



Jens Lien

Norwegian director Jens Lien was educated at the London International Film School. In his early career he made documentaries, commercials and short films, including *Shut the Door* (2000) and *Natural Glasses* (2001) which were both nominated for the prestigious **Palme d'Or** in Cannes. Lien's stylish and edgy short films have won numerous awards all over the world.

In 2003, Lien's first feature film *Jonny Vang* had its premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival. His acclaimed second feature *The Bothered Man* premiered in 2006 to fantastic reviews, was selected for the Toronto International Film Festival and won both the **ACID Award** at the Cannes Film Festival and the **Hampton Golden Starfish**. Since its release it has further gone on to win more than 30 international awards.

The successful and award-winning feature *Sons of Norway* saw its world premiere at Toronto International Film Festival 2011 and was the opening film for The Norwegian Film Festival the same year. Lien is also director of the TV series *Viva Hate* for SVT which won **Prix Europa** for 'Best European TV Series' in 2015. His latest project, the sci-fi satire *Beforeigners* (2019-2021), was HBO Nordic's first Norwegian original. *Beforeigners* was an immediate hit and was met with rave reviews both in Scandinavia and internationally.

Furthermore, Lien is a distinguished director of commercials for TV and cinema, for which he has received international awards including the **Cannes Lion** and the **Gullfisken Award** (Best Commercial of the Year) twice – in 2014 for the SAS commercial *Daddy's Girl* and in 2020 for *The Boy With the Lunchbox*. The latter instantly went viral and has been streamed more than 700 million times.

Awards

Golden Screen Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway – <i>Beforeigners</i>	2020
Serienkamp (Audience Choice Award) Germany – <i>Beforeigners</i>	2019
Serienkamp Nominee (Official Competition) Germany – <i>Beforeigners</i>	2019
Zurich Film Festival Nominee (Best International Series) Switzerland – <i>Beforeigners</i>	2019
Prix Europa (Best TV Fiction) – <i>Viva Hate</i>	2015
Kristallen Awards Nominee (Best Television Drama) Sweden – <i>Viva Hate</i>	2015
Göteborg Film Festival Nominee (Best Nordic Film) Sweden – <i>Sønner av Norge Sons of Norway</i>	2012

Ghent International Film Festival (Youth Jury Award - Special Mention) Belgium - <i>Sønner av Norge Sons of Norway</i>	2012
Gothenburg Film Festival (FIPRESCI Prize) Sweden - <i>Sønner av Norge Sons of Norway</i>	2012
Les Arcs European Film Festival Nominee (Crystal Arrow) France - <i>Sønner av Norge Sons of Norway</i>	2011
Chicago International Movies and Music Festival (Best Fiction Feature) US - <i>Sønner av Norge Sons of Norway</i>	2011
Tehran International Short Film Festival Nominee (Best Fiction) Iran - <i>Høydepunkter Every Day Is a Fish Day</i>	2009
Kosmorama Nominee (Best Director) Norway - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Rouen Nordic Film Festival (Young European Jury Award) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Gothenburg Film Festival (FIPRESCI Prize) Sweden - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Gérardmer Film Festival (SCI FI Jury Award) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Gérardmer Film Festival (Youth Jury Grand Prize) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Fantasporto (International Fantasy Film Award) Portugal - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Cinequest San Jose Film Festival (Maverick Spirit Award) US - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Gérardmer Film Festival (International Critics Award) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Gérardmer Film Festival (Grand Prize) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2007
Arne Skouens Honorary Award Norway	2006
Montréal Festival of New Cinema (Quebec Film Critics Award) Canada - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Cannes Film Festival (ACID Award) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best Film) Norway - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Utopiales: The Nantes International Science Fiction Film Festival (Grand Jury Award) France - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Sitges - Catalanian International Film Festival Nominee (Best Film) Spain - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Montréal Festival of New Cinema (Special Mention) Canada - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Hamptons International Film Festival (Best Film) US - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Norwegian Movie Critic's Award Norway	2006
Riga International Film Forum (FIPRESCI Prize) Latvia - <i>Den brysomme mannen The Bothersome Man</i>	2006

