

(1970 -)



Born 1970, Denmark. Director. Lived in New York between the age of 8 and 17. Studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art.

At age 24, Refn wrote and directed his feature film debut "Pusher" (1996), winning him instant critical acclaim. "Bleeder" (1999) premiered at the Venice Film Festival and won the FIPRESCI Award at Sarajevo in 2000. John Turturro starred in "Fear X" (2003), Refn's English-language, Canadian-Danish co-production, selected for Sundance. In just one year, Refn wrote, directed, and produced the two follow-ups to his now cult-classic "Pusher": "With Blood on My Hands - Pusher II" (2004), and "I Am the Angel of Death - Pusher III" (2005).

"Bronson" (2009), described by critics as a modern-day "Clockwork Orange", was a British production. His Viking epic "Valhalla Rising" (2010) premiered in Toronto and Venice and was highly commended by British and French critics for its mesmerising imagery and original take on the genre. Refn's Hollywood production "Drive" (2011) with Ryan Gosling and Carey Mulligan won the award for best director in Cannes. His Danish-produced "Only God Forgives", selected for Cannes Competition in 2013, also features Gosling. "The Neon Demon," a horror film set in Los Angeles' modeling world, was also selected for the Cannes Competition, in 2016.

Filmography

Awards

Festivals

◇ Title	◇ Year	◇ Function	◇ Category
The Neon Demon	2016	Direction, Screenplay	DK/Feature
My Life Directed by Nicolas Winding Refn	2014	Appearance	DK/Documentary
Only God Forgives	2013	Direction, Screenplay	DK/Feature
Jodorowsky's Dune	2013	Appearance	Documentary
Pusher	2012	Dutch Bob, Executive producer	Feature
Svartur á leik	2012	Executive producer	Feature
Drive	2011	Direction	Feature
Bronson	2009	Direction, Script	Feature
Valhalla Rising	2009	Direction, Script	DK/Feature
Happy go lucky	2006	Jang	DK/Documentary
Pusher III - Angel death	2005	Direction, Script	DK/Feature
Kinamand	2005	Lægen	DK/Feature

Pusher II	2004	Direction, Script	DK/Feature
Fear X	2003	Direction, Script	DK/Feature
The Chosen 7	2001	Creative producer, Director: concept	TV series
Bleeder	1999	Direction, Script	DK/Feature
Pusher	1996	Direction, Script	DK/Feature