

Of ik *As if* gek ben *I'm crazy*

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Short synopsis: *When successful, young artist Benjamin is sentenced to involuntary commitment, he is completely befuddled, since he doesn't remember anything of what happened. Life in the psychiatric institute is relentless, violent and absurd, but step by step, Benjamin seems to come to grips with himself again. He starts to realize how narcissistic and simplistic he used to be. When he is released and meets up with his old friends, he is confronted with yet another truth.*

Directorial debut of popular Dutch actor **Frank Lammers** (performed in Oscar Nominated *Bullhead*, Golden Calf Winner Best Actor for *Night Ride*, Golden Calf Nomination *Michiel de Ruyter*), who is also a theatre director.



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Pellicola (founded in 2006), develops and produces a diversity of Dutch as well as international feature film projects. Recent projects Pellicola produced are the international horror films *Frankenstein's Army*, starring Karel Roden, which was selected for the world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival (coproduction with LA based ETA Films) and *The Windmill Massacre*. Currently, Pellicola develops a.o. *Little Sophie and Lanky Flop* and produces *As if I'm Crazy*, both in coproduction with **Ijswater Films**. Pellicola is a daughter company of the Volterra Group, furthermore consisting of the European Film Company, Montecatini Talent Agency and Global Film Partners. The European Film Company has released the international coproduction *Kidnapping Mr. Heineken* in 2015, with a leading role for Sir Anthony Hopkins. **Guirec van Slingelandt** is co-owner and partner at Montecatini as well as producer and co-owner of Pellicola.

For almost 20 years, **Ijswater** ('Icewater') is producing and co-producing high quality, award-winning features and shorts, including *The Polish Bride* (Cannes Critics Choice), *Headrush* (Miramax Script Award), *Win/Win* (Best Actor Brooklyn Film Festival), *22nd of May* (Toronto Filmfest), *Supernova* (Berlinale), *Contact* (Winner Golden Bear Best Short) and telefilm *The New World* (International Emmy Award Best Actress 2014). Currently in production: *As if I'm Crazy* and *In Blue*, a coproduction with Belgium (Caviar) and shot in Romania, by Jaap van Heusden (*Win/Win*, *The New World*).

DETAILS

Feature length film, 90 minutes, Dutch spoken

Status: completed

Genre: drama/thriller/black comedy

Written & directed by Frank Lammers
(based on the Dutch novel
As if I'm crazy by Michiel Stroink)

Cast, amongst others:

Mike Weerts (*The Gang of Oss*, *Borgman*, *The Bombardment*, *Dummie the Mummy*)

Monic Hendrickx (*Café Derby*, *Nena*, *Nynke*, *The Polish Bride*)

Fedja van Huêt (*Loft*, *J. Kessels*, *Blood Sweat and Tears*, *Character*)

Maarten Heijmans (*Hemel*, *Ramses*, *Brasserie Valentine*)

Bianca Krijgsman (*The New World*)

Co-producers: Pellicola, kieM Film (The Netherlands)

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