

LevelK



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THORBJØRN CHRISTOFFERSEN

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REDISCOVERY

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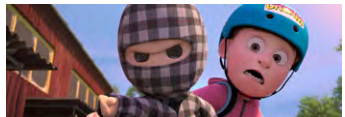
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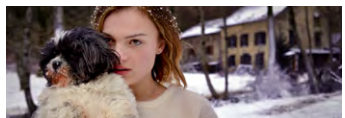
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WHERE TO FIND US

LEVELK IN GOTHENBURG: JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 2
Attending: Stine Bombolt & Lauren Valmadre

LEVELK IN BERLIN: FEBRUARY 7-13
The Scandinavian Stand in GB #24. Attending: Tine Klint, Debra Liang, Lauren Valmadre, Niklas Teng, Stine Bombolt & Gerda Binkyte

LEVELK AT HONG KONG FILMART: MARCH 18-21
EFP Umbrella Booth. Attending: Debra Liang

LEVELK AT MIPTV 2019: APRIL 8 - 10
Creative Europe MEDIA Umbrella Stand. Attending: Debra Liang

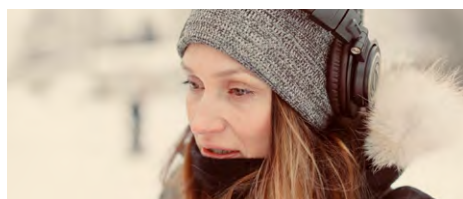
EFM SCREENINGS

AURORA *Thursday, 07 Feb, 11:25AM, in dffb-Kino*
HACKER *Thursday, 07 Feb, 4:30PM in CinemaxX 17*
VICIOUS *Friday, 08 Feb, 11:00AM in CinemaxX 17*
HACKER *Saturday, 09 Feb, 10:40AM in CinemaxX 16*
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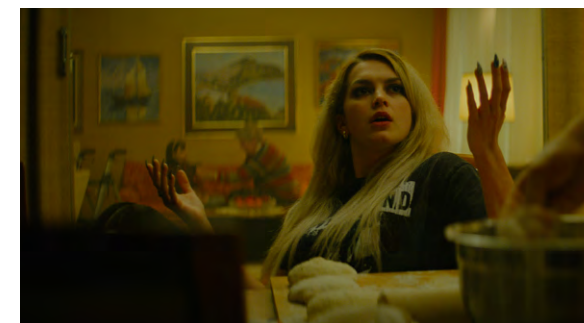


AURORA



Aurora is Tervo's feature film debut. Her short films – including *The Little Snow Animal* (2010) and *Clumsy Little Acts of Tenderness* (2015) – have been screened and awarded around the world.

One night at a hot-dog stand in Finnish Lapland, a commitment-phobic party animal, Aurora, meets the Iranian refugee Darian. Darian needs to marry a Finnish woman to gain asylum for himself and his daughter, so he asks Aurora for help. The two grow close during the process but when the perfect candidate comes along, they are faced with a difficult choice: pretend to be happy or to finally stop running.



"I wanted to do a quality film with silly and warm humor and by reaching towards sensitive cinematic poetry with some honest dark shades and romantic comedy. To show the inner reality of a young woman in the arctic ghetto coping with inherited barriers against love and life. To show northern magic instead of superimposed exoticism. And to salute the biggest force of nature, love."

DIRECTOR MIIA TERVO

AURORA / DRAMA, COMEDY / 105 MIN / FINLAND / 2019

Directed by Miia Tervo. Produced by Max Malka for Dionysos Films. Cast: Mimosa Willamo, Amir Escandari, Oona Aiolola.

Domestic release: January 25 2019 by Nordisk Film.

CHECKERED NINJA

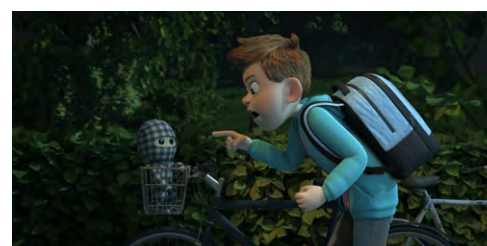
“My ambition is to make a movie that can be seen by the entire family without being too infantile.

