

Bollywood Hero

A film by Diederik van Rooijen

Playing time: 85 minutes



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Project Summary

Title	Bollywood Hero
A production from	IDTV Film
Language	English/Dutch/Hindi
Subtitles	English
Length	85 minutes
Format	35mm, color
Genre	Drama
Country	the Netherlands
Logline	Young actor sets off to India to play a part in a Bollywood film; in the city of Mumbai he discovers the hard reality of life.
Short Synopsis	<p>BOLLYWOOD HERO tells the story of young Dutch actor Nick (Egbert-Jan Weeber) in the city of Mumbai. He views the city, where he's staying for a small part in a Bollywood movie, through the lens of his father's 8mm camera. During the film shoot Nick develops a close friendship with his co-actress, Bollywood star Sita Singh. Nick helps Sita to make her own choices and tries to prevent her arranged marriage with the son of a rich Bollywood producer. After Nick witnesses the fatal car accident of a young homeless girl, he decides to no longer be a passive eyewitness to all the misery around him. It appears this decision will not be without far-reaching consequences for himself.</p>
Director & script	Diederik van Rooijen
Release	March 19th 2009
Websites	www.bollywoodhero.nl www.a-film.nl www.idtvfilm.nl

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Cast & crew

Cast

Nick	Egbert-Jan Weeber
Sita	Ishwari Bose-Bhattacharya
Prem	Akhilesh Kumar
Aman	Vijay Kadam
Homeless girl	Rubina Rafique Qureshi
Anil	Jay Pathak

Crew

Script and director	Diederik van Rooijen
First AD	Milo Rietvelt ADC
Cinematography	Lennert Hillege NSC
Sound	Jan Schermer
Costume	Bho Roosterman-Vroegen
Editor	Moek de Groot
Music	Bart Westerlaken
Songs	Gerard et Jerome, Jeroen den Hengst and Niels Zuiderhoek
Production Manager	Eva Visser
Producer	IDTV Film, Hanneke Niens and Anton Smit

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Synopsis

Dutch actor Nick (26) travels to Mumbai to play a small part in a Bollywood movie. During the film shoot Nick develops a close friendship with his co-actress, Bollywood star Sita Singh. Nick helps Sita to make her own choices and tries to prevent her arranged marriage with the son of a rich Bollywood producer.

With the 8mm camera of his father Nick looks at the city and tapes his experiences. As always he takes things for granted until he witnesses the accident of a young homeless girl, who gets hit by a car as she crosses the street towards him. Nobody seems to take notice of the accident and so Nick rushes off to a hospital in a taxi with her. Even so the little girl dies. Nick feels guilty about the girl's death and feels that he has to make up for this by helping the poor in as many ways possible, beginning with the taxi drivers family. He decides to no longer be a passive eyewitness to all the misery around him. The more people he helps the more he realizes that playing the good Samaritan is getting him nowhere. He becomes more and more obsessed by his good works, that take him to dangerous spots and bring his health and life in danger. In a last act of self sacrificing he gives his life in a desperate attempt to free slave children from the imprisonment of a factory. In the end it appears his decision will not be without far-reaching consequences for himself.

Diederik van Rooijen

Director

Biography

Diederik van Rooijen (26-12-1975), born in the Netherlands, grew up in Holland, Greece and America.

He graduated at the Netherlands Film and Television Academy in 2001 with his English language film CHALK. At the moment he lives in Amsterdam with his wife and two children. Apart from his work for film and television drama, he directs commercials for 25fps. With his commercials for VOLKSWAGEN POLO GTI he won the Cannes Bronze Film Lion Award in 2006.

His short film BABYPHONED won the NPS Award Best Short Film, during the Dutch Film Festival 2002. He directed the feature film ZULAIKA in 2003, which won several awards. Diederik van Rooijen is director and scriptwriter of short films (a.o. DUMMY, MAS), television drama (a.o. MEIDEN VAN DE WIT, KEIJZER EN DE BOER) and feature films (a.o. KM/U, DE LAATSTE KLANT). He was creative producer and director of the original crime series PARELS EN ZWIJNEN, which won the NFTVM Award 2005.

