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Written and directed by Dag Johan Haugerud

BEWARE OF CHILDREN





Beware of Children







ORIGINAL TITLE DIRECTOR GENRE LENGTH CAST Barn
Dag Johan Haugerud
Drama
157 min
Henriette Steenstrup
Jan Gunnar Røise
Thorbjørn Harr
Andrea Bræin Hovig
Hans Olav Brenner
Anne Marit Jacobsen
Trine Wiggen
Motlys A/S
Completed
Summer 2019
Norway. Sweden

Norwegian

PRODUCTION STATUS DELIVERY NATIONALITY LANGUAGE

SYNOPSIS

When crisis strikes we reveal our true colors.

Beware of Children traces the dramatic aftermath of a tragic event in a middle class suburb of Oslo. During a break in school 13 year-old Lykke, the daughter of a prominent Labour Party member, seriously injures her classmate Jamie, the son of a high profile right-wing politician. When Jamie later dies in hospital, contradicting versions of what actually happened risks making a difficult and traumatic situation worse. Was it only innocent play behind? Liv, the school's principal and the secret lover of Jamie's father, must find the strength to confront a community in distress, and her own highly conflicted emotions.

DIRECTOR

Dag Johan Haugerud (born 1964). He is educated as a librarian, with additional courses, to the equivalent of a Bachelors Degree, in Film Sciences from Stockholm University, as well as studies in dramaturgy from the University of Oslo and creative writing studies from Telemark University College.

He has worked as a journalist, and as dramatist for various dance- and theatre-companies. He has also published the three novels Noe med natur (1999), Den som er veldig sterk, må også være veldig snill (2002) and Hva jeg betyr (2011). He made his debut as a film director with the short 16 LIVING CLICHÉS in 1998, and has since directed numerous short films, many of which award-winners - as for example LUST (2000), which won the Grand Prix at the Norwegian Short Film Festival in Grimstad.

I BELONG (2012), Haugerud's feature film debut, was awarded the Norwegian Critics' Prize and four Norwegian Amanda awards. His next film, I'M THE ONE YOU WANT (2014), a 53 minute film consisting of a single

monologue also received a theatrical release.

