

CHRISTIAN LO **Director/Writer**

Christian Lo is one of Scandinavia's leading director/writers for family films and is part of Filmbin, the only Norwegian production company concentrating entirely on family and youth films. To date his films have won many major international awards and nominations. The Tough Guys won the Audience Award at Kristiansand, the Children's Jury Prize at Lübeck, the Special Jury Prize at Montreal and was Nominated for Best Film at CineKid and at TIFF Kids Toronto International Film Festival. Rafiki won the Special Jury Prize at Montreal, the Audience Award at Castellinaria, Best Feature at New York's Bamkids, was Nominated for The Crystal Bear at Berlin and won the award for Best Children's Film from the Norwegian Cinema Director's Association. In addition his four children's shorts Baluba Runa, Ramp, Iver and Punctured have between them won more than 12 awards around the world.

His next feature is **From Mice To Men**, a rights of passage story about three friends about to embark together on the next level of education as they prepare to enter senior school. The EU Creative Media Fund is providing a major investment for this project.

Christian did a foundation year in filmmaking at Danvik School of Media and Communication and then a year at the University of Oslo. He followed this with three years at the UK's University of the Creative Arts before setting up Filmbin in Lillehammer just north of Oslo.

His films have been shown throughout Scandinavia. Holland and Belgium and have been sold to more than 70 countries, including Germany, Italy, France and Spain for both theatrical and television showings and also released internationally as well on vod/dvd.

Extracts from just two of the many reviews for **The Tough Guys**:

Christian Lo has delivered) one of the most original children's movies of recent times. He knows how to highlight the bullying problem in a serious and intelligent way. It is very funny parody of American action and war movies, which he clearly has much love for. This is a children's film about a serious subject and is very cool. And that's a rarity. Patricia Smagge, Movie Scene, Holland

A deceptively light comedy that plays like a mix of pure laugher and after school adventure, but the wisdom within slowly grows until the film reveals itself as a smart and affecting take on a serious subject. It's this film that should be shown to students, teachers, and parents everywhere, many of whom are too oblivious to even know when bullying is happening under their noses, something this films illustrates only too well. Ron Hunter reviewing The Portland International Film Festival entries

Rafiki received a 5 star review when it was shown as part of the London Children's Film Festival in 2010 - Although ostensibly about immigration and racial tolerance, the film works best as a joyful celebration of girlhood friendship. Sarah Cohen, Time Out, London

CRISTIAN LO CREDITS INCLUDE

Features

THE TOUGH GUYS – Filmbin Productions Producer Trine Aadalen Lo
Writer/Director Christian Lo

RAFIKI – Filmbin Productions Producer Trine Aadalen Lo Director Christian Lo

<u>Shorts</u>

BALUBA RUNA - Filmbin Productions Producer Trine Aadalen Lo
Director Christian Lo

RAMP - Filmbin Productions Producer Trine Aadalen Lo
Writer/Director Christian Lo

IVER - Filmbin Productions Producer Trine Aadalen Lo Director Christian Lo

PUNCTURED – University of the Creative Arts Producer Trine Aadalen Lo Writer/Director Christian Lo

Television

BRIGADEN - NRK TV Production Assistant