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SUMMER 2019 LINE-UP
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BY JOHN SHEEDY



OKTOBER PRESENTS
A FILM BY KATJA GAURILOFF

Baby Jane

BASED ON A NOVEL BY SOFI OKSANEN

CAST ROOSA SÖDERHOLM, MARIA YLIPÄÄ, NELLY KÄRKKÄINEN, LAURI TILKANEN DIRECTED BY KATJA GAURILOFF SCREENPLAY BY VEERA TYHTILÄ & KATJA GAURILOFF
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY HEIKKI FÄRM F.S.C. SET DESIGNER SATTVA-HANNA TOIVIAINEN COSTUME DESIGNER TIINA WILÉN MAKE-UP MARJUT SAMULIN EDITOR HANNA KUIRINLAHTI
SOUND DESIGN BY OLLI HUHTANEN MUSIC BY SALLA LUHTALA PRODUCED BY JOONAS BERGHÄLL & SATU MAJAVA / OKTOBER OY

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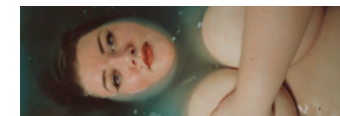
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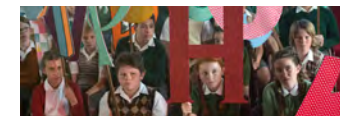
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The Scandinavian Stand, La Croisette, 55, 1st floor

Attending: Tine Klint, Stine Bombolt-Hansen, Gerda Binkyte, Lauren Valmadre, Debra Liang, Niklas Teng & Rasmus Lundberg

SCREENINGS

THE EXCEPTION *Tuesday, 14 May, 5:30 PM at Palais F*

Wednesday, 15 May, 12 Noon at Palais I

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THE EXCEPTION



“I am very excited about working with such strong and talented actresses in a story about human beings and the darkest corners of their minds. Together, we entered a fascinating universe of women consisting of extremely interesting and complex characters that not only lie to each other, but also to themselves. An unfortunate mixture that allows evil to reign.”

DIRECTOR JESPER W. NIELSEN



Iben and Malene work in a small non-profit NGO in Copenhagen, that specializes in genocide and crimes against humanity. When the women begin to receive death threats at the office, they initially assume it's from a Serbian war criminal they recently profiled. But as tensions mount amongst the women, their suspicions start to turn on each other.



THE EXCEPTION / PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER / 110 MIN / DENMARK / 2019

Directed by Jesper W. Nielsen. Produced by Marcella L. Diekmann, Mille Bjerke & Miriam Nørgaard for Fridthjof Film.

Cast: Sidse Babett Knudsen, Danica Curcic, Amanda Collin, Lene Maria Christensen. Budget: €3.6m. Domestic release: Fall 2019 by SF Studios.



BREEDER

“Breeder is a modern take on survival horror. It is an alternative love story set in a facility where humans are treated like animals for the sake of someone else's longevity. We are going to explore the darker sides of biohacking to address the disenfranchisement so many (especially young people) feel today.”

DIRECTOR JENS DAHL



An experiment involving biohacking traps a young couple in a dangerous and disorienting situation. In nightmarish ways, the experiment questions basic human behavior by asking: How far will we go to stay young forever?

