SYNOPSIS

MONK is the story of the almost collapse of a chaotic Dutch-Spanish family whose family members suffer from various modern neuroses and depression, hysteria, hypochondria and beauty complexes. Through the eyes of hypochondriac Monk (13), whose health as an indicator of the overall health of the family, we see how the family members go under. When the family is forced to travel together to Spain, they find out that their individual problems can only be overcome through acceptance of themselves, each other and the situation. Eventually Fabian (45), Maria (40), Joni (16) and Monk realize that they all need the wacky family to live life. And they will have to do it together.

DIRECTOR

Ties Schenk graduated in 2005 from the Netherlands Film and Television Academy. In 2007 she made the TV drama DAG IN DAG UIT, followed by youth drama series DOCKLANDS, DONKEYGIRL and STRONG STORIES FROM ZOUTVLOED. She also co-directed the young adult series HOW TO SURVIVE that was nominated for a Rose d’Or. MONK is her debut feature.