

## CV Simon Koolwijk



Profession: Filmmaker, actor, coach and teacher filmmaking/ acting for kids at primary schools  
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Showreel as actor: <https://vimeo.com/1122846891>

### Education:

- Newport University, Master of Business Administration, thesis in value chain management in bio-ecological food (1988 – 1990)
- University of applied science in agriculture, Bachelor of Agriculture, Business studies (1983 - 1987)

### Short Courses:

2023 – 2024 French B2 DALF and C1 DELF  
2016 – ongoing Acting workshops/ classes and learning by doing at the European Kino Cabaret Network  
2020 Creative writing – Perspectivity  
2020 Action learning research and online facilitation  
2016 - 2024 Filmmaking workshops (40) in producing 48 hour challenge movies  
2019 Re-certified (for the 4<sup>th</sup> time since 2008) as Certified Professional Facilitator  
2019 – 2020 Several workshops and training on SDGs  
2016 Basic and advanced security in crisis situations  
2012 Participatory video  
2009 Filmmaking

### Membership in Professional Societies:

- Kino Cabaret movement Europe

### Key Qualifications:

I am a filmmaker, actor and filmcoach. Most of my films are inspired on stories, I have experienced in my own life. Since 2016, when I started as a fiction Filmmaker I have directed and wrote scripts for 40 films. I am also a script writer, a Director of Photography and actor. Following a list of my films. Watch the compilation at <https://vimeo.com/simonkoolwijk> As an actor I play mostly weird antagonist roles and also play regularly as teacher/ instructor/ referee. Many directors claim that my face is excellent for dark and horror type of movies.

### Country experience:

Austria, France, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, The Netherlands, Kenya, Spain, Ireland and Switzerland.

### Languages:







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| Dutch    | Mother tongue                         |
| English, | Full professional working proficiency |
| French   | Good working proficiency              |
| German   | Good working proficiency              |
| Spanish  | Basic knowledge                       |




**Selected relevant professional experience of most recent assignments:**

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| 2020<br>ongoing | – | <p><b>Actor</b><br/> <b>Actor specialised in playing weird, horror, spying and antagonist roles and roles as a teacher/ instructor/ referee</b></p> <p>Films played:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Duel at Noon – Directed by Darragh Hynes, 2023 – Role: Referee during a pistol fight</li> <li>2. Le rêve miroir – Directed by DSU, 2023 – Role : Assistant of mysterious surgeon.</li> <li>3. Non fatal poison – Directed by Johannes Tucek, 2025 – Role: Teacher</li> <li>4. Mare – Directed by Dylan Delaney and Arun Natarjan, 2023 – Role: Killer of horses.</li> <li>5. Woodstuck – Directed by Erik Nürnberg, Clémentine Mandel and Simon Koolwijk, 2023: Role: Lover of wood</li> <li>6. Recycled bread – Directed by Johannes Tucek, 2025: Role: Producer of bread</li> <li>7. Non à no billag – Directed by Simon Koolwijk, 2019. Role: Spy</li> <li>8. WITHER – Directed by Dylan Delaney, 2025. Role: Ghost</li> <li>9. Instant Karma – Directed by Johannes Tucek, 2025: Role: Water attacker</li> </ol> |
| 2024            |   | <p><b>Producer and filmproduction of the 30 year history of Tiye, an organisation of Black, Migrant and Refugee women</b></p> <p>Facili2transform<br/> Tiye<br/> Documentary maker<br/> Doing research, interviews, filming and editing. It is a 90 minute movie in Dutch.</p>  |
| 2023<br>ongoing | – | <p><b>Coaching international students in Academic Consultancy Training</b></p> <p>Facili2transform<br/> Wageningen University and Research<br/> Coaching<br/> Coaching and guiding international students in Academic Consultancy Training. The students provide academic consultancy to a society based client or enterprise and are guided in this process.</p>   |
| 2022<br>ongoing | – | <p><b>Teaching film and documentary making and acting at primary schools and coaching children</b></p> <p>Facili2transform<br/> IPPON and Qrabbl – on behalf of 400 primary schools in The Netherlands<br/> Teaching and coaching<br/> Teaching and coaching children in the age from 10 – 12 in filmmaking and documentary making techniques and acting. During a one day workshop children produce a movie or a short documentary.</p>  |
| 2016<br>ongoing | – | <p><b>Producing and directing short films, short documentaries and dance movies</b></p> <p>Facili2transform<br/> Filmfestivals and Kino Cabarets<br/> Director and Director of Photography<br/> Scriptwriting, direction, Director of Photography and acting</p>  |