It is aimed at the same target audience as “Terkel in Trouble” (and maybe even younger as it is not as raw and bloody) and just like that film, it contains layers that can be enjoyed by children and layers that can delight adults.”

DIRECTOR ANDERS MATTHESEN

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hen Aske receives a Ninja doll from his Uncle Stewart after a trip to Thailand, he finds out that the doll is alive and can help him with problems at school. Soon Aske learns that the checkered ninja has ulterior motives to seek revenge and Aske is faced with an ultimatum.



Thorbjørn Christoffersen & Anders Matthesen previously worked together on Terkel in Trouble (2004). Once again, they have teamed up with producers Trine Heidegaard and Anders Mastrup (The Incredible Story of the Giant Pear)

“It’s a movie that’s 100% on the side of the hero and everything good and delivers a blow to the current sluggish attitude towards morals: “If I don’t do anything wrong, somebody else will do it anyway” - Here it is okay to boo the bad guys and there is no doubt as to who are good guys and who are the evil ones. The film seeks to inspire you to give your best in life; to believe in yourself, to allow yourself to hope that good will win and to never give up.”

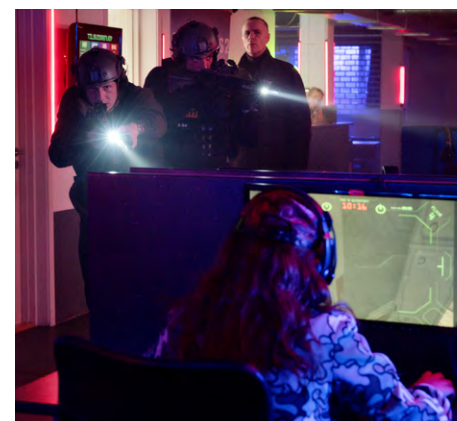
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CHECKERED NINJA / ANIMATION / 80 MIN / DENMARK / 2018

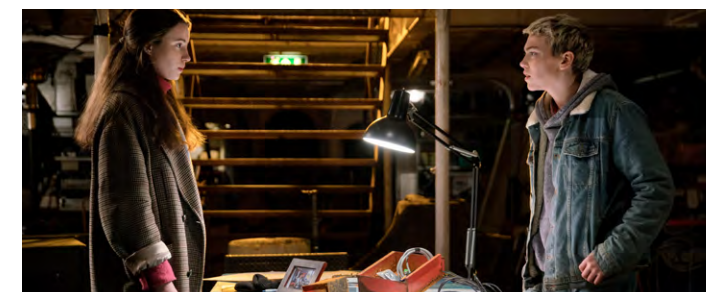
Directed by Thorbjørn Christoffersen & Anders Matthesen. Produced by Trine Heidegaard for Pop Up Production & Anders Mastrup for A Film Production. Cast: UK dub. Domestic release: December 25 2018 by Nordisk Film.



HACKER



When 13-year-old gifted hacker Benjamin discovers that his mother didn't die in an accident years earlier, the trail points to high-ranking officials in the Secret Service. Benjamin and his friend Savannah set out on an action-packed hunt to find the truth about his mother's disappearance.



"Benjamin seeks the truth about his mother. His mission leads him into a hidden world where nothing is what it seems – a world in which he is manipulated, betrayed and deceived. Hacker is a family film that deals with the world we live in – right now – and the world of the near future."

DIRECTOR POUL BERG



HACKER / FAMILY / 97 MIN / DENMARK / 2019

Directed by Poul Berg. Produced by Signe Leick Jensen and Morten Kaufmann for Toolbox Film. Cast: Rumle Kærås, Josephine Chavarria Højbjerg, Esben Dalgaard Andersen, Signe Egholm Olsen. Domestic release: March 28 2019 by Scanbox Entertainment



our high school friends spend the last weekend before their final exams at a remote cottage in the woods. Snowed in with no phone reception, what was meant to be a fun girls' weekend soon turns into something more sinister...

VICIOUS



“When I read Mel Wallis de Vries’ book, I discovered all the ingredients for an exciting film: four strong personalities; a threatening, isolated setting; and a disconcerting suspense. But what’s really special about the story, is the recognizable world of the girls, and the uncertainty which marks their first steps into adulthood.”

