



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.

Karlsen is currently directing *Jo Nesbø's Detective Hole*, the highly anticipated Netflix adaptation of Jo Nesbø's bestselling Harry Hole series, starring Tobias Santelmann, Joel Kinnaman and Pia Tjelta. The series is produced by Working Title, and is shooting in Oslo. Principal photography began on May 23, 2024.

Awards

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| En natt One Night <i>(TV Series) (Comedy, Drama, Romance) - Writer, Director</i> | 2018 |
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| Winnerbäck - Ett slags liv Winnerbäck - A Kind of Life <i>(Documentary) - Director</i> | 2017 |
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| 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 |