

Biography Maarten Heijmans

Actor and singer Maarten Heijmans (1983) quickly rose to fame in The Netherlands by playing iconic Dutch singer/songwriter and actor Ramses Shaffy. Both the four-part series *Ramses* and Maarten's performance received various awards. Maarten received the most important film award in the Netherlands The Golden Calf 2014 for Best Actor in a TV Drama and internationally the International Emmy Award for Best Actor. The series itself was awarded with the Prix de l'Europe 2014 for Best European Drama Series and The Silver Nipkow Award for Best Dutch Television Program of the year.

In 2007 Maarten graduates from the Amsterdam Drama School and Academy of Performing Arts. His graduation theatreplay *The Crying Cherry* wins him the FringeAward 2008. The play is performed on the Prague Fringe and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals. After his graduation Maarten continues to play with various renowned Dutch theatre ensembles, such as International Theater Amsterdam (ITA) from internationally acclaimed theatre director Ivo van Hove. In 2013 Maarten temporarily plays one of the lead roles in the most successful Dutch musical of all time, *Soldier of Orange – the musical*, directed by Theu Boermans, one of the country's most beloved and critically acclaimed theatre directors. He can be seen in the lead in the award-winning family show *Puss in Boots* by Theater Rotterdam (2016). For his role in *Ibsen House* directed by Simon Stone at International Theater Amsterdam Maarten won the Arlecchino in 2017, a theatre award for the most impressive supporting male role. From then on Maarten is part of the ensemble of ITA and can be seen in *A small life*, *The Fountainhead* and *Ibsen House*.

On television Maarten plays (lead) roles in the English detective series *Van der Valk* (2020), drama series such as *The 12 of Schouwendam*, *Klem 2*, *The Partnership*, the Telefilm *Hemelrijken*, the Centraal *What you find you can keep* and in the youth program *Het Klokhuis* (among others as one of the Cowboys).

Maarten plays lead roles in films such as *What is then love* (2019) with Elise Schaap, *Petit Paris* (2017) with Katja Herbers (known from the US serie *EVIL*, *WESTWORLD* s2, s3) and in his first international movie *Peitruș* by director Max Jacobi (2019).

Besides being an actor, Maarten is a fantastic singer. At the Dutch Film Festival and The Night of Poems (2014), he performed songs by Ramses Shaffy according to his own arrangement. Together with a number of musician friends he performed in various theatres in 2015-2016. Maarten will release his album *RAMSES* in December 2019, and will tour with his band in February 2021 (The Netherlands).

Maarten can be seen in theatre season 2020-2021 in the ITA performances *Ibsen House*, *A small life*, *The Good Hope* (by Simon Stone) and *Romeo and Julia* (by Michiel van Erp). In the autumn he plays (the young) Joost in the new feature film by Antoinette Beumer, *My Father is an Airplane*, after her award-winning debut novel.