

PANENKA & ÉÉN
PRESENT

OVER WATER



EVERYBODY KNOWS HIM, NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HE DOES



SEASON 1

Once upon a time, John Beckers was Flanders' favourite TV celebrity. In his heyday, he ruled the small screen and the audience absolutely adored him. His heavy addiction to drink and gambling led him down a dark path, however, causing John to lose almost everything he had worked so hard for. After his umpteenth stay in rehab, John is given an ultimate chance by his wife and two kids to get his life back on track again and regain their trust. He joins Michielsens Shipping Co, the company of his father-in-law and starts working for the port. But along the way, John becomes a lynchpin in the most lucrative but also the by far most dangerous dealings on the Antwerp docks: cocaine.

SEASON 2

John is released after a few months, but he steps out into a new world. Marjan has left him, Ella is pregnant, and Barry has woken from his coma. John may have kicked his drinking habit in prison, but his new addiction is just as bad, if not worse: power. When De Pelsmaecker asks him to take over de Beco's business, his new assignment turns into an obsession. John soon rises through the criminal ranks, higher than ever before. And the fact that De Pelsmaecker is developing romantic feelings for him, places him in a unique position of power. A position that becomes precarious when the murder of De Beco starts to weigh down on the conscience of terminally ill Carl Dockx. To make matters worse, Marjan's new boyfriend turns out to be an ambitious port alderman who wants to boost his mayoral campaign by cleaning up John's lucrative trade.

CREDITS

Format

Season 1: 10 x 45 min.

(release Dec. 2018)

Season 2: 10 x 45 min.

(release Jan. 2020)

Genre

Country of origin

Shooting language

Main broadcaster

Character-driven drama with a crime plot

Belgium

Dutch

Eén (VRT)

Written by

Directed by

Main cast

Tom Lenaerts & Paul Baeten Gronda

Norman Bates & Deben Van Dam

Tom Dewispelaere, Natali Broods,

Kevin Janssens, Tom Van Dyck,

Jeroen Perceval, Stijn Van Opstal,

Bruno Vanden Broecke, Evgenia Brendes

Panenka

Kato Maes & Tom Lenaerts

Eén (VRT) & Telenet

Port of Antwerp & City of Antwerp

Production company

Produced by

Co-produced by

Supported by

Ratings Season 1 (live + 7) Commissioning channel Eén (VRT)

- Release: December 2018 (Sunday evening, 20:50)
- 1.350.000 viewers per episode, average market share of 42,8% (general) and 37,6% in the 18-44 demo
- Very stable viewer ratings: live viewing for episode 1 identical to episode 10
- Over Water was the best-viewed programme ever on the channel's online platform (1.02 mio. episodes started within a week of launch during the Christmas holidays)



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