DIRECTOR DENNIS BOTS

VICIOUS / THRILLER / 97 MIN / THE NETHERLANDS / 2019

Directed by Dennis Bots. Produced by Edwin Goldman for Goldman Film & Petra Goedings and Maaïke Benschop for Phanta Film.

Cast: Romy Gevers, Abbey Hoes, Oliva Lonsdale & Holly Mae Brood. Domestic release: January 24 2019 by Dutch FilmWorks.



REDISCOVERY

The film explores a groundbreaking experiment at Copenhagen's Green School in which children are given free rein to create their own ideal society. During these ten weeks, they will discover how and what nature can teach them.

Phie Ambo is renowned for creating films with a poetic, personal and cinematic language. Ambo's films deal with essential topics such as environmental issues, family relations and the relationship between humanity and technology, consciousness and science, humans and nature. She has directed a number of award-winning films that have screened all over the world, including... When You Look Away (2017), Good Things Await (2014), Free The Mind (2012) and Mechanical Love (2007).



"I have made a film with the ambition to motivate children and adults to get out in nature and rediscover all the things that are right in front of us, things which we don't give any attention in our everyday life. I hope that the film can awake children's innate curiosity and that they will start to wonder – I believe the society of the future should be built by people with a deep and sensuous understanding of the processes of nature. It begins with the children."

DIRECTOR PHIE AMBO

REDISCOVERY / DOCUMENTARY / 75 MIN / DENMARK / 2019

Directed by Phie Ambo. Produced by Malene Flindt Pedersen for Hansen & Pedersen Film. Cast: N/A

Domestic release: April 4 2019 by LevelK



ONE LAST DEAL

"As a director I'm always looking for stories I can connect to. We all hope for a second chance in life but what if we really got it? Would we be able to use it any differently?"

DIRECTOR KLAUS HÄRÖ



O lavi, an elderly art dealer on the verge of retirement, has always put business and art before everything, even his family. At a fateful art auction, an unmarked painting, which he believes could be worth millions, catches his attention. Can he pull off this one last deal and leave the art world a success?

ONE LAST DEAL / DRAMA / 95 MIN / FINLAND / 2018

Directed by Klaus Härö. Produced by Kai Nordberg and Kaarle Aho for Making Movies Oy.

Cast: Heikki Nousiainen, Amos Brotherus, and Pirjo Lonka. Domestic release: January 4 2019 by Nordisk Film.

CELESTE

"The idea for Celeste came to me when I discovered an extraordinary architectural folly in the middle of a jungle in tropical North Queensland. The structures and walkways were labyrinthine and dreamlike, reminding me of the passages of the human mind, which mirror the story of our heroine Celeste and her stepson Jack as they dance with the ghosts of their past and confront the secrets that drove them apart."

DIRECTOR BEN HACKWORTH


Celeste was once Australia's most beloved opera singer. Yet she threw it all away to follow the man she loved to live on a crumbling property deep in the rainforests of Tropical North Queensland. Ten years after his tragic death, Celeste is ready to make one final return to the stage. But her stepson Jack, still haunted by the past, arrives at her behest amidst the preparations for the performance and finds Celeste is as he remembered – beautiful, intoxicating and dangerous. But when she asks Jack for an impossible favor, the secrets that drove them apart explode back into rhapsodic life.



CELESTE / DRAMA / 98 MIN / AUSTRALIA / 2018

Directed by Ben Hackworth. Produced by Lizzette Atkins and Raphael Cocks for Unicorn Films.

Cast: Radha Mitchell, Thomas Cocquerel, Nadine Garner and Odessa Young. Domestic release: March 2019 by Curious Film




IN FOCUS...

CUTTERHEAD

SURVIVAL / 84 MIN / DENMARK / 2018

A young female journalist is visiting the Copenhagen Metro construction to portray the European cooperation when an accident occurs. She is blocked in a pressure chamber alongside Croatian Ivo and Bharan from Eritrea. Despite radically different world-views, they must put their lives and bodies in each other's hands to survive the claustrophobic and life-threatening situation.


