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Darren Aronofsky

Executive Producer, Protozoa

Academy Award®-nominated filmmaker Darren Aronofsky was born and raised in Brooklyn. His most recent project is the A24 film **"The Whale,"** starring Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink, Hong Chau and Samantha Morton. MacArthur-winning playwright Samuel D. Hunter adapted the screenplay from his critically acclaimed play.

Aronofsky wrote and directed 2017's **"mother!"** starring Jennifer Lawrence, Javier Bardem, Michelle Pfeiffer and Ed Harris. The New York Times hailed the film calling it a "master class." Before that, Aronofsky made **"Noah,"** the 2014 biblical epic starring Russell Crowe, Anthony Hopkins, Jennifer Connelly and Emma Watson. It was a box office hit and Aronofsky's largest opening.

In 2010, Aronofsky received a Best Director Academy Award nomination for the indie box office phenomenon **"Black Swan,"** starring Natalie Portman, who won a Best Actress Academy Award for her performance. 2008's **"The Wrestler"** was touted as a "bravura work of art" by Entertainment Weekly and "a film of authentic beauty and commanding consequence" by the Wall Street Journal. The film won Golden Globes® for actor Mickey Rourke and singer/songwriter Bruce Springsteen. Aronofsky won the Golden Lion for the best film at the Venice Film Festival. He was the third American director to win that award in the oldest film festival in the world.

As a producer under his Protozoa label, Aronofsky has been responsible for **"Jackie,"** which garnered three Academy Awards; the documentary **"Some Kind of Heaven,"** which premiered at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival; artist Prune Nourry's docu-memoir **"Serendipity,"** which made its world premiere at the 2019 Berlin Film Festival; **"Pacified"** which won the Golden Shell top prize at the San Sebastian Film Festival; **"Catch the Fair One,"** which premiered at the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival and won the Audience Award; and the documentary feature **"The Territory,"** which premiered at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival and won both the Audience Award and Special Jury Award for Craft in the World Cinema Documentary category

In 2021, he executive produced the six-part National Geographic docu-series **"Welcome to Earth,"** starring Will Smith as he explores some of the planet's most intriguing and inaccessible corners. In 2018, Aronofsky executive produced the Emmy®-nominated National Geographic series **"One Strange Rock"** and the virtual



reality experience **"SPHERES: Songs of Spacetime."** The VR experience, featuring the voices of Jessica Chastain and Patti Smith, closed a record-breaking deal out of Sundance and won the Golden Lion as well.

Up next is the Netflix thriller **"The Good Nurse,"** starring Noah Emmerich, Jessica Chastain and Eddie Redmayne; the six-part series **"Limitless,"** starring Chris Hemsworth for National Geographic; **"Black Gold"** for Paramount+; and **"Kindred,"** an adaptation of Octavia E. Butler's influential novel for FX.

Aronofsky is an ardent supporter of the environment and sits on the boards of The Sierra Club and The School for Field Studies. Aronofsky has received Humanitarian Awards from PETA and The Humane Society of the United States, which honored him with its inaugural Humane Filmmaker Award.