



## Trygve Allister Diesen

Trygve Allister Diesen is one of Norway's most prolific directors and screenwriters, known for taking on thriller, crime and human drama projects focusing on visceral, cinematic storytelling and emotional yet grounded performances.

Part Norwegian, part Scottish, Diesen graduated magna cum laude from University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, and sold his first script two weeks out of film school. His second feature *Hold My Heart* (2002) was chosen as Norway's submission to the Oscars, while his third film and English-language debut *Red* (2008) premiered at Sundance, starring Brian Cox in an award-winning performance.

In 2010, Diesen became the first recipient of a practice-based doctorate in directing from The Norwegian Film School. He still teaches there on occasion, as well as in other film schools.

Diesen directs TV with the same passion he brings to features and does so alternating between the role of conceptual and episodic director. He has helmed well over 100 episodes, spanning multiple genres, countries and languages. Diesen's most noteworthy projects include the acclaimed, hard-boiled miniseries *Torpedo* (2007) which he created, wrote and directed, along with the series version of *Arne Dahl/The A Group* (2015), which he developed as concept director for Swedish TV. The series then went on to air on BBC and ZDF.

Diesen is director of the TV series *Wisting*, Norway's biggest-ever drama production, based on the renowned literary series by Jørn Lier Horst. Besides being the director, Diesen is one of the lauded crime series' writers and creators. *Wisting* premiered in 2019 and has received fantastic reviews across the globe. The awaited second season premiered in 2021.

Diesen is set to direct Disney+ first Nordic original series *To Cook a Bear*, based on Mikael Niemi's bestselling novel.

## Awards

Edgar Allan Poe Award Nominee (Best TV Episode) US - <i>Wisting 1</i>	2020
Catalonian International Film Festival Nominee (Best Film) Spain - <i>Red</i>	2008
Warsaw International Film Festival Nominee (Grand Prix) Poland - <i>Red</i>	2008
Sochi International Film Festival Nominee (Golden Rose) Russia - <i>Tyven, tyven Hold My Heart</i>	2003

Würzburg International Filmweekend (Audience Award) Germany - <i>Tyven, tyven Hold My Heart</i>	2003
AFI Fest Nominee (Grand Jury Prize) US - <i>Tyven, tyven Hold My Heart</i>	2002
Norwegian International Film Festival (Best Norwegian Film) Norway - <i>Tyven, tyven Hold My Heart</i>	2002
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best Film) Norway - <i>Tyven, tyven Hold My Heart</i>	2002
Amanda Awards Nominee (Best TV Drama) Norway - <i>Hotel Cæsar</i>	1999
Fantasporto Nominee (International Fantasy Film Award) Portugal - <i>Mørkets øy Island of Darkness</i>	1999

## Filmography

<b>Koka björn To Cook a Bear</b> (TV Series) (Crime, Drama) <b>post-production</b> - Director	2025
<b>Crime season 2</b> (Crime, Drama, Mystery) - Director	2023
<b>Wisting 3</b> (TV Series) (Crime, Drama) - Co-creator, Director, Writer	2022
<b>Wisting 2</b> (TV Series) (Crime, Drama) - Co-creator, Director, Writer	2021
<b>Wisting 1</b> (TV Series) (Crime, Drama) - Co-creator, Director, Writer	2019
<b>Arne Dahl: En midsommarnattsdröm Arne Dahl: A Midsummer Night Dream</b> (TV Mini-Series) (Action, Crime, Thriller) - Director	2015
<b>The Assets</b> (TV Series) (Thriller) - Episode director	2014
<b>Det tredje øyet The Third Eye</b> (TV Series) (Crime, Drama) - Director	2013
<b>Varg Veum - I mørket er alle ulver grå At Night All Wolves Are Grey</b> (Feature film) (Action, Crime, Thriller) - Writer	2011
<b>Varg Veum - Svarte får Black Sheep</b> (Feature film) (Crime) - Writer	2011
<b>Kommissarie Winter</b> (TV Series) (Crime, Thriller) - Director	2010
<b>Red</b> (Feature film) (Drama, Thriller) - Director	2008

<b>Torpedo</b>	<i>(TV Mini-Series)</i>	<i>(Action, Crime, Drama)</i>	<i>- Creator, Director, Writer</i>	2007
<b>Drømmefangeren</b>	<i>(TV Mini-Series)</i>	<i>(Crime)</i>	<i>- Director</i>	2005
<b>Hotel Cæsar</b>	<i>(TV Series)</i>	<i>(Drama)</i>	<i>- Director</i>	1999 - 2004
<b>Skolen</b>	<i>(TV Series)</i>	<i>(Drama)</i>	<i>- Director</i>	2004
<b>Tyven, tyven</b>	<b>Hold My Heart</b>	<i>(Feature film)</i>	<i>(Drama)</i>	<i>- Director, Writer</i>
<b>Mørkets øy</b>	<b>Island of Darkness</b>	<i>(Feature film)</i>	<i>(Horror, Mystery, Thriller)</i>	<i>- Director, Writer</i>