Harald Sicheritz (*1958 in Stockholm, Sweden) is an Austrian writer, director and dramatic adviser. He studied communications and political science while working as a rock musician. 1993 saw his debut as a feature film director with *Muttertag*. His films *Hinterholz 8* und *Poppitz* rank as #1 and #2 in the Austrian all time box office charts. (Wikipedia)

- 2024 Tatort Der Elektriker (*The Electrician*) TV film, ARD/ORF – director
- 2023 Bruno der junge Kreisky (Young Kreisky) Screenplay for period feature film, co-writer

Pampa Screenplay for mini series, co-writer

2022 Weber & Breitfuß auf Reha (On Rehab) Weber & Breitfuß beim Film (As Film Extras) TV films, ORF – director

> Eigentlich sollten wir (Actually We Should) TV film, ORF/BR – director

- 2021 Vorstadtweiber (Suburban Bitches) VI TV series, 6 episodes, ORF – director
- 2020 Für immer tot (*Dead Forever*) TV film, adapted novel, ORF/ZDF – director, writer

Der Lindenbaum *(The Linden Tree)* music video for Roland Neuwirth – director

- 2019 Vorstadtweiber (Suburban Bitches) V TV series, 5 episodes, ORF – director
- 2018 Vorstadtweiber (Suburban Bitches) IV TV series, 5 episodes, ORF – director
- 2017 Vorstadtweiber (Suburban Bitches) III TV series, 5 episodes, ORF – director
- 2016 Sommernachtsmord (A Summernight's Murder) TV film ("Landkrimi"), ORF – director

Baumschlager feature film, black comedy, A/ISR – director

- 2015 Vorstadtweiber (Suburban Bitches) II TV series, 5 episodes, ORF/ARD – director
- 2014 Vorstadtweiber (Suburban Bitches) I TV series, 5 episodes, ORF/ARD – director

Tatort – Paradies (Paradise) TV film, ARD/ORF – director

HARALD SICHERITZ - CV

2013 Clara Immerwahr period TV-Film, ARD/ORF – director best TV film, Zoom Festival Igualada

> Bad Fucking (*Austrian place name* ba:d fokin) feature film, adapted novel, black comedy – director, writer

Tatort – Abgründe (Abyss) TV film, ARD/ORF – director

2012 Tatort – Zwischen den Fronten (Between Enemy Lines) TV film, ARD/ORF – director

> Les Yeux Noirs music video for No-Ce – director

- 2011 Paul Kemp Alles kein Problem TV series, first 6 episodes, ORF/ARD – director
- 2010 Tatort Ausgelöscht (*Wiped Out*) TV film, ARD/ORF – director nominated for Adolf-Grimme-Award

3faltig (3some) feature film, black comedy, A/D – director, co-writer

2009 Lilly The Witch – The Journey To Mandolan feature film, G/A/S/I – director, co-writer ACC Austrian Ticket

> Die Gipfelzipfler (*Mountaintop Wankers*) mini series, 10 episodes – director

- 2008 Tatort Baum der Erlösung (Tree Of Salvation) TV film, ARD/ORF – director Golden Romys for best screenplay and best production
- 2007 Darum (*The Reason Why*) feature film, adapted novel – director, co-writer

Mercutio (Wiener Kindertheater) commercial – director Austrian State Award for Film Commercials

- 2006 Mutig in die neuen Zeiten II Nur keine Wellen (*Towards The Future, Bravely II – Pussyfooting*) Mutig in die neuen Zeiten III – Alles anders (*Towards The Future, Bravely III – Completely different*) period TV films, ORF/Arte – director, writer nominated for Adolf-Grimme-Award
- 2005 Mutig in die neuen Zeiten I Im Reich der Reblaus *(Towards The Future, Bravely I – The Vinelouse Empire)* period TV film, ORF/Arte – director, writer Golden Romy for best camera

