

Magnus Martens

Norwegian screenwriter and director Magnus Martens is internationally recognized for his ability to deliver stylish and violent action while remaining staggeringly entertaining and savagely funny. He made his feature breakthrough with the slick comedy thriller <code>Jackpot</code> (2011) which he wrote and directed based on a Jo Nesbø story. Selected for the Tribeca Film Festival, the critics described <code>Jackpot</code> as bloody and brilliant, and applauded Martens' deliciously dark style, favorably comparing him to Tarantino and the Coen brothers.

Following his international breakthrough with Jackpot, Martens has directed multiple episodes for some of the biggest TV shows in the US, including Banshee, 12 Monkeys, Power, Marvel's Luke Cage, Good Behavior, Longmire, Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Will and Fear the Walking Dead. Most recently he directed the first two episodes of the anticipated The Walking Dead: World Beyond which premiered in October 2020.

Martens' latest film, the explosive action thriller *SAS: Red Notice*, starring Sam Heughan, Ruby Rose and Tom Wilkinson, premiered in March 2021 in the UK and US. In August 2021 *SAS: Red Notice* was released on Netflix. Furthermore, Martens is director of the acclaimed series *Furia*, which premiered on Viaplay in September 2021.

Martens most recent feature, the Christmas comedy horror *There's Something in the Barn,* had its world premiere at Fantastic Fest in September 2023 to great reviews, and premiered in Norwegian theatres in November.

Awards

| Montréal International Children's Film Festival (Children's Jury Prize) Canada - United | 2004 |
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| Mannheim-Heidelberg International Filmfestival (FIPRESCI Prize) Germany – Folk flest bor i Kina Utopia - Nobody's Perfect in Perfect Country | 2002 |
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| Grimstad Short Film Festival (Dolby Prize) Sweden - Eddie Stargazer | 1999 |

Filmography

| There's Something in the Barn (Feature film) (Horror) - Director 2023 Furia Fury (TV Series) (Crime, Drama, Thriller) - Director 2021 The Walking Dead: World Beyond (TV Series) (Drama, Horror, Sci-Fi) - Episode director 2020 Fear the Walking Dead (TV Series) (Drama, Horror, Sci-Fi) - Episode director 2018 Longmire (TV Series) (Action, Crime, Drama) - Episode director 2017 Will (TV Series) (Drama) - Episode director 2017 Good Behaviour (TV Series) (Crime, Drama, Mystery) - Episode director 2016 - 2017 Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (TV Series) (Action, Adventure, Drama) - Episode director 2016 Luke Cage (TV Series) (Action, Crime, Drama) - Episode director 2016 Power (TV Series) (Action, Crime, Drama) - Episode director 2016 12 Monkeys (TV Series) (Adventure, Drama, Mystery) - Episode director 2015 Banshee (TV Series) (Action, Crime, Drama) - Episode director 2015 Meglerne (TV Series) (Comedy) - Director 2014 Nattskiftet (TV Series) (Comedy) - Director 2012 Arme Riddere Jackpot (Feature film) (Action, Comedy, Crime) - Director, Writer 2011 | | |
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| Uti vår hage (TV Series) (Comedy) - Director | 2003 |
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| United (Feature film) (Comedy, Romance) - Director, Writer | 2003 |
| Folk flest bor i Kina Utopia - Nobody's Perfect in Perfect Country (Feature film) (Comedy, Drama) - Director | 2002 |
| Eddie Stargazer (Short) (Comedy, Drama) | 1999 |
| Åpen Post (TV Series) (Comedy) - Director | 1998 |