011) about the kidnapping of beer magnate Freddy Heineken. In 2008 he starred in a supporting role in *BLACK BOOK* (2008) by Paul Verhoeven.

Next to winning The Golden Calf for 'Best Actor' twice, he is also the recipient of the prestigious Dutch theatre award The Arlecchino (2012) and the Musical Award for Best supporting Actor in a Small Musical (2014).