



## Pål Sletaune

Pål Sletaune is one of Norway's leading writers and directors. Sletaune has gained great creative and commercial success both with his feature films and drama series.

1997 marked the release of his first feature film, *Junk Mail*, which quickly became a big hit among critics and audiences. *Junk Mail* was among else selected as the Norwegian entry for 'Best Foreign Language Film' at the 70th Academy Awards, won 'Best Film' at the Amanda Awards, and was selected for the critic's week at Cannes Festival, where it was awarded the top prize in its category.

Among Sletaune's other films one can find *You Really Got Me* (2001), *Next Door* (2005), and *Babycall* (2011), featuring a breathtaking performance by Noomi Rapace. Sletaune is also one of the directors on the first season of the highly successful series *Occupied* (2015), a political thriller based on an original idea by Jo Nesbø. Sletaune is also a well-known director of commercials and has received several international awards, including the **Gold** and **Silver Lion** at Cannes International Festival of Creativity.

Sletaune is, together with Sara Johnsen, creator, writer and director of the acclaimed TV drama *22 July*, a series about the everyday heroes who took action following the terror attack in Norway in 2011. *22 July* premiered in January 2020 and has been lauded in Norwegian and international press. At the Golden Screen Awards, *22 July* was voted 'Best TV Drama' and Sletaune won in the category 'Best Director'. Sletaune and Johnsen also received the prestigious **Fritt Ord Tribute** for *22 July*, a tribute that acknowledges remarkable efforts to promote free speech.

## Awards

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| Seriekritikerprisen (Best Drama) Norway - <i>22. juli 22 July</i>                          | 2020 |
| Golden Screen Award (Best Director) Norway - <i>22. juli 22 July</i>                       | 2020 |
| Golden Screen Award (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>22. juli 22 July</i>                       | 2020 |
| Fritt Ord Tribute Norway - <i>22. juli 22 July</i>   | 2020 |
| Amanda Awards (Best Screenplay) Norway - <i>Babycall The Monitor</i>                       | 2012 |
| Gérardmer Film Festival (Grand Prize - Best Film) France - <i>Babycall The Monitor</i>     | 2012 |
| Gérardmer Film Festival (International Critics Award) France - <i>Babycall The Monitor</i> | 2012 |

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| Hessian Film Award Nominee (Hessian Film Award) Germany - <i>Babycall The Monitor</i>                                       | 2012 |
| Rome Film Fest Nominee (Golden Marc'Aurelio Award) Italy - <i>Babycall The Monitor</i>                                      | 2011 |
| Festróia - Tróia International Film Festival (FIPRESCI Prize - Special Mention) Portugal - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i>    | 1998 |
| Amanda Awards (Best Film) Norway - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i>  | 1997 |
| Cannes Film Festival (Mercedes-Benz Award) France - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i>   | 1997 |
| Ghent International Film Festival (Best Director) Belgium - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i>                                   | 1997 |
| Stockholm Film Festival (FIPRESCI Prize) Sweden - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i>   | 1997 |
| São Paulo International Film Festival (International Jury Award - Honorable Mention) Brasil - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i> | 1997 |
| Tokyo International Film Festival (Silver Award) Japan - <i>Budbringeren Junk Mail</i>                                      | 1997 |
| Torino Festival of Young Cinema Nominee (Prize of the City of Torino) Italy - <i>Eating Out</i>                             | 1994 |
| Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (Best First Film) France - <i>Bingoplassen</i>                           | 1993 |

## Filmography

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| <b>22. juli</b> <b>22 July</b> (TV Series) (Drama) - Creator, Director, Writer                     | 2020 |
| <b>Okkupert</b> <b>Occupied</b> (TV Series) (Drama, Thriller) - Episode director                   | 2015 |
| <b>Babycall</b> <b>The Monitor</b> (Feature film) (Horror, Thriller) - Writer, Director            | 2011 |
| <b>Naboer</b> <b>Next Door</b> (Feature film) (Horror, Mystery, Thriller) - Writer, Director       | 2005 |
| <b>Amatørene</b> <b>You Really Got Me</b> (Feature film) (Comedy, Crime, Drama) - Writer, Director | 2001 |
| <b>Budbringeren</b> <b>Junk Mail</b> (Feature film) (Comedy, Thriller) - Writer                    | 1997 |
| <b>Eating Out</b> (Short) (Drama) - Writer, Director   | 1994 |
| <b>Bingoplassen</b> (Short) (Drama) - Director   | 1992 |