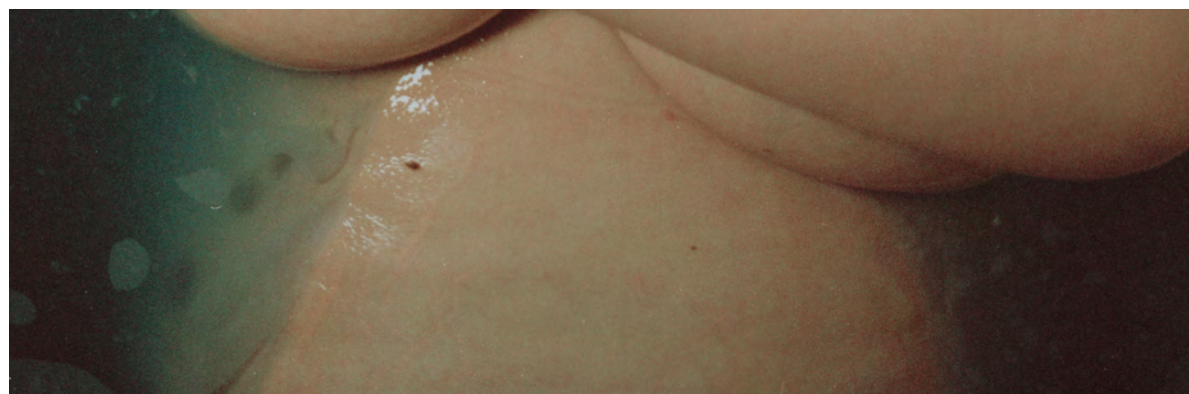
BREEDER / HORROR / TBC / DENMARK / 2020

Directed by Jens Dahl. Produced by Maria Møller Christoffersen & Amalie Lyngbo Quist for Beo Starling. Cast: Sara Hjort Ditlevsen & TBC.

Budget: €1m. Domestic release: Fall 2020 by LevelK & Blockbuster. Shooting starting in September. Script available.



FAT FRONT



Four Scandinavian women pioneer the fat-activist-movement promoting body positivity, challenging traditional beauty standards and freeing themselves from the guilt and shame of being fat.

“With this film, it is our ambition to join the fight against suppressing body standarts and make a tribute to the natural body, both artistically and politically.”

DIRECTOR LOUISE UNMACK KJELDEN



FAT FRONT / DOCUMENTARY / TBC / DENMARK / 2019

Directed by Louise Detlefsen & Louise Unmack Kjeldsen. Produced by Malene Flindt Pedersen for Hansen & Pedersen Film og Fjernsyn.

Budget: €0.9m. Domestic release: 3rd Oktober 2019 by LevelK.

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IS FOR HAPPINESS



"I have always admired the works of John Hughes, Pedro Almodovar and Wes Anderson. It is the influence of these filmmakers' styles and quirks that have come into play in shaping this truly unique and heartfelt film."

DIRECTOR JOHN SHEEDY

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andice Phee is a twelve year old girl with boundless optimism and a unique view of the world. With the help of the strange new kid at school and a mini-horse, Candice turns a school assignment into a personal project to bring her broken family back together in this heartwarming and hilarious tale.

H IS FOR HAPPINESS / FAMILY / 97 MIN / AUSTRALIA / 2019

Directed by John Sheedy. Produced by Julie Ryan, Tenille Kennedy & Lisa Hoppe for Cyan Films.

Cast: Richard Roxburgh, Miriam Margolyes, Daisy Axon, Emma Booth. Budget: \$4M. Domestic release: 2020 TBC by Universal.



BABY JANE



“In summer 2012, I found the paperback version of Sofi Oksanen’s Baby Jane on the shelf of our local grocery store. When I read it, I instinctively knew it would be the first fiction film I’d direct.”

DIRECTOR KATJA GAURILOFF

BABY JANE / LGBTQ, DRAMA / 93 MIN / FINLAND / 2019

Directed by Katja Gauriloff. Produced by Joonas Bergbäll & Satu Majava for Oktober Film.

Cast: Maria Ylipää, Roosa Söderholm, Lauri Tilkkanen, Julia Myllymaa. Budget: €1.2m. Domestic release: 2019 TBC.

STANDING UP FOR SUNNY

Travis, a self-isolated recluse with low-grade cerebral palsy, meets the shy aspiring comedienne Sunny, his mundane existence is turned upside down. Travis finds himself thrust into the world of stand-up comedy, in love and completely out of his comfort zone.



“This is a film with a compelling emotional core and no-holds-barred humour, peopled by complex characters who are capable of being at once generous and selfish, simultaneously wise and blind, and who seek in each other the compass that will allow them to negotiate the rocky shoals of their precarious lives.”

DIRECTOR STEVE VIDLER



STANDING UP FOR SUNNY / ROMANTIC COMEDY / 99 MIN / AUSTRALIA / 2019

Directed by Steve Vidler. Produced by Jamie Hilton, Michael Pontin & Drew Bailey for See Pictures.

Cast: RJ Mitte, Philippa Northeast, Italia Hunt, Sam Reid. Domestic release: 2019 TBC.