Director: Rasmus Kloster Bro.
Producer: Amalie Lyngbo Quist.
Cast: Christine Sønderis, Samson Semere Russom & Kresimir Mikic




OFFICIAL SELECTION
Göteborg Film Festival

MONTRÉAL
FESTIVAL DU
NOUVEAU CINÉMA
2018 OFFICIAL SELECTION


2018
STRASBOURG
Golden Octopus




MIHKEL
DRAMA / 105 MIN / IS, EE, NO / 2018
Seeking a better life in Iceland, Mihkel is presented with an opportunity by his childhood friend that could set him up for life.
Director: Ari Alexander Ergis Magnússon.
Cast: Tómas Lemarquis, Atli Rafn Sigurðsson & Pääru Oja.




THE TEACHER
DRAMA / 102 MIN / SK / 2016
A teacher's behaviour makes the school principal call the students' parents for a meeting that puts their future at stake.
Director: Jan Hřebejk
Cast: Zuzana Mauréry, Peter Bebjak, Zuzana Konečná & Csongor Kassai




TEAM HURRICANE
DRAMA / 96 MIN / DK / 2017
A punk chick flick telling the story of eight teenage girls that come to realize they need each other to ride out the storm of adolescence.
Director: Annika Berg. **Cast:** Eja Penelope Roepstorff, Ida Glitre, & Ira Rønnensfelt



NEVER STEADY, NEVER STILL
DRAMA / 110 MIN / CA / 2017
Judy has Parkinson's Disease and her caregiving husband dies. Jamie, her son, is tasked with becoming a man in a world with no room for weakness.
Director: Kathleen Hepburn **Cast:** Shirley Henderson & Théodore Pellerin



LAW OF THE LAND
ACTION DRAMA / 90 MIN / FI / 2017
A retiring policeman gets caught up between his sons trying to kill each other, leaving the village in a state of vengeance.
Director: Jussi Hiltunen
Cast: Ville Virtanen, Antti Holma, Mikko Neuvonen & Malin Buska




IN FOCUS...

HEAVY TRIP

COMEDY / 90 MIN / FINLAND / 2018

A young man, Turo, is trying to overcome his fears by leading the most unknown heavy metal band in Finland, Impaled Rektum, to the hottest metal festival of Norway – although he and his band mates have never actually done a gig before. The journey includes heavy metal, grave robbing, Viking heaven and an armed conflict between Finland and Norway.


Directors: Juuso Laatio, Jukka Vidgren.
Producers: Kai Nordberg & Kaarle Abo.
Cast: Johannes Holopainen, Minka Kaustonen & Ville Tiihonen.




OFFICIAL SELECTION
Göteborg Film Festival

SITGES
OFFICIAL SELECTION
2018


SXSW 2018
FILM FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL SELECTION




FEEL THE BEAT
DANCE DRAMA / 84 MIN / SE / 2018
After a tragic car accident that leaves a swing dancer in a coma, her husband finally decides to learn how to dance as a way to reconnect with her.
Director: Rikard Svensson **Cast:** Rikard Svensson, Anna Sise, Hilderun Gorpe, Magnus Krepper & Piotr Giro




WORD OF GOD
DRAMA / 85 MIN / DK / 2017
Uffe, a self-appointed almighty God with a mild dependency on alcohol, rules the roost over an uncoventional Danish family.
Director: Henrik Ruben Genz
Cast: Søren Malling, Lisa Nilsson & Marcus Sebastian Gert



A HORRIBLE WOMAN
DRAMA / 85 MIN / DK / 2017
A story about a manipulative woman's destructive insistence on dominance in a relationship from the man's perspective.
Director: Christian Tafdrup
Cast: Anders Juul & Amanda Collin



AMATEURS
DRAMA / 110 MIN / SE / 2018
Lafors, a small Swedish community in desperate need of money, creatively tries to overcome its struggles by promoting itself.
Director: Gabriela Pichler.
Cast: Zabraa Aldoujaili, Yara Aliadotter & Fredrik Dahl.



SAMI BLOOD
DRAMA / 110 MIN / SE / 2016
The reindeer-breeding Sámi girl, Elle Marja, starts dreaming of another life, when exposed to racism of the 1930's.
Director: Amanda Kernell
Cast: Lene Cecilia Sparrok, Mia Sparrok & Maj Doris Rimpí



IN FOCUS...