His short film DUMMY (NPS Kort !) was the Dutch entry for the Academy Awards 2007, in the category LIVE ACTION SHORT .

Curriculum Vitae

Education

1997-2001 The Netherlands Film and Television Academy, AHK Amsterdam

Director and script

2008 **Bollywood Hero**, director and script, feature film, IDTV Film / A-Film
Stella, director and script, television film, script together with Hugo Heinen, Waterland Film / NCRV

2007 **Een trui voor kip Saar**, director, short film (project : Guest of the Year), script: Burny Bos, Family Affair Films / NFF

Het boze oog , director, short film (project Child & Color), script:

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Simone Gablan,
Rinkel Film/ KRO

Bandafobia, director, Parade theatre show together with Jeroen van Koningsbrugge and Michiel Varga

Keyzer en de Boer Advocaten III, director, drama series
(4 episodes), NL Film/ NCRV/ KRO

Deadline, director, police series (2 episodes), producer: Remmelt Remmelts, VARA

2006 **Genji**, director, short film (EBU project), story: Jan-Willem Bult, script: Maarten Lebens, Eyeworks Egmond/ KRO - Unesco Award, Prix Jeunesse International 2008 München

Bandalosa, director, Parade theatre show together with Jeroen van Koningsbrugge and Michiel Varga

Keyzer en de Boer Advocaten II, director, drama series (4 episodes), NL Film/ NCRV/ KRO

Dummy, director & script, short film (KORT!), Family Affair Films/ NPS - Official Dutch Oscar entry 'Best Live-Action Short', Academy Awards 2007, LA

2005 **Parels en zwijnen**, creative - producer and director, crime/ drama series (12 episodes), Rinkel Film/ TALPA - NFTVM Award 2005

My demons, director, videoclip rockband ZEUS starring Halina Reijn and Jeroen van Koningsbrugge, STC Productions

Keyzer en de Boer Advocaten, director, drama series (2 episodes), NL Film/ NCRV/ KRO

KM/U (kilometer per uur), script, feature film, Family Affair Films/ Eyeworks Egmond

Mass, director and script, short film, Family Affair Films

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- 2004
- De Bode**, director and script, short film, Family Affair Films
- MediaBridge Award for Best Live Action Short Film, MediaBridge Festival 2006, Chicago
- Spoorloos verdwenen**, director, police series (2 episodes), creative - producer: Paul Ruven, Holland Harbour/ AVRO
- Meiden van de Wit III**, director, drama series (4 episodes), creative - producer: Pollo de Pimentel, Egmond Film and Television/ NET5
- Won BNN Award Best Television Series the Netherlands
- 2003
- Zulaika 'Coming of age in Curaçao'**, director, feature film, script: Milushka Birge, Norman de Palm/ Illusions/ TROS
- The Best Feature Film for Young People Jury Award, 4th Buenos Aires International Film Festival 2005
- Certificate of Excellence for a Live-Action Feature Film, Chicago International Children's Film Festival 2004
- Meiden van de Wit II**, director, drama series (4 episodes), Egmond Film and Television/ NET5
- Won BNN Award Best Television Series the Netherlands
- 2002
- Babyphoned**, director and script, short film (KORT!), script together with Simone Kome van Breugel, Egmond Film and Television/ NPS
NPS Award best short film 2002
- A funeral for Mr. Smithee**, director and script, short film, Family Affair Films
- Nomination NPS Award best short film 2002
- 2001
- Chalk**, director and script, NFTA film / NCRV
- Public Award Nieuwe Blikken Film Festival 2001

Egbert-Jan Weeber

Actor

Biography

During his high school years Egbert-Jan (1981) follows classes at the 4-year preparatory training 'Theatre in Groningen'. He acts in many theatre plays while still a teenager.