CHECKERED NINJA



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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.



“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.”

DIRECTOR ANDERS MATTHESEN

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. Budget: €2.5m. Domestic release: 25th December 2018 by Nordisk Film.

“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

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.



HACKER / FAMILY / 97 MIN / DENMARK / 2019

Directed by Poul Berg. Produced by Signe Leick Jensen and Morten Kaufmann for Toolbox Film. Cast: Rumle Kærå, Josephine Chavarria Højbjerg, Esben Dalggaard Andersen, Signe Egholm Olsen. Budget: €1.2m. Domestic release: 28th March 2019 by Scanbox Entertainment



IN FOCUS...

AURORA

DRAMA, COMEDY / 105 MIN / FI / 2019

One night in Finnish Lapland, a commitment-phobic party animal, Aurora, meets an Iranian refugee. Darian needs to marry a Finnish woman to gain asylum for himself and his daughter, so he asks her 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.

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



ST. BERNARD SYNDICATE

COMEDY / 100 MIN / DK / 2018

Hilariously, two entrepreneurs with unlikely friendship set out to make it rich in the Chinese pet industry with a breeding center for St. Bernards.

Director: Mads Brügger.
Cast: Frederik Cilius & Rasmus Bruun



CELESTE

DRAMA / 98 MIN / AUS / 2018

Ten years after the tragic death of her husband, retired opera singer Celeste prepares for one final performance.

Directed by Ben Hackworth.
Cast: Radha Mitchell, Thomas Cocquerel



CUTTERHEAD

SURVIVAL / 84 MIN / DK / 2018

A journalist is trapped in a Danish Metro construction with two Croatians. How will they survive?

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



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



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.



IN FOCUS...

VICIOUS

THRILLER / 97 MIN / HOL / 2019

Four 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...

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.



ALL MUST DIE

HORROR / 90 MIN / NORWAY / 2018

Gina is to get married, when her friends “kidnap” her for a bachelorette party in the Norwegian woods. Here she is to complete a creepy game of challenges.

Director: Geir Greni
Cast: Viktoria Winge, Julia Schacht, Veslemøy Morkerid



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



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*



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



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



IN FOCUS...

BINTI

FAMILY / 90 MIN / BEL, NL / 2019

Twelve-year-old refugee Binti dreams of becoming a famous vlogger, but is forced to come up with a brave plan when she and her father faces deportation. For that, she needs help from Elias, an idealistic young man with whom she starts a friendship.

Directed by Frederike Migom
Produced by Katleen Goossens for Bulletproof Cupid
Cast: Bebel Tsbiani Baloji, Baloji, & Joke Devynck



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



LAND OF GLASS
FAMILY / 88 MIN / DK / 2018
13-year-old Jas finds a girl & an old lady hiding in his barn. Together, they will have to overcome sinister forces in the woods.
Directed by Jeppe Vig Find & Marie D. Rønn
Cast: Albert Rudbeck Lindhardt, Esben Dalgaard Andersen & Signe Egholm Olsen



THE BOBOT
FAMILY SCI-FI / 95 MIN / UKRAINE / 2018
12-year-old dreamer Vlad gets caught in a conflict between two alien forces. Together with a scientist he has to save the world.
Director: Max Ksjonda
Cast: Vladimir Rashuk, Viktor Grigoriev, Arsen -Shavlyuk & Ivanna Borodai.



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.



THE FALCONS
FAMILY / 90 MIN / IS / 2018
10-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...

ONE LAST DEAL

DRAMA / 95 MIN / FI / 2018

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?

Directed by Klaus Härö.
Produced by Kai Nordberg and Kaarle Abo for Making Movies Oy.
Cast: Heikki Nousiainen, Amos Brotherus, and Pirjo Lonka.



IN FOCUS...

HEAVY TRIP

COMEDY / 90 MIN / FI / 2018

Turo is trying to overcome his fears by leading the most unknown heavy metal band in Finland, Impaled Rektum, to the hottest metal festival in Norway despite never actually performing 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 Kuustonen & Ville Tiihonen.



IN FOCUS...

