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Language: Dutch
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Filming Locations: The Hague, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands See more »

Company Credits

Production Co: Rinkel Film, Nederlandse Christelijke Radio-Vereniging (NCRV), Living Stone
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Runtime: 97 min
Color: Color
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Trivia

Whistle-Blower Metta de Noo, who spent years trying to prove that Lucia was innocent, was disappointed with the outcome of this movie. In an interview with RTV Oost she stated that the case was way more complex than is shown in the movie. It's striking that in the movie the real life whistle-blowers are replaced with a fictitious young female character who worked at the OM. The 'fictitious young character at the OM' is an amalgam of Metta de Noo (and her
brother) and a real-life but never identified OM-staffmember, who called Lucia's lawyer. The call boiled down to: "Your client is in prison. But we were wrong. We made a mistake." Unfortunately, there is only 90 minutes to tell a story - and to tell it in a dramatically satisfying way, so some of the (complex) elements are lost. See more.

Goofs
The movie takes place in 2001 but when Lucia's colleagues talk to the police about her, a computer monitor clearly shows the Microsoft Windows Aero interface which wasn't available until Windows Vista was released in 2006. The screen, however, looks more like Windows 7 which did not release before 2009. See more.

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This movie tells the true story of a nurse who was innocently accused of being a serial killer of helpless patients. We see the machinery that leads to her conviction, not only motivated by an honest search for truth, but also by vanity an opportunism. We see how the main character and her relatives suffer under her being imprisoned and being falsely accused. We see how even hard evidence of her innocence is put aside in something like a mass-hysteria. And we see how, after years of struggle, the accused is finally set free. This case got such great attention in Dutch media that everyone knows the outcome, yet the movie is exciting and engaging. Everything is filmed in a sober, modest fashion, the drama in the movie coming mainly from the chilling story itself and not from extra fancy plot lines or effects. And of course some intense acting, especially by the main character, who withstood the temptation to play a 'nice' woman, but instead portrays a woman that's not easily likable at first. That Lucia grows on you, and in the end has all the viewers sympathy (or at least all mine) is a beautiful achievement.

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