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# OLE CHRISTIAN MADSEN

(1966 - )



Director. Born 1966, Denmark. Graduated in direction from the National Film School of Denmark in 1993, the same year as Thomas Vinterberg and Per Fly.

Madsen enjoyed success with his short fiction 'Sinan's Wedding' (1997) and debuted as feature director with 'Pizza King' (1999), set among a group of young second-generation immigrants who get mixed up with Copenhagen's crime scene.

Madsen contributed to Dogme 95 with the intense psychological drama 'Kira's Reason – A Love Story' (2001), which was followed by 'Angels in Fast Motion' (2005) about three lost souls in a world dominated by hard drugs and desperate addicts. A troubled relationship between husband and wife is at the centre of 'Prague' (2006). Madsen's film about a duo of legendary WWII resistance fighters, 'Flame & Citron' (2008), was a huge boxoffice draw.

'Superclásico' (2011), Madsen's first stab at the comedy genre, was Oscar-shortlisted for Best Foreign Language film. "Itsi Bitsi" (2014), a portrait of a generation and a glimpse of Danish rock history in the 1960s, premiered at Toronto Film Festival. In 2020 he adapted the shooting at Kulturhuset Krudttønden and the synagogue in Copenhagen taking place in 1915.

Madsen is an acclaimed director for the small screen, including the series 'Taxi' (1997) and 'Unit 1' (2000) as well as the six-part post-war noir 'The Spider' (2000). He has also directed several episodes of the US action-drama series 'Banshee' (2013-).

Filmography

| Title                        | ^Year | ^Function                  | ^Category        |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Den grænseløse               | 2024  | Direction                  | DK/Feature       |
| The Day We Died              | 2020  | Direction, Screenplay      | DK/Feature       |
| Shadow Boxer                 | 2017  | Executive producer         | DK/Short fiction |
| Itsi Bitsi                   | 2014  | Direction, Screenplay      | DK/Feature       |
| Banshee                      | 2013  | Direction                  | TV series        |
| Banshee Origins              | 2013  | Direction                  | TV series        |
| Superclásico                 | 2011  | Direction, Screenplay      | DK/Feature       |
| Flame & Citron               | 2008  | Direction, Screenplay      | DK/Feature       |
| Prag                         | 2006  | Direction, Script          | DK/Feature       |
| Nordkraft                    | 2005  | Direction, Script          | DK/Feature       |
| Kira's Reason - a Love Story | 2001  | Direction, Script          | DK/Feature       |
| Edderkoppen                  | 2000  | Direction, Script          | TV series        |
| Unit 1                       | 2000  | Direction                  | TV series        |
| Pizza King                   | 1999  | Direction, Script          | DK/Feature       |
| Sinans bryllup               | 1997  | Direction, Script          | DK/Short fiction |
| TAXA                         | 1997  | Direction                  | TV series        |
| Stormfulde hjerter           | 1994  | Direction, Script          | TV film          |
| The end                      | 1993  | Direction                  | DK/Short fiction |
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| For the Mad Only             | 1988  | Direction, Script, Editing | DK/Documentary   |