SCANDINAVIAN STAR

DOCUMENTARY SERIES / 6 X 60 MIN / DK / 2020

In six episodes, Scandinavian Star delves into one of the largest unsolved crimes in recent Scandinavian history: The catastrophic fire on board the car and passenger ferry MS Scandinavian Star in 1990, in which 159 people were killed.

Directed by Mikala Krogh

Produced by Sigrid Jonsson Dyekjær for Danish

Documentary Production & Thomas Heinesen

Domestic release: Spring 2020



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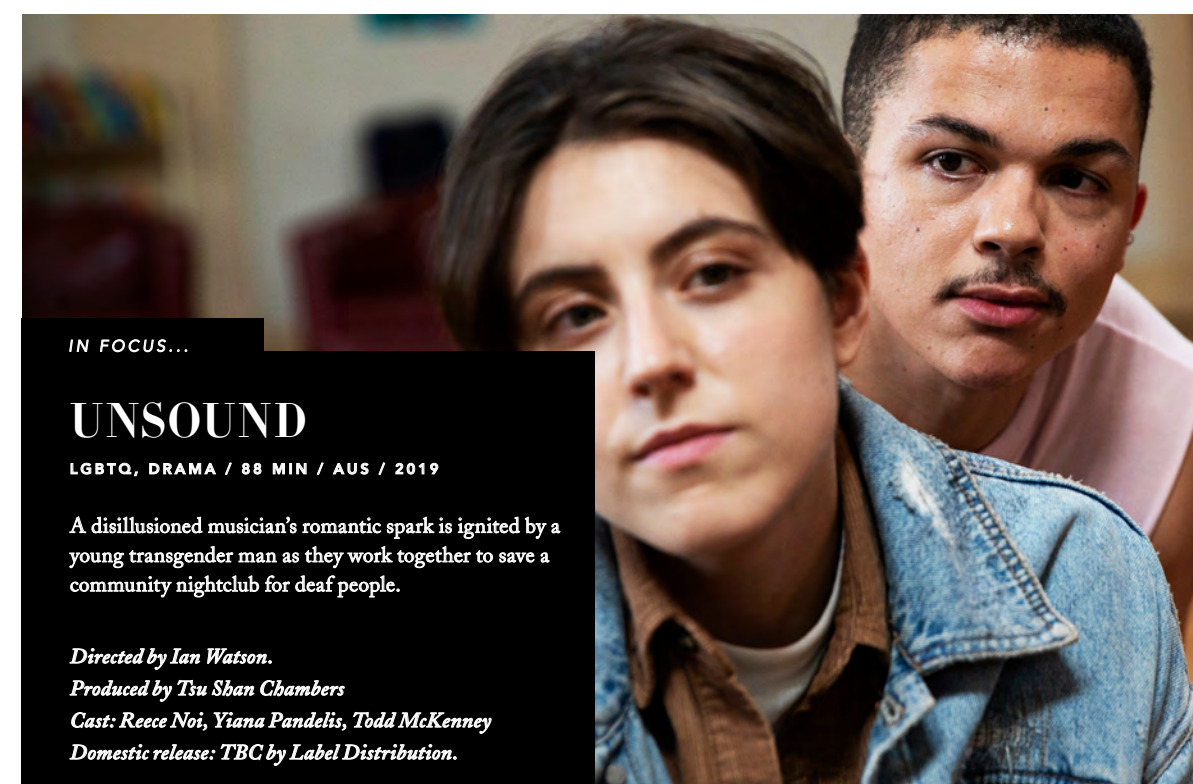
DOCUMENTARY / 78 MIN / DK / 2019

An unfiltered portrait of the internationally famed photographer Jan Grarup, who is struggling to balance life in war zones with being the father of four. When his ex-wife Zasha all of a sudden is diagnosed with cancer, Jan Grarup has to rethink his role as a father.

Directed by Boris B. Bertram

Produced by Katrine A. Sablström

Domestic release: September 2019 by Camera Film



IN FOCUS...