Church (Barkeeper-Schule) commercial - director **Cannes Lions Film Finalist** Golden Mobius Award Bronze Award, NY Festival 2004 11er-Haus period mini series, 10 episodes - director Vier Frauen und ein Todesfall (Four Women, One Casualty) I TV series, first 3 episodes – director 2003 MA 2412 – die Staatsdiener (The Civil Servants) feature film, black comedy - director, co-writer ACC Golden Ticket 2002 Poppitz feature film, black comedy - director, co-writer ACC Golden Ticket Festivals: Hamburg, Bratislava, Istanbul, Fort Lauderdale Platinum DVD 2001 Zwölfeläuten (The Silent Bell) period TV film, adaptation, ORF/BR – director Austrian People's Education TV Award Festivals: Hof, Saarbrücken, Biarritz, Schwerin MA 2412 IV sitcom, 8 episodes - director, co-writer 2000 Trautmann pilot of the TV film series - director, co-writer Golden Romy for best camera MA 2412 III sitcom, 8 episodes - director, co-writer 1999 Wanted feature film - director ACC Austrian Ticket Golden Romy for the most successful Austrian feature film Festivals: Saarbrücken, San Diego, Moscow, Calcutta, Ourense Jahrhundertrevue TV film – director

> MA 2412 II sitcom, 9 episodes – director, co-writer Platinum VHS

1998 Fink fährt ab (*Bloody Harry*) TV film, comedy – director, co-writer

> MA 2412 I sitcom, 9 episodes – director, co-writer Platinum VHS

1997 Hinterholz 8 feature film – director, co-writer ACC Platinum Ticket Golden Romy for the most successful Austrian feature film Austrian Actors Award for Roland Düringer, Saarbrücken Festival Platinum VHS

> Qualtingers Wien (Vienna, According To Qualtinger) TV-Film, black comedy – director, co-writer Erich Neuberg Director's Award Golden Romy for best camera

- 1996 Kaisermühlen Blues IV TV series, 10 episodes – director
- 1995 Freispiel (*Replay*) feature film – director, co-writer ACC Austrian Ticket Golden Romy for the most successful Austrian feature film Festivals: Minneapolis, Hof, Prague, Shanghai

Kaisermühlen Blues III TV series, 10 episodes – director

- 1994 writer of numerous treatments and dramatic adviser for feature films and TV
- till 1993 Muttertag (*Mother's Day*) feature film, black comedy – director, co-writer ACC Austrian Ticket 4x platinum for more than 200.000 items sold

till 1993 Otto Preminger – Anatomy of a Filmmaker documentary film (USA/A) – co-director, executive producer

Loretta music video for Wiener Wunder – director

Ohne Maulkorb TV magazine – segment director (1981–85)

director, executive producer (documentaries, commercials, video clips) floor director for numerous tapings of cultural events

Awards

Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art (2016) Decoration Of Merit in Gold to the State of Vienna (2012) Austrian State Award for Film Commercials (2008) Austrian People's Education TV Award (2001) 3x Golden Romy for the most successful Austrian feature film (1996, 1999, 2000) Erich Neuberg Director's Award (1999)

Miscellaneous

• founding member & board member of the Austrian Film Academy (2009-19)

HARALD SICHERITZ - CV

- member of the development team, degree program "Film, TV & Media Production", University of Applied Sciences, Vienna (2011)
- lecturer on "Film & Music", University For Music And Performing Arts, Vienna (1996–2002)
- cofounder, songwriter, bass player of the rock band Wiener Wunder (2 Gold Records film music for the feature films Müllers Büro and Muttertag, since 1980)
- stage director e.g. Zappzarapp (1987)
- journalist for the "Neue AZ" (1982-86)

Trivia

His first feature Muttertag has repeatedly been voted Best Austrian Film Of All Time – e.g. by polls of Ö3 radio station (2012) and TV-Media magazine (2011) Hinterholz 8 was voted Second Best Austrian Film Of All Time by the readers of TV-Media magazine (2011)

For the first 10 years of the campaign Sicheritz directed the TV commercials for XXXLutz featuring the "Putz family" (1999-2010). When it started airing, XXXLutz was the fourth largest furniture store chain in Austria. Soon after it became the second largest, worldwide.

Education

- screenwriting workshops with Inga Karetnikova (1994-95)
- seminar on film analysis with Krysztof Kieslowski (1994)
- seminars on film directing with Lenore DeKoven at the American Film Institute, Los Angeles (1990-91)
- thesis on "How does TV entertain?"), PhD (1983)
- studies of communications and political science, University Of Vienna (1976-82)
- high school BRG 4 Waltergasse (1968-76)
- primary school in Vienna's 10th district (1964-68)