

Anna Bache-Wiig & Siv Rajendram Eliassen

Screenwriter duo Siv Rajendram Eliassen and Anna Bache-Wiig are the creators behind Norwegian success drama TV series *Acquitted* (2015) which was nominated for 'Best Screenwriter' and 'Best Mini-Series' at the Seoul International Drama Awards.

Rajendram Eliassen and Bache-Wiig wrote the screenplay for the praised U – July 22 (2018), directed by one of Norway's most esteemed directors, Erik Poppe. U – July 22 won the 2018 **Berlin Ecumenical Prize** and has received fantastic reviews both in Norway and internationally. NRK described it as "Nothing less than a masterpiece".

Their latest TV-series creation, *Witch Hunt*, premiered in 2020 on TV 2 Norway and has received outstanding reviews in the Norwegian press. *Witch Hunt* was also nominated for 'Best TV Drama' at the Golden Screen Awards.

Rajendram Eliassen and Bache-Wiig are the writers of *The Emigrants*, based on the classic 1949 novel of the same name, written by Vilhelm Moberg. *The Emigrants* is directed by Erik Poppe and premiered in December 2021 to great reviews. The epic drama was shortlisted for Sweden's submission to the Academy Award for 'Best International Feature Film'.

Siv Rajendram Eliassen has extensive experience in television drama and feature film. Primarily working with television, Siv has written and co-written some of Norway's high profile series like *Battalion* (2002), *Above All* (2007), and *Codename Hunter 2* (2008). Together with her co-writers she won the **Golden Screen Award** for *Ran* and *Above All*. She was also one of the writers awarded with the **Amanda Award** for 'Best Screenplay' for the feature *Fallen Angels* (2008). Furthermore, her work includes the Danish TV series *Den som dræber* (2011) which was remade to an English language version titled *Those Who Kill* (2014), starring Chlöe Sevigny.

Anna Bache-Wiig graduated from Norway's State Theatre School in 1998 and has since then worked as an actress on several of Norway's biggest theatre scenes. She has excelled in various plays (Antigone by Sophocles and Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen), as well as in some of Norway's most popular TV series and films including Mammon (2014), Cosy (2010), Fallen Angels (2010), Mirush (2007) and Buddy (2003). Additionally, Bache-Wiig is a critically acclaimed writer, she debuted with her novel Most Beautiful of All (2003), which was followed by A Summer Night's Dream (2005), Lasse's House (2009) and thereafter her first children's book Don Fritjof (2010).

Awards

Academy Awards Shortlist (Best International Feature Film) Sweden - <i>Utvandrarna The Emigrants</i>	2021
Seriekritikerprisen Nominee (Best Drama) Norway - Heksejakt Witch Hunt	2020
Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - Heksejakt Witch Hunt	2020
Valladolid International Film Festival Nominee (Best Film) Spain - <i>Utøya 22. juli U - July 22</i>	2018
Ghent International Film Festival Nominee (Best Film) Belgium - <i>Utøya 22. juli U - July 22</i>	2018
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best Film) Norway - <i>Utøya 22. juli U - July 22</i>	2018
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best Screenplay) Norway - Utøya 22. juli U - July 22	2018
Berlin International Film Festival (Ecumenical Prize) Germany – <i>Utøya 22. juli U - July 22</i>	2018
Seoul International Drama Awards Nominee (Best Mini-Series) South Korea - Frikjent Acquitted	2015
Seoul International Drama Awards Nominee (Best Screenwriter) South Korea - Frikjent Acquitted	2015

Filmography

Quislings siste dager (Feature film) (Drama) in-production - Writer	2024
Utvandrarna The Emigrants (Feature film) (Drama) - Writer	2021
Heksejakt Witch Hunt (TV Series) (Drama) - Creator, Writer	2020
Utøya 22. juli U - July 22 (Feature film) (Drama, Thriller) - Writer	2018
Frikjent 2 Acquitted season 2 (TV Series) (Crime, Drama, Thriller) - Creator, Writer	2016
Frikjent Acquitted (TV Series) (Crime, Drama, Thriller) - Creator, Writer	2015