

JAKUB GIERSZAŁ | BIOGRAPHY

Jakub Gierszał was born in Poland, but spent a significant part of his childhood in Hamburg and studied at the National Theatre Academy of his native Cracow. He made his screen acting debut in Jacek Borcuch's ALL THAT I LOVE in 2008 (Sundance IFF World Competition, Rotterdam IFF) and followed it with a supporting role in Andrzej Kondratiuk's ONE MILLION DOLLARS in 2009. His first lead as Dominik in Jan Komasa's SUICIDE ROOM was premiered in the Panorama Special at the 2011 Berlinale and gained him worldwide recognition as he received his Shooting Star Award at the Berlinale 2012. (also Golden Duck Award for Best Polish Actor 2011; nomination for Eagle Award for Best Polish Actor)

In 2010/2011 he played the leading role in Piotr Mularuk's feature film YUMA (Karlovy Vary IFF, Cottbus IFF). Jakub's second collaboration with director Jacek Borcuch was the film LASTING (Sundance IFF 2013) where he appeared opposite Spanish stars Angela Molina and Juanjo Ballesta. In 2012 Jakub played the part of Lukas in a UK production called THE FOLD directed by John Jencks opposite British actors Catherine McCormack and Dakota Blue Richards. In the same year he played the role of Maximilian in his fully German speaking debut FINSTERWORLD (Munich IFF, Rotterdam IFF) where he appears side by side with German actress Corinna Harfouch. He also starred in THE PERFORMER by Lukasz Ronduda and Maciej Sobieszcański. In October 2012 Jakub made his big theatre debut in the CITY IN A DREAM directed by Krystian Lupa which was premiered in Paris and had its worldwide tour. Also in October of 2012 he was awarded with the first Angela Award at the Kilkenny International Subtitle Film Festival in Ireland.

In 2013 Jakub finished filming in Poland for the role of Krystian Ceglarski in INFLUENCE by Polish helmer Lukasz Barczyk, starring also Crispin Glover, Bruce Glover and Patrycja Ziolkowska. In March 2013 Jakub appeared in a Polish theatre/television play called "Moralność Pani Dulskiej" directed by Marcin Wrona, which was watched by over 2.5 million viewers. In the summer of 2013 he played the lead role of Felix in a German TV movie "The devil with the golden hair" amongst Saskia Rosendahl, based on a Grimm brothers tale. In the fall of 2013 Jakub completed his first major studio English speaking film by starring as Acemi in Gary Shore's "Dracula Untold" opposite Luke Evans, Samantha Barks and Dominic Cooper. Jakub speaks



fluent German and English and is very gifted for languages. His unique energy, appearance and particular magnetism make him possibly the star of his generation. The comment of the Shooting Stars Jury in Berlin speaks for itself: "From the moment you see him, it is clear that Gierszał was born to be on the big screen. Revealing a kaleidoscope of emotions, his ability to draw you into a story is unparalleled. He is touching, believable, sensitive – a pure and unique talent."

IMDb Pro and IMDb

Jakub Gierszał | CV

FEATURE | TELEVISION

2017 | **Beyond Words** | feature film | Director: Urszula Antoniak | Family Affair Films | lead

2017 | **Spoor (OT: Pokot)** | feature film | Director: Agnieszka Holland | WFDiF | Competition Berlin International Film Festival

2017 | **PolandJa** | feature film | Director: Cyprian T. Olencki

2016 | **Zgoda** | feature film | Director: Maciej Sobieszczęński | Kalejdoskop

2016 | **Emma nach Mitternacht - "Frau Hölle"** | TV movie | Director: Torsten C. Fischer | SWR | ARD

2016 | **Morris from America** | feature film | Director: Chad Hartigan | Lichtblick media, Beachside Films | Farbfilm Verleih

2015 | **Crossing Lines - "Enemy of the People"** | TV series | Director: Kerrick MacDonald | Tandem Communications | TF1

2015 | **The Lure (OT: Córki Dancingu)** | feature film | Director: Agnieszka Smoczyńska | Wytwórnia Filmów Dokumentalnych i Fabularnych (WFDiF)

2014 | **Der Liebling des Himmels** | TV movie | Director: Dani Levy | Nordfilm | ARD

2014 | **Dracula Untold** | feature film | Director: Gary Shore | Legendary Pictures, Michael De Luca Productions

2014 | **Hiszpanka** | feature film | Director: Lukasz Barczyk | Studio Filmowe Kadr, Instytucja Filmowa Film-Art | ITI Cinema

2014 | **Performer** | feature film | Director: Lukasz Ronduda, Maciej Sobieszczęński | Wajda Studio

2013 | **Der Teufel mit den drei goldenen Haaren** | TV movie | Director: Maria von Heland | Bavaria Filmverleih- und Produktions GmbH | ARD

2013 | **Pamiętnik Pani Hanki** | TV movie | Director: Borys Lankosz | TVP1

2013 | **Moralność Pani Dulskiej** | TV movie | Director: Marcin Wrona | TVP1

2013 | **Finsterworld** | feature film | Director: Frauke Finsterwalder | ARTE, Bayerischer Rundfunk, Lhasa Films, Walker Worm Film | Alamode Filmverleih

2013 | **The Fold** | feature film | Director: John Jencks | The Electric Shadow Company | DLN Films

2013 | **Lasting** | feature film | Director: Jacek Borcuch | Espiral Producciones, Krakowskie Biuro Festiwalowe, Manana | Manana

2012 | **Yuma** | feature film | Director: Piotr Mularuk | Yeti Films, Evolution Films | Kino Swiat | lead

2011 | **Suicide Room** | feature film | Director: Jan Komasa | Mediabrigade, Odra Film, Polski Instytut Sztuki Filmowej, Studio Filmowe Kadr | ITI Cinema, TLA Releasing, Wolfe Releasing

2010 | **1 000 000 \$** | feature film | Director: Janusz Kondratiuk | HBO Polska | Syrena Films

2009 | **All That I Love** | feature film | Director: Jacek Borcuch | Prasa i Film, Telewizja Polska - Agencja Filmowa, Canal+ Polska | Fondivina Films, ITI Cinema

STAGE

2012 | **City of Dream** | theatre | Director: Krystian Lupa | TR Warszawa and Theatre de la Ville

AWARDS

Shooting Star Award 2012

Angela Award 2012 at the Kilkenny International Subtitle Film Festival, Ireland

Golden Duck Award for Best Polish Actor 2011

Eagle Award (Polish Film Award) 2011; nom. 'best actor' for SUICIDE ROOM

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PERSONAL DATA

Languages: Polish (mother tongue), German (mother tongue), English (fluent)

Place of Birth: Poland

Residence: Warsaw / Berlin

Year of Birth: 1988

Height: 1.86m (6' 1.2")

Hair: blond

Eyes: blue

Training: State Theatre Academy Krakow

Pitch of the voice: baritone

Musical instruments: violin and piano (basic)

Sports: snowboard, football

Driving licence: car (B), motorcycle (A)