## Filmography as Film director

| Year | Poster  | Description   |
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| 2025 |    | <b>The Caretaker-</b> Ms. Jansen has been murdered on a mysterious way in her house in Bielefeld, Germany. Police inspectors Sebastian Koch and Frank Tschirner interrogate 4 suspects. All suspects seem to have a relation with a foreign secret service. The further the two police inspectors dig down the motives, the more curious becomes the murder.<br><a href="https://vimeo.com/1094319382">https://vimeo.com/1094319382</a> |
| 2024 |    | <b>Between two women</b><br>All the time Antoine is called by his mother, Charlotte, who wants him to help her. Ultimately the relationship between Antoine and his wife Frédérique becomes strained. Antoine is trapped between two women.<br><a href="https://vimeo.com/1016439603">https://vimeo.com/1016439603</a>  |
| 2024 |   | <b>The Secret</b> tells the story of Manon, who disappears mysteriously after a dinner with her friend in a restaurant in Trouville. Her father, Laurant, her friend Monique and the Detective of the Police, Alexis, testify on what happened after her disappearance. Finally her disappearance is linked with her family's history in Algeria.<br><a href="https://vimeo.com/1013042760">https://vimeo.com/1013042760</a>            |
| 2023 |  | <b>The Spirit of Shanti</b> tells the story of a woman who is a passionate about Shamanism. While she is making a promotion film with one of the actors in her network, the shooting becomes a disaster. The film is both dramatic and a comedy.<br><a href="https://vimeo.com/871080615">https://vimeo.com/871080615</a>   |
| 2022 |  | <b>La machine d'Amour</b> tells the story about a man who visits an Airbnb location, where he meets the owner who is a believer and passionate about the psychologist Wilhelm Reich. During his stay he becomes surprised and fascinated about the beliefs and practices of the owner with some absurd experiences.<br><a href="https://vimeo.com/751689178">https://vimeo.com/751689178</a>  |

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| 2021 |    | <p><b>The Mystery of the disappeared farmer's wife</b> tells the story of a family where their mother and sister disappeared on a mysterious way more than 35 years ago. The family members look back at these 35 years ago, still not knowing what happened with their mother. The film was screened at 4 festivals and was also rewarded as finalist at the Students World Impact Festival.</p> <p><a href="https://vimeo.com/586668402">https://vimeo.com/586668402</a></p> |
| 2021 |    | <p><b>Secret</b> is a short dance movie about grief and memorizing on a young life lost. The film was nominated as one of the best films at the Durama film festival in India.</p> <p><a href="https://vimeo.com/596687407">https://vimeo.com/596687407</a></p>  |
| 2021 |   | <p><b>Vibrations</b> is a film showing 6 emotions/ state of minds of people going from distrust and anger towards the state of healing and love. The story is beautifully reflected by 5 actors.</p> <p><a href="https://vimeo.com/512512383">https://vimeo.com/512512383</a></p> <p>The film was projected at the Tazuka film festival in South Africa.</p>   |
| 2020 |  | <p><b>Fata morgana</b> is a poetic dance movie about erotomania. During the film, the key actor, believes he sees his lover, passionate in love with him. The reality shows something different. The story is supported by a voice over telling the voice over.</p> <p><a href="https://vimeo.com/433067291">https://vimeo.com/433067291</a></p>   |
| 2020 |  | <p><b>Reencarnado</b> is the story about reincarnation therapist Derek Gonzalez. He is a successful therapist applying 'reincarnation therapy'. Mainly beautiful ladies are his customers and according to his neighbor, some of them are his lovers. Alysia, a potential lover is one of his favorites. However, she, is visiting Derek for a final session, things turn dramatically.</p>  |
| 2018 |  | <p><b>Cat Hunting</b> - A short movie about an animal activist, who is challenged on his principles by a cat just before he leaves to the airport (7.14 minutes),</p> <p><a href="https://vimeo.com/267473961">https://vimeo.com/267473961</a></p>   |

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| 2018 |  <p><b>Malheureuse coïncidence</b></p> <p>UNE HISTOIRE BIZARRE<br/>AVEC BORIS VERNIS ET SOPHIE BETHERMAT<br/>RÉALISATEUR: SIMON KOOLWIJK</p> | <p><b>Malheureuse coïncidence</b> – Just before Thierry leaves for his travel home, he finds his house lady unconscious at the toilet. Thierry is overwhelmed with fear and does not know how to handle the situation (7.00 minutes), <a href="https://vimeo.com/261692064">https://vimeo.com/261692064</a></p>  |
| 2017 |  <p><b>Harmony on Holidays</b></p> <p>with Barbara Lehner and Davide Lenzi</p>   | <p><b>Harmony on Holidays</b> – A couple discovers during their holidays in Vienna, that their characters are conflicting. (6.04 minutes), <a href="https://vimeo.com/237871600">https://vimeo.com/237871600</a></p>   |
| 2016 |  <p><b>DÄMONEN IM KOPF</b></p> <p>A drama by Simon Koolwijk</p> <p>A person who sees things, that others do not see</p>                     | <p><b>Dämonen im Kopf</b> – Frank is frustrated with his life. He has been chased away from his company and still feels he needs to be rewarded for an invention he made for his employer. While his nephew is visiting him and he stays sick at home it comes to an explosion. (11.23 minutes), <a href="https://vimeo.com/237866234">https://vimeo.com/237866234</a></p> |

#### Other details:

**Personal qualities:** Structured, good listener, creative, result oriented, good team worker

**Presentation of scientific case study on evaluation and visualizing research results by video at the international conference "Between Edges and Margins** – theme Deviance and social control of malpractices" – 13 and 14 September, 2018 at the University of Ghent, Belgium

**Rewards:** Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau, On the 21st May, 2010 rewarded by her Majesty with the "Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau".

#### Projected and nominated films

The film 'The mystery of the disappeared farmer's wife' was projected at filmfestivals in India, Bolivia, USA and Canada. In the USA it reached the finals of the World Impact Student Film Festival.

'The Secret' and 'Between two women' were projected at the Ahmedabad Film Festival in India. The Secret was also projected at the 'Small Rig Awards festival' in USA and 'Cinétoile' in Tunisia.....

Secret was nominated and projected at the 'Diorama International Film Festival' in India.