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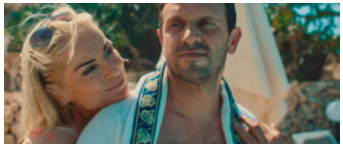
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“‘Shame on Dry Land’ is a redemption drama stuck inside a Mediterranean Noir.”

DIRECTOR AXEL PETERSÉN

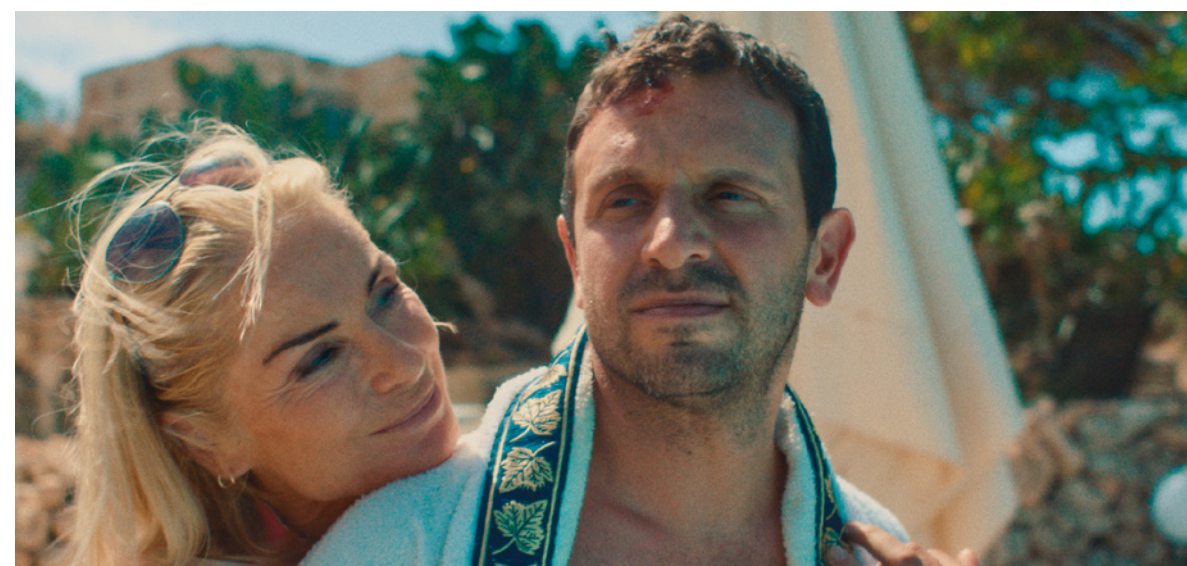
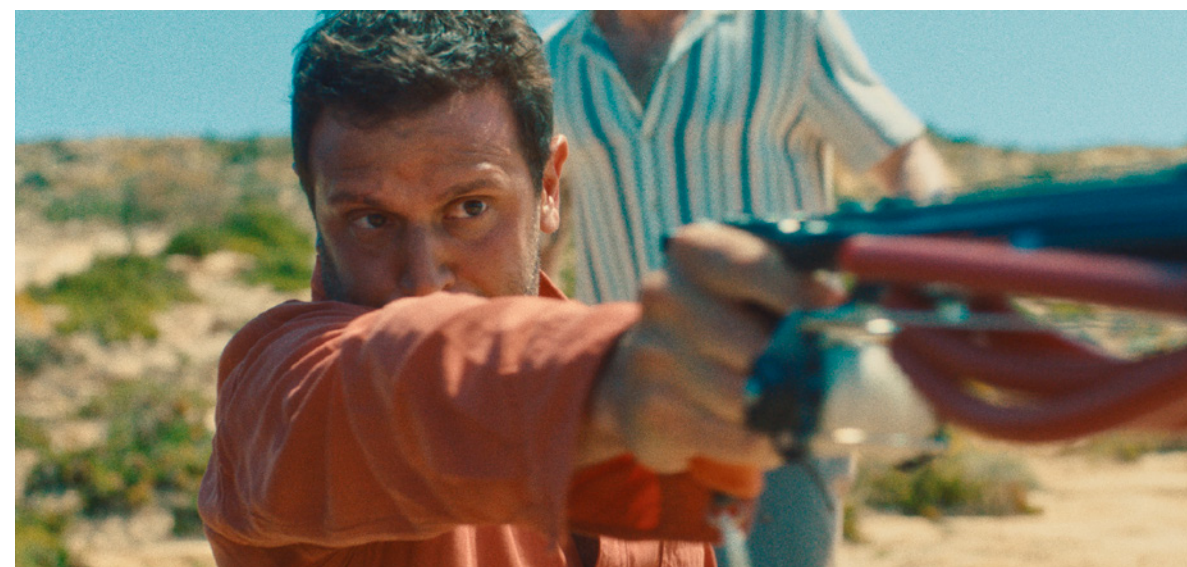


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In the shade of Malta's scorching sun, around the edges of the Swedish online gaming community, exiled lottery swindler Dimman shows up for his former best friend and business partner's lavish wedding, kicking off a desperate and decadent pursuit of redemption.

