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BIOGRAPHY BARRY AT SMA

As a child Barry Atsma (1972, Bromley, UK) lived in the UK, Greece, Brazil and the Netherlands. His dream was to become a pro tennis player, but he eventually choose law school, which he traded in for acting school just a year later. After graduating he worked with different theatre companies like De Appel, De Paardenkathedraal and Huis aan de Werf. From 2002 until 2012 Barry worked for Toneelgroep Amsterdam. He played different parts in award winning plays such as Angels in America, Husbands, Roman Tragedies and his own solo play Denne. He had written, played and co-directed this theatre solo about a retarded boy with megalomania, which was inspired by his own brother Rimmert Atsma with Down Syndrome.

TELEVISION

On television he performed in series like Baantjer, Finals, Rozengeur & WodkaLime, Waltz, Voetbalvrouwen en Gooische Vrouwen. Recently he played the title role: Van Gogh, een huis voor Vincent, a four-part mini-series concerning the life of Vincent van Gogh.

FILM

After numerous supporting roles and various lead parts Barry won the Gouden Kalf for best male actor in 2009 for his role as Stijn in the movie Komt een vrouw bij de dokter (Stricken), directed by Reinout Oerlemans. For this part, which drew more than a million Dutch visitors to the cinema, he was also awarded with a Rembrandt Award for best male actor in 2009. Following this project were many leading roles in several Dutch films such as Zwart Water (Two Eyes Staring), the remake Loft, Taped en more recently In jouw naam, Knielen op een bed violen and the romantic comedy Mannenharten. Barry Atsma mainly focuses on his film work, and not only in the Netherlands. In 2013 he filmed his first Hollywood production, Hector and the Search for Happiness, with co-stars Simon Pegg, Stellan Skarsgård and Christopher Plummer. Currently he is busy filming his German debut in the movie Göttliche Funken.

In the spring of 2013 Barry publishes, together with friend and colleague Isa Hoes, a book called Doordraven and overeind blijven. Both actors bundled different columns, letters and text messages sent to each other over time.

Barry Atsma is ambassador for both the Dutch Diabetes Fund and the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital in Utrecht. He currently lives in Utrecht with his two daughters.