ST. BERNARD SYNDICATE

COMEDY / 100 MIN / DENMARK / 2018

Two European entrepreneurs set out on a business adventure trying to make a fortune in the Chinese pet industry by creating a breeding center for St. Bernards. When their seemingly genius plan doesn't develop as expected, their desperation drives them off course. A hilarious film about misguided ambition and an unlikely friendship.

Director: Mads Brügger.

Producers: Emilie Lebech Kaas & Jakob Kirstein Høgel.

Cast: Frederik Cilius & Rasmus Bruun.



HAUNTED

THRILLER / 82 MIN / NO / 2017

Catherine travels to her abandoned family estate to facilitate a sale. She confronts her family's past when locals tell strange stories.
Director: Carl Christian Raabe **Cast:** Macody Lund, Ken Vedsegaard, Pål Espen Kilstad, Eduardo Garcia-drageseth & Ebba Steenstrup & Ferdinand Hoang



THE MONKEY & THE MOUTH

EVENT FILM / 100 MIN / NO / 2017

Karpe Diem's Lyrics poke fun at themselves and politicians as they focus on society's issues.

Director: Thea Hvistendahl

Cast: Magdi Omar Ytreeide Abdelmaguid, Chirag Rashmikan Patel.



THE BUTTERFLY TREE

DRAMA / 97 MIN / AU / 2017

When single dad Al and his son Fin realize they are competing for the same woman, old wounds are reopened.

Director: Priscilla Cameron

Cast: Melissa George, Ed Oxenbould & Ewen Leslie



MIAMI

DRAMA / 110 MIN / FINLAND / 2017

Exotic dancer Angela goes on a tour with her estranged half-sister. But soon trouble from Angela's past catches up with them.

Director: Zaida Bergroth

Cast: Krista Kosonen & Sonja Kuittinen



GOING WEST

DRAMA, COMEDY / 83 MIN / NO / 2017

An unemployed music teacher takes his estranged transgender father on a road trip to the west coast of Norway.

Director: Henrik M. Dablsbakken

Cast: Benjamin Helstad, Ingar Helge Gimle & Iben Akerlie



IN FOCUS...

LAND OF GLASS

CHILDREN'S FANTASY / 88 MIN / DENMARK / 2018

Being home alone one weekend, 13-year-old Jas finds a girl and an old lady hiding in his barn. Their hair is wild, their clothes are strange and they say they come from the forest. Jas soon discovers that they are not human but rather elves on the run from sinister forces. Jas suddenly finds himself racing to save his new friends.

Director: Jeppe Vig Find & Marie Dalsgaard Rønn.

Producers: Egil Dennerline, Marie Rønn

& Jeppe Vig Find.

Cast: Albert Rudbeck Lindhardt, Flora Ofelia Hoffmann Lindahl, Vigga Bro & Esben Dalgaard Andersen.



THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF THE GIANT PEAR

ANIMATION / 80 MIN / DK / 2017

Two friends must embark on a great journey to help save the missing Mayor of Sunnytown and bring him home.

Directed by Philip Einstein Lipski, Jørgen Lerdam and Amalie Næsby Fick & Thorbjørn Christoffersen



OSKAR'S AMERICA

FAMILY / 79 MIN / NO / 2017

When Oskar's mom goes to America, he meets Levi and his horse. Together they plan to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a rowboat.

Director: Torfinn Iversen

Cast: Odin Eikre & Jørgen Langballe



ODDSOCKEATERS

ANIMATION / 83 MIN / CZ, SL, CR / 2016

When Hugo's grandpa pass away, Hugo must overcome his fears and seek out his uncle while sticking to the Oddsockeaters' ten commandments.

Director: Galina Miklinová



CLOUDBOY

FAMILY / 77 MIN / BE, SE, NL, NO / 2017

Niilas visits his mother and her new family in Lapland where he experiences the most adventurous summer of his life.

Director: Meikeminne Clinckspoor

Cast: Geert Van Rampelgerg, Sara Sommerfeld & Mikkel Gaup



DOUBLE TROUBLE

FAMILY / 81 MIN / PO / 2018

When a mysterious treasure map falls into the hands of twelve-year-old Julka and her new best friends, the two are sent on a adventure.

