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 **NEDERLANDS  
FILM FESTIVAL**  
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# *Why My Mum Loves Russell Crowe*

A FILM BY  
Emma van den Berg

WITH Coby van den Berg Barbara Gozens Stephanie Gude CO-PRODUCER Imoje Aikhoje  
COMPOSER Joel Whitaker COLORIST Joshua Bradbeer COSTUME Danceney Gijsbertha  
Thanks to Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds  
Goldsmiths, University of London.





## Director



**Emma van den Berg** (1992) is a visual artist & documentary filmmaker, born and raised in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In the summer of 2018, she graduated from the Gerrit Rietveld Academie from the Audio-Visual Department (VAV) with a video installation and short documentary film 'Doei, stomme trut' (*Bye, silly tart*) which was screened at Nederlands Film Festival 2018, as part of the 'Student Competition' and in the spring of 2019, it was broadcasted on Dutch television as part of the 2Doc programme Makers van Morgen, which focusses on upcoming talent in the documentary world. In

September 2020 she moved to London (UK) with a scholarship from Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds to study a master programme 'Filmmaking - Screen Documentary'. Currently she still lives and works in London.

Interview links:

<https://filmkrant.nl/interview/lichting-2018-emma-van-den-berg-doei-stomme-trut/>  
<https://www.2doc.nl/documentaires/series/makers-van-morgen/2019/doei-stomme-trut.html>

Statement:

*Finding the right questions has always interested me more than stating conclusions.*

## Co – Producer



**Imoje Aikhoje** (1994) is an award winning director based in London. Originally starting out in music videos, he's gone on to direct a number of short films and work on productions for the BBC, Channel 4, CNN and Google. His work has screened at the Vancouver Independent Film Festival and London Shorts. His Most recent film 'Red Flag' won awards for 'Best Student Short' and 'Best Short DocuDrama' at the Bright International Film Festival and Falcon International Film Festival. He was awarded the DRUM Global BAME Industry Scholarship which included a placement on the 2020 Goldsmiths, University of London MA in Filmmaking (Screen Documentary). Obsessed with intense imagery, Imoje always strives to present authentic and meaningful stories."

## Music Composer

**Joel Whitaker** is a multi-instrumentalist, composer and producer based in Brighton, UK. After working on the score for 'Why My Mum Loves Russell Crowe' he has been touring the UK and Europe with his band KEG and working on two new albums set for release in the early months of 2023.