



## RAMS (Hrútar)

Spring  
Season  
2016

**Release:** 2015

**Cert (UK):** 15

**Language:** Icelandic

**Runtime:** 93 mins

**Director:** Grímur Hákonarson

**Writer:** Grímur Hákonarson

**Cinematographer:** Sturla Brandth Grøvlen

**Cast:** Sigurður Sigurjónsson, Theodór Júlíusson, Charlotte Bøving



In a secluded valley in Iceland, Gummi and Kiddi live side by side, tending to their sheep. Their ancestral sheep-stock is considered one of the country's best and the two brothers are repeatedly awarded for their prized rams who carry an ancient lineage. Although they share the land and a way of life, Gummi and Kiddi have not spoken to each other in four decades. When the entire valley comes under threat from disease it is a near death sentence for all the farmers, whose sheep are their main source of income. Gummi and Kiddi don't give up easily - and each brother tries to stave off the disaster in his own fashion.

Rams, you won't spot it coming, but fate, circumstances and brilliant filmmaking deliver a final image that not only sets individual conflict within the broader realm of human brotherhood but somehow also prompts a surge of emotion from an outcome on the very tipping-point of exquisite uncertainty. A minor classic, no less.

This is the third full length film from director Sigurður Sigurjónsson. He has won minor awards before, but '*Rams*' has won him his first major award with 'Un Certain Regard' at Cannes.