Director: Marta Karwowska. **Cast:** Hanna Hryniewicka, Jakub Janota-Bzowski & Joanna Szczepkowska.



IN FOCUS...

THE BOBOT

FAMILY SCI-FI / 95 MIN / UKRANIE / 2018

The future depends on what you do today! While staying in a summer camp, 12-year-old dreamer Vlad accidentally gets caught in a conflict between two alien forces. Together with an electric transformer box called The Bobot, a brave girl and an eccentric scientist he has to save the world from a global catastrophe.

Director: Max Ksjonda.
Producer: Oleksii Moskalenko.
Cast: Vladimir Rasbuk, Viktor Grigoriev, Arsen Shavlyuk & Ivanna Borodai.



MY CANADIAN ADVENTURE

FAMILY ADVENTURE / 83 MIN / DK / 2015

Five kids and their uncle try to find lost treasures in the Canadian Rockies, where wild animals and gold miners await.

Director: Niels Nørlov
Cast: Rasmus Botoft & Lærke Winther



MY AFRICAN ADVENTURE

FAMILY ADVENTURE / 80 MIN / DK / 2012

The Berg's family trip to Africa gets disrupted when poachers kidnap Mrs Flinth, and Uncle Eric and the kids have to save her.

Director: Martin Miebe-Renard
Cast: Peter Mygind & Mille Dinesen



THE CONTEST

FAMILY / 76MIN / DK / 2013

Two friends with different backgrounds leave home to pursue their dream of winning the biggest music contest.

Director: Martin Miebe – Renard
Cast: Sylvester Byder & Line Kruse



KLUMP

ANIMATION SERIES / 26X12 MIN / DE, UK / 2017

Rasmus Klump and his friends travel the world on their ship Mary encountering interesting creatures, new tasks and locations.
Director: Johannes Weiland, Paul Cichon & Michael Bohnenstingl



THE FALCONS

FAMILY / 90 MIN / IS / 2018

Ten-year-old Jon goes with his soccer team to compete in a prestigious tournament and wil have to grow up faster than he expected.

Director: Bragi Thor Hinriksson.
Cast: Lúkas Emil Johansen, Róbert Luu, Ísey Heidarsdóttir & Viktor Benóný Benediktsson.



IN FOCUS...

BALENTES

DOCUMENTARY / 84 MIN / AUSTRALIA, ILATY / 2018

When Sardinian-Australian Lisa Camillo, an anthropologist and film director, returns to Sardinia, an island of Italy, after a 18 year absence in Australia, she finds large chunks of her homeland decimated by mysterious bombs. The discovery sets her on a journey to expose the truth, join the islanders' fight to reclaim their land and livelihoods and, in doing so, learning about herself and her roots.

Director: Lisa Camillo.
Producer: Lisa Camillo.
Cast: Lisa Camillo.



WHO WE WERE

DOCUMENTARY / 81 MIN / DK / 2016

Husband and father of two, Kristian, collapse from a blood clot that destroys one third of his brain and life as they know it comes to an end.

Director: Sine Skibsholt



MOTLEY'S LAW

DOCUMENTARY / 90 MIN / DK / 2015

A portrait of Kimberly Motley. The first and only Western lawyer to litigate in Afghanistan's courts.

Director: Nicole Horanyi



TALE OF A LAKE

DOCUMENTARY / 75 MIN / FIN / 2016

An adventure through the Land of a Thousand Lakes and the best-selling documentary in the history of Finnish cinema.

Director: Marko Röhr



THE STRANGER

DOCUMENTARY / 110 MIN / DK / 2017

Amanda meets a kind, funny and rich heir on Facebook. Casper moves in, but later she discovers that everything about him is a lie. He is a big fraudster.

Director: Nicole Horanyi
Cast: Amanda Kastrup & Esben Dalggaard



THE SONG KEEPERS

DOCUMENTARY / 84 MIN / AU / 2017

Four generations of aboriginal women go on a historic journey to take back the hymns that were given to their ancestors.

Director: Naina Sen.
Cast: Morris Stuart, Daphne Puntjina, Marion Swift.



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