

# Michel, Actor Loses the Words

Original title: Michel, acteur verliest de woorden

In 2014, actor Michel van Dousselaere (born 1948 in Ghent) was diagnosed with a rare form of progressive aphasia, a brain disorder that affects the language centre. The film shows how he deals with this loss of language and of the profession he practiced for more than 30 years. Against all odds, Michel takes on one last role. His wife Irma Wijsman helps him to find new ways of expression and to stay focused. In their search, friends and colleagues draw close and talk about the unimaginable situation of no longer being able to grasp the words that elusively disappear. Showing the events in the first years after the diagnosis, the film makes clear how language defines our identity and what it means to redefine oneself.

## CREDITS

**DIRECTOR:** Patrick Minks, Irma Wijsman

**PRODUCER:** Simon Vrebos

**WRITER:** Irma Wijsman, Erik-Ward  
Geerlings, Patrick Minks

**CAST:** Michel Van Dousselaere

**EDITING:** Patrick Minks

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Jaap Veldhoen,  
Patrick Minks

## TECHNICAL SPECS

**RUNNING TIME:** 84'

**AVAILABLE IN:** 2D

**ASPECT RATIO:** 16:9

**SOUND FORMAT:** stereo (2.0)

**RELEASE FORMAT:** Apple ProRes 422

**COLOUR:** Colour

## MORE INFO

[flandersimage.com](http://flandersimage.com)

## CREATION DETAILS

**TYPE:** Film

**PRODUCTION SHARE:** Minority Flemish  
co-production

**YEAR OF PRODUCTION:** 2018

**PRODUCTION STATUS:** Completed

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