UN SOUND

LGBTQ, DRAMA / 88 MIN / AUS / 2019

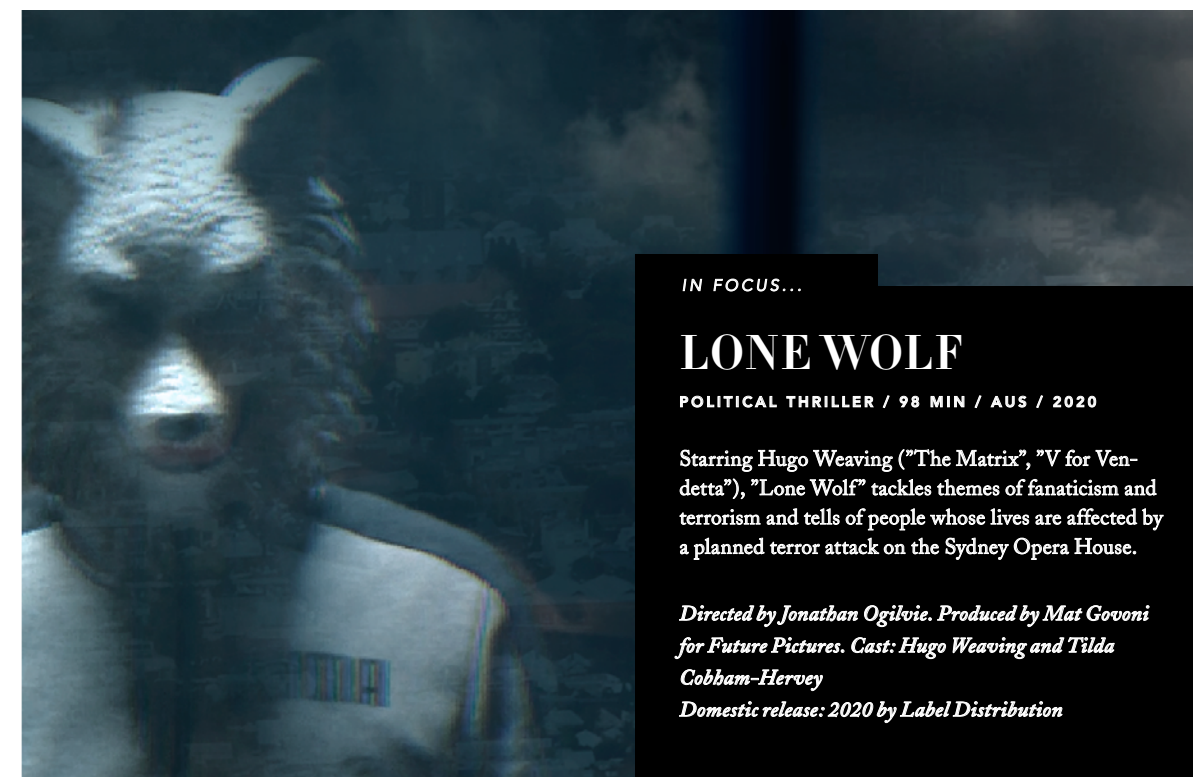
A disillusioned musician's romantic spark is ignited by a young transgender man as they work together to save a community nightclub for deaf people.

Directed by Ian Watson.

Produced by Tsu Shan Chambers

Cast: Reece Noi, Yiana Pandelis, Todd McKenney

Domestic release: TBC by Label Distribution.



IN FOCUS...

LONE WOLF

POLITICAL THRILLER / 98 MIN / AUS / 2020

Starring Hugo Weaving ("The Matrix", "V for Vendetta"), "Lone Wolf" tackles themes of fanaticism and terrorism and tells of people whose lives are affected by a planned terror attack on the Sydney Opera House.

Directed by Jonathan Ogilvie. Produced by Mat Govoni for Future Pictures. Cast: Hugo Weaving and Tilda Cobham-Hervey

Domestic release: 2020 by Label Distribution



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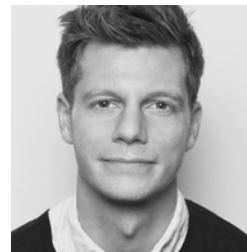
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A young boy and a young girl are lying on their backs on a bed of dry pine needles. The boy, at the top, is wearing a red sweater over a white shirt and a blue tie, with his eyes closed. The girl, at the bottom, has red hair in pigtails, freckles, and is wearing a green sweater over a white collared shirt and a red and black plaid skirt. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dense layer of dry, brown pine needles.

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