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REDEMPTION/EXISTENTIAL DRAMA / 91 MIN / SWEDEN, MALTA / 2023

Directed by Axel Petersén. Produced by Sigrid Helleday for Fedra.

Cast: Joel Spira, Christopher Wagelin, Julia Sporre. Budget: €2.0M. Domestic release: 24. November 2023 by TriArt.

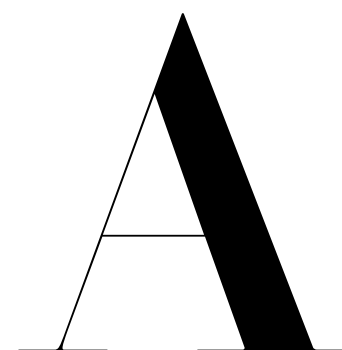


THE QUEEN OF MY DREAMS



"It's an exploration of the intergenerational connections between mothers and daughters, East and West, home and away infused with humor, romance, and Bollywood fantasy"

DIRECTOR FAWZIA MIRZA



Azra, a Pakistani woman living in Toronto, is worlds apart from her conservative Muslim mother. When her father suddenly dies on a trip home to Pakistan, Azra finds herself on a Bollywood-inspired journey through memories, both real and imagined, from her mother's youth in Karachi to her own coming-of-age in rural Canada.



COMEDY, DRAMA / 96 MIN / CANADA / 2023

Directed by Fawzia Mirza. Produced by Jason Levangie, Marc Tetreault, Andria Wilson for Baby Daal Productions; Shut Up & Colour Pictures.

Cast: Amrit Kaur, Nimra Bucha, Hamza Haq. Budget: €1.9M. Domestic release: TBC.



THE INVISIBLE FIGHT

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U SSR-China border, 1973. Rafael, is in the army on guard duty when the border falls under attack from flying Chinese kung fu warriors. Utterly fascinated by the long-haired Chinese hippie black-clad kung fu aces flying around blasting forbidden Black Sabbath music from their portable radio Rafael gets struck by a revelation; he too wants to become a kung fu warrior. Faith leads Rafael to an Orthodox monastery where the black-clad monks do their training but his road to achieving the almighty power of humility required is long, winding and full of kick-ass adventures.

"I wanted the film to be flat and bright, like 70s pop art and orthodox iconography, like 1970s kung fu movies and Soviet comedies. These were the sources for the inspiration."

DIRECTOR RAINER SARNET



KUNG FU COMEDY / 115 MIN / ESTONIA / 2023

Directed by Rainer Sarnet. Produced by Katrin Kissa for Homeless Bob Production.

Cast: Ursel Tilk, Kaarel Pogga, Ester Kuntu. Budget: €2.7M. Domestic release: 8. December 2023.

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN MODERN



Helena, is about to give birth and face a rosy future in a modern city, as the pregnant wife of an important factory manager. However, all her illusions soon perish, as the dead body of a newborn intersex baby is found in the middle of their factory. Helena needs to find out what happened here for the safety of her own child, but she runs into her own prejudices.



"I chose to tell the story of We Have Never Been because it communicates current and important topics, such as the position of women in society and the true story of intersex people, through an understandable genre concept of a mysterious detective drama, originally set in the 1930s Europe."

DIRECTOR MATĚJ CHLUPÁČEK



DRAMA / 117 MIN / CZECH REPUBLIC / 2023

Directed by Matěj Chlupáček. Produced by Matěj Chlupáček, Maja Hamplová for Barletta Productions.

Cast: Eliska Krenková, Miloslav König, Richard Langdort: €3.1M. Domestic release: 16. November 2023 by Bontonfilm

VIKTORIA MUST GO

FAMILY / TBC/ NORWAY / 2024

Two young and wealthy siblings, Hedvig and Henrik, decide to hire a hitman to get rid of their annoying stepmother Viktoria. To solve their problem, the children approach Carl, an immigrant from Bosnia. He refuses to help them, because he is a law-abiding citizen – until he finds himself and his family in a difficult financial situation.

Director: Gunnbjörg Gunnarsdottir
Producer: Ole Marius Elvestad
Production Company: På Film



COLD

THRILLER, MURDER MYSTERY / 94 MIN / ICELAND / 2023

The story centers on Óðinn Hafsteinsson who lives alone with his daughter Rún. As he investigates decades old deaths at a juvenile treatment centre, he begins to suspect that the sinister secrets he uncovers are connected to his ex-wife's mysterious suicide, as well as his teenage daughter's strange behaviour.

Director: Erlingur Thoroddsen
Producers: Heather Millard, Sigrjón Sighvatsson
Production Company: Compass Film

MUMBO JUMBO

3D ANIMATION / TBC / DENMARK / 2025

When Mumbo Jumbo magically grows to giant size, he has to go on a dangerous journey with his three friends, to find the scary witch Baba Yaga so she can turn him small again. It is an adventurous journey which might make Mumbo Jumbo small again, but a whole lot bigger on the inside.

Director: Karsten Kiilerich
Producer: Anders Mastrup
Production Company: A. Film Production

