



Øystein Karlsen

Øystein Karlsen is the name behind the highly successful and celebrated Norwegian TV series *Dag* (2010-2015), *One Night* (2017) and *Exit* (2019). Karlsen is also the director of several episodes of the popular and awarded Norwegian-American Netflix Original *Lilyhammer* (2014).

Karlsen is the creator, writer and director of the TV series *Dag*, which became an instant hit with the audience and received rave reviews from a choir of critics fascinated by Karlsen's dark, absurd humor and original style. In total, *Dag* has received a staggering 36 **Golden Screen** nominations (the Norwegian equivalent of an Emmy) and 11 wins, which is a record to date.

2019 saw the premiere of Karlsen's scandalous success series *Exit*, which shook Norway to its core and quickly became the most streamed series in NRK's history. The dark and twisted drama is lauded around the world, and has generated more publicity than any other Norwegian series. Based on true events, *Exit* is set in Norway's high-flying financial world. It revolves around four narcissistic men in their 30s who are looking for an exit from everyday pressures and obligations by using drugs, prostitutes and challenging their own - already low - sets of moral values. *Exit* was nominated in numerous categories at the Golden Screen Awards, including 'Best TV Drama', 'Best Innovation', 'Best Script' and 'Best Director'.

Karlsen is also the writer of the amiable British crime drama *Whitstable Pearl* as well as the creator of *So Long, Marianne*, the hotly anticipated, original series which tells the legendary love story of Canadian singer and poet Leonard Cohen, and his muse Marianne Ihlen.

Awards

Series Mania Festival France - <i>So Long, Marianne</i>	2024
Nominated for C21 International Drama Awards (Best Returning Series) UK - <i>Exit</i>	2021
Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best Director) Norway - <i>Exit</i>	2021
Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best Drama) Norway - <i>Exit</i>	2021
Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best Innovation) Norway - <i>Exit</i>	2020
Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>Exit</i>	2020

Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best Script) Norway - <i>Exit</i>	2020
Golden Screen Award Nominee (Best Director) Norway - <i>Exit</i>	2020
Series Mania (International Panorama) France - <i>Exit</i>	2019
Monte-Carlo TV Festival Nominee (Best Comedy TV Series) Monaco - <i>En natt One Night</i>	2019
Golden Screen Nominee (Best Script) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2016
Golden Screen Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2016
Golden Screen (Best Script) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2013
Golden Screen Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2013
Seattle International Film Festival Nominee (New Director's Showcase Award) US - <i>Fuck Up</i>	2013
Golden Screen (Best Script) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2012
Golden Screen Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2012
Golden Screen Nominee (Best Direction) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2012
Golden Screen Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2011
Golden Screen Nominee (Best Script) Norway - <i>Dag</i>	2011

Filmography

So Long, Marianne (TV Series) (Drama) post-production - Screenplay	2024
Lazarus (TV Series) (Thriller) announced - Writer	2023
Exit (TV Series) (Drama) - Creator, Director, Writer	2019 - 2023
Whitstable Pearl (TV Series) (Crime, Drama) - Writer	2021
Britt-Marie var här Britt-Marie Was Here (Feature film) (Comedy, Drama) - Writer	2019
En natt One Night (TV Series) (Comedy, Drama, Romance) - Writer, Director	2018
Winnerbäck - Ett slags liv Winnerbäck - A Kind of Life (Documentary) - Director	2017

Dag <i>(TV Series) (Comedy, Drama) - Director, Writer</i>	2010 - 2015
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Lilyhammer <i>(TV Series) (Comedy, Crime, Drama) - Episode director</i>	2014
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Fuck Up <i>(Feature film) (Comedy, Crime, Drama) - Writer, Director</i>	2012
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De 7 Dødsyndene The 7 Deadly Sins <i>(Documentary) - Writer, Director</i>	2007
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Dice <i>(Short) - Writer, Director</i>	2005
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Catch 44 <i>(Short) - Writer, Director</i>	2004