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Ron Stefaniuk
2005 Don Haig Award Winner



Phil The Alien, his first feature film—about an alien and a talking beaver-- won it for Rob Stefaniuk. He was in it all the way —wrote, directed, starred in, did some of the music. The beaver was voiced by friend Joe Faherty. Phil's an absurd, joke-dense movie (unofficially: no more than four minutes go by without a gag). It was a surprise hit at the TIFF; picked up the Spirit of Film honor, landed distribution with Lions Gate Films.

Rob has worked many TV shows as an actor, including Kids in the Hall, Catwalk, Kung Fu, Monk and Superstar.

In 2009, he wrote and directed and starred again in his second feature *Suck*, about a rock n' roll vampire. Jessica Pare, Alice Cooper and Iggy Pop joined him. The movie went to TIFF and he picked up distribution with Alliance Films.

He wrote his first screenplay at 23, *The Size of Watermelons*; it was produced in 1996.

In 2003, he was story editor and line producer for the feature *Public Domain* made by his girlfriend, Kris Lefcoe. His first short, *Waiting for the Man*, featuring a beaver and a sheep, and went to Sundance.