Egbert-Jan makes his television debut very soon : the start of an impressive series of parts in television series and television films such as FINALS, UITGESLOTEN, POLONAISE, DUNYA & DESIE and BIJLMER ODYSSEE.

It's not a surprise he takes the next step to the film screen. He acts in movies like OESTERS VAN NAM KEE, VAN GOD LOS, SNOWFEVER, EILANDGASTEN, FLIRT, ALIBI and the German language film VIVERE.

However, Egbert-Jan also keeps acting in the theatre, he plays in DRIE ZUSTERS, VUUR, JAN RAP & Z'N MAAT and the Parade show FLATER.

His acting performances lead to a Golden Calf nomination for VAN GOD LOS and UITGESLOTEN and also to a Beeld en Geluid Award nomination for UITGESLOTEN.

January 2008 Egbert-Jan has finished the last shooting days of the film BOLLYWOOD HERO (based on an idea of Egbert-Jan and directed by Diederik van Rooijen). He plays parts in the film HET LEVEN UIT EEN DAG (director : Mark de Clou) and in the youth film ANUBIS EN HET PAD DER 7 ZONDEN. At the moment we can see Egbert-Jan Weeber in the theatre show RAAF.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

1995 -1999	4 years Preparatory Training Groningen Theatre
1997 -1998	HAVO
1993 -1997	MAVO

Actor in :

Film

2008	Het Leven uit Een Dag	Mark de Clou	Dutch Mountain Movies
2008	Bollywood Hero	Diederik Van Rooijen	IDTV Film
2008	Anubis en het pad der 7 zonden	Dennis Bots	Studio 100

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2007	Alibi	Johan Nijenhuis	NL Film & TV
2006	Vivere	Angelina Maccarone	Elsani Film (Duitsland)
2005	Eilandgasten	Karim Traïdia	IDTV Film B.V.
2005	Flirt	Jaap van Eyck	Corrino Films
2004	Snowfever	Pim van Hoeve	NL Film Producties
2003	Kees de Jongen	André van Duren	Matthijs van Heijningen
2003	Anderland (kort)	Arne Toonen	NFTA
2003	Van God Los	Pieter Kuijpers	IDTV Film B.V.
2002	Oesters van Nam Kee	Pollo de Pimentel	Egmond Film and Television

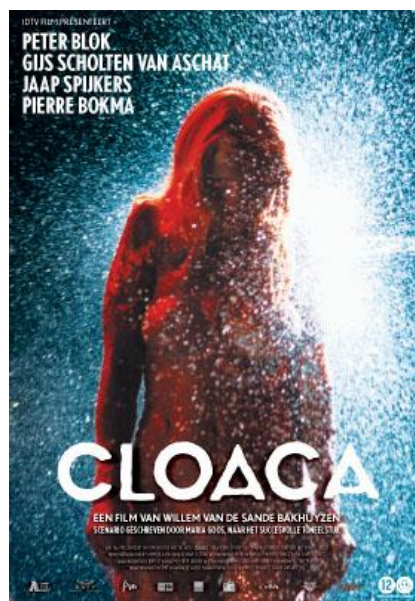
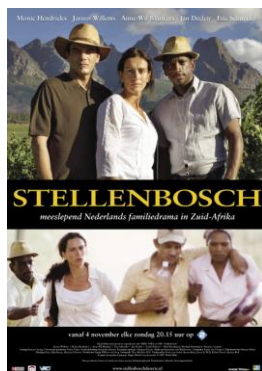
Television

2008	Verborgen Gebreken	diversen	NET5
2008	Flikken Maastricht	Pieter van Rijn	TROS
2004	Bijlmer Odyssee (telefilm)	Urszula Antoniak	VPRO
2003	Vrijdag de 14 ^e (telefilm)	Pascale Simons	VARA
2002	Dunya & Desie	Dana Nechushtan	NPS
2002	Achttien (telefilm)	Jelle van Doornik Dirk Achten	NPS
2002	Polonaise (telefilm)	Nicole van Kilsdonk	NPS
2001	Necrocam (telefilm)	Dana Nechushtan	VARA
2001	Uitgesloten (telefilm)	Mijke de Jong	NPS
2000	Wet & Waan	Norbert ter Hall	KRO
2000	Baantjer	Berend Boudewijn	RTL 4
2000	Russen	Ineke Houtman	KRO
2000	Finals	Harm-Ydo Hilberdink	BNN
2000	Waardenberg en de Jong	Willem van de Sande Bakhuysen	VPRO
2000	Oogsex	Reinier Bruins	BNN

Theatre

2008	De Raaf	Sanne Vogel	Stichting Vogelfabriek
2007	Flater	Egbert-Jan Weeber Sanne Vogel	Stichting Vogelfabriek
2006 - 2007	Jan Rap & z'n Maat	Peter de Baan	Jacques Senf & Partners
2006	Uit Liefde	Kees Hulst	Hummelinck Stuurman
2005 - 2006	VUUR	Karim Traïdia	DNA
2003	Drie Zusters	Ivo van Hove	Toneel Groep Amsterdam
1995 - 1999	De Blikvanger	Hildegard Draaijer & Edgard Geurink	tijdens vooropleiding
	Oidipous	Cora Broekhuizen	tijdens vooropleiding
	Tamara	Cora Broekhuizen	tijdens vooropleiding
	Marathon	Richard Gonlag	tijdens vooropleiding
	De zevende hemel	Richard Gonlag	tijdens vooropleiding
	l'Histoire du Soldat	Cora Broekhuizen	tijdens vooropleiding

About the producers : IDTV Film



IDTV Film was established in 1999 by the producers Hanneke Niens and Anton Smit, with the aim of making quality films for a wide audience. In recent years, IDTV Film has enjoyed great success – both national and international - with films such as *Godforsaken* (Pieter Kuijpers), *Family* (Maria Goos and Willem van de Sande Bakhuyzen), *Cloaca* (Willem van de Sande Bakhuyzen en Maria Goos), *Life!* (Maria Goos and Willem van de Sande Bakhuyzen), *A Thousand Kisses* (Willem van de Sande Bakhuyzen), *Escort* (Frank Ketelaar) and the telefilm *The Chosen One* (Frank Ketelaar and Theu Boermans). IDTV Film also made *Twin Sisters* (Marieke van der Pol and Ben Sombogaart). The film was with 700.000

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admissions in the top ten of the Dutch box office in 2003. Among many other awards the film received a Nomination for the Academy Award® Best Foreign Language Film 2004. *Twin Sisters* was sold to over 40 territories including North America (Miramax).

At the start of 2008 Motel Films joined forces with IDTV Film. In this new configuration, under the leadership of Frans van Gestel and Jeroen Beker, quality feature films and television drama continue to be made for both Dutch and international markets. The combination of bringing in new talent, and continuing the collaboration with established writers and directors, IDTV Film develops and realises original, urgent, contemporary and moving films, produced with care and attention; mainstream feature films as well as arthouse productions.

In 2008 we saw the Dutch release of the feature films *Unfinished Sky* (Peter Duncan), *Bride Flight* (Ben Sombogaart) and *Het Echte Leven* (Robert Jan Westdijk). Three IDTV Film features are broadcast in this year's Telefilm season: *De Fuik* (Mischa Kamp), *Hitte Harara* (Lodewijk Crijns) and *Wijster* (Paula van der Oest).

In the start of 2009 we will see the release of feature films *Bollywood Hero* (Diederik van Rooijen) and *Spy of Orange* (Tim Oliehoek). Also two international Hubert Bals co-productions, *Jermal* (Ravi Bharwani, Indonesia) and *Gigante* (Adrian Biniez, Uruguay) will see their premieres this year.

