

Anniken Lien was born and raised in Oslo, Norway. Anniken always showed a strong interest in art from an early age. She began her academic studies first by attending Parson's School of Art in Paris.

She went on to hone her skills at the Art League of New York from which many famous artists such as Norman Rockwell, Georgia O'Keefe and Jackson Pollack hail. Anniken continued her fine art studies in Florence at the Scuolo Lorenzo de'Medici, eventually returning home to gain her Masters degree at the Royal of Academy of Arts in Norway. She has an amazing eye for portraiture and a desire to bring portraits to life led her to further her education by attending the London International Film School.

After graduating Anniken directed three short films which were immediately bought and broadcast on national television in Norway. These short films helped land her a directing gig at MTV Scandinavia for local artists Kurt Nilsen (winner of World Idol), Sissel Kyrkjebø & Espen Lind and the Norwegian band Frost. This began her directing career. Soon after MTV Anniken found herself directing commercials in Europe. She continued to gain recognition as a Director with spots for clients such as Fenjal and Kangaroo; both campaigns gained her prestigious Epica awards. She also won a Bronze for one of the Fenjal spots entitled "Hotel Lobby" from the European Director's Club. Anniken's highly acclaimed work for the Norwegian Pollution Control entitled "Drink" was shortlisted at Cannes

She continues to work on many commercials for international clients and agencies having recently finished a spot for Eucerin for Draft FCB New York.