Neuchâtel International Fantastic Film Festival (Narcisse Award) Switzerland - <i>Den brysomme mannen</i> <i>The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Nordic Council's Film Prize Nominee - <i>Den brysomme mannen</i> <i>The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Neuchâtel International Fantastic Film Festival (Golden Méliès Award) Switzerland - <i>Den brysomme mannen</i> <i>The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Festival du nouveau cinéma (Jury's Special Mention) Canada - <i>Den brysomme mannen</i> <i>The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Amanda Awards (Best Direction) Norway - <i>Den brysomme mannen</i> <i>The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Athens International Film Festival (Best Director) Greece - <i>Den brysomme mannen</i> <i>The Bothersome Man</i>	2006
Cinequest San Jose Film Festival (Director's Award) US - <i>Jonny Vang</i>	2004
Brussels European Film Festival Nominee (Golden Iris) Belgium - <i>Jonny Vang</i>	2003
Salerno Shadowline Film Festival (Best Film) Italy - <i>Jonny Vang</i>	2003
Berlin Film Festival Nominee (Panorama Audience Award) Germany - <i>Jonny Vang</i>	2003
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best Film) Norway - <i>Jonny Vang</i>	2003
Brussels International Festival of Fantasy Film (Canal+ Belgique Award) Belgium - <i>Naturlige briller</i> <i>Natural Glasses</i>	2002
Nordisk Panorama (Canal+ Prize) - <i>Naturlige briller</i> <i>Natural Glasses</i>	2001
Brussels International Festival of Fantasy Film (European Broadcasters Award) Belgium - <i>Døren som ikke smakk</i> <i>Shut the Door</i>	2001
Cannes Film Festival Nominee (Palme d'Or - Best Short Film) France - <i>Naturlige briller</i> <i>Natural Glasses</i>	2001
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best Short Film) Norway - <i>Naturlige briller</i> <i>Natural Glasses</i>	2001
Chicago International Film Festival (Best Narrative Short Film) US - <i>Døren som ikke smakk</i> <i>Shut the Door</i>	2000
Mannheim-Heidelberg International Filmfestival (Art of Film Award of Mannheim-Heidelberg) Germany - <i>Hver søndag hos mor</i> <i>Sunday Dinner at Mom's</i>	2000
Cannes Film Festival Nominee (Palme d'Or - Best Short Film) France - <i>Døren som ikke smakk</i> <i>Shut the Door</i>	2000

Filmography

The Nation's Gambit (Feature film) (Action, Thriller) pre-production - Director	2023
Beforeigners (TV Series) (Crime, Drama, Sci-Fi) - Director	2019 - 2021

Ockupationen	Occupied	<i>(TV Series)</i>	<i>(Drama, Thriller)</i>	- Episode director	2017
Viva Hate	<i>(TV Mini-Series)</i>	<i>(Drama)</i>	- Director		2014
Sønner av Norge	Sons of Norway	<i>(Feature film)</i>	<i>(Drama)</i>	- Director	2011
Høydepunkter	Every Day Is a Fish Day	<i>(Short)</i>	<i>(Comedy)</i>	- Director	2007
Den brysomme mannen	The Bothersome Man	<i>(Feature film)</i>	<i>(Comedy, Drama, Fantasy)</i>	- Director	2006
Jonny Vang	<i>(Feature film)</i>	<i>(Comedy, Drama, Mystery)</i>	- Director		2003
Naturlige briller	Natural Glasses	<i>(Short)</i>	- Director		2001
Spenn	Cash	<i>(TV Movie)</i>	<i>(Thriller)</i>	- Director	2001
Hver søndag hos mor	Sunday Dinner at Mom's	<i>(Short)</i>	<i>(Drama)</i>	- Director	2000
Døren som ikke smakk	Shut the Door	- Director			2000
Montana	<i>(Short)</i>	<i>(Comedy)</i>	- Director, Writer		1992