



## SMA TALENT

### **HALFDAN E** **Composer**

Danish composer Halfdan E has long been one of Scandinavia's most successful award winning film composers and he has now burst onto the international market with his music for all 3 series of **Borgen**. The show is screened all over the world (BBC Four in the UK) and in the US, Newsweek hailed it as *The Best Political Show Ever*. The soundtrack album featuring a selection of his music from many of 30 episodes has recently been released.

Since 1993 his signature style fusing electronics with classical orchestral sounds has been featured in more than 20 features, 5 television series and many documentaries and short films. His work has won 3 Danish Academy Soundtrack Awards, 2 Danish Grammys, and in addition his music for **Borgen** won the prestigious Fipa d'Or Grand Prize Best Original Soundtrack 2011. Outside Denmark some of his large-scale orchestral scores have been recorded in London and Prague with leading orchestras.

His international films include **A Somewhat Gentle Man** (Paradox Productions); **When Heaven Falls** (Zentropa Productions); **Lotto** (Nordisk Film); **Popular Music** (Happy End Films); **The Bouncer** (Angel Films); **The Inheritance** (Zentropa Productions); **Okay** (Bech Film); **Manslaughter** (Zentropa Productions); **Store Planer** (Angel Films); and **The Bench** (Zentropa Productions).

In addition to **Borgen**, his other major tv series include **The Seaside Hotel**, a major new comedy series for TV2, set in a North Sea resort in the late 1920s - early 1930s; **Summer** (DR Denmark); **Appearances** (DR Denmark); **Nynne** (Angel Films); and **Skrål** (DR Denmark). Documentaries include **The President** (Guldbrandsen Film); **Tintin & I** (Angel Film); and **Worlds Out of Time** (SFC).

Halfdan started his career in music as a bass player in many different Danish bands in the early 1980s before joining the group **Laid Back**, then signed to BMG Records. The band's international hits included **Sunshine Reggae**, **Bakerman** and **White Horse**. He later teamed up with the Danish poet **Dan Turell** and together they recorded 2 hit albums, winning 2 Danish Emmys. He was already an established rock star before studying for a degree at Copenhagen's Academy of Music, majoring in playing, composition, orchestration, arranging and sound engineering.

Initially he created a successful career producing and arranging hits for top Danish groups such as **Tv-2**, Denmark's most successful pop band. At the same time he started working with young film makers and eventually this new area of work largely took over although when time allows he does record and release commercial recordings, including soundtracks

As a senior figure in the Danish media Halfdan is Chairman of the Danish Federation of Film and Media Composers and is a leading campaigner for composers' rights. He works from his own dedicated film music facility in Copenhagen.

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## HALFDAN E

### Credits Include

#### Features

ORLA FRØSNAPPER - Crone Film - Director Peter Dodd  
A SOMEWHAT GENTLE MAN – Pradox Film – Director Hans Petter Moland  
EN VANLIG DAG PA JOBBEN – Folk Fiest Film - Director Terje Ranges  
WHEN HEAVEN FALLS – Zentropa Productions – Director Manyar Parwani  
LOTTO – Nordisk Film - Director Peter Schrøder  
GYMNAISIAERER PEDERSEN – Motlys NO Director Hans Petter Moland  
MANSLAUGHTER – Zentropa Productions - Director Per Fly  
BIG PLANS – Angel Films - Director Jesper W. Nielsen  
THE BOUNCER – Angel Films – Director Jesper W. Nielsen  
INHERITANCE – Zentropa Productions - Director Per Fly  
OKAY – Peter Bech - Director Jesper W Nielsen  
MONAS WORLD - Per Holst - Jonas Elmer  
PROP & BERTA – Zentropa Productions – Director Per Fly  
THE BENCH – Zentropa Productions – Director Per Fly  
MAX – Nimbus Films – Director Trine Phil

#### Television

THE SEASIDE HOTEL – TV2 – Prod. Michael Bille Frandsen Dir. Jesper W Nielsen  
BORGEN (all 30 eps) – DR - Producer Camilla Gjervig Gram  
SUMMER (all 19 eps) – DR - Producer Katrine Vogelsang  
APPEARANCES (all 6 eps) - DR - Producer Marianne Jul Hansen Director Per Fly  
NYNNE (all 13 eps) - Angel Films/TV3 Producer Nanna Mailand-Hansen  
SKRAL (all eps) – DR - Producers Tim Cenius, Brigitte Fredsby

#### Documentaries

THE PRESIDENT – Guldbrandsen Film - Director Christoffer Guldbrandsen  
DAGBOG FRA MIDTEN – Everest Pictures – Director Christoffer Guldbrandseb  
TINTIN ET MOI – Angel Films – Director Anders Østergaard  
AH MIN GUD – Folk Flest Film - Director Gunnar Hall Pedersen  
SA KORT OG MAERKELIGT LIVET ER – Everest Pictures - Director Anders Østergaard

#### Shorts

MOR BYTTES – Zentropa Productions – Director Mariella Jensen  
NOMAD – Director Nils Taylor  
JOHN & ME – Koncern Films – Director Christian Dyekjær  
HIDING PLACES – Easy Film – Director Mariella Jensen  
PENNY PLAIN – Nimbus Films – Director Natascha Arty  
PIGBANDEN – DR – Director Mariella Jensen  
THE LITTLE KNIGHT – Zentropa Productions Director Per Fly

#### Awards

Fipa D'Or Grand Prize Best Original Soundtrack 2011 – BORGEN  
Danish Academy Roberts Soundtrack Award – MANSLAUGHTER, INHERITANCE  
and OKAY  
Danish Grammy Awards for albums GLAD I ABNINGSTIDEN & PAS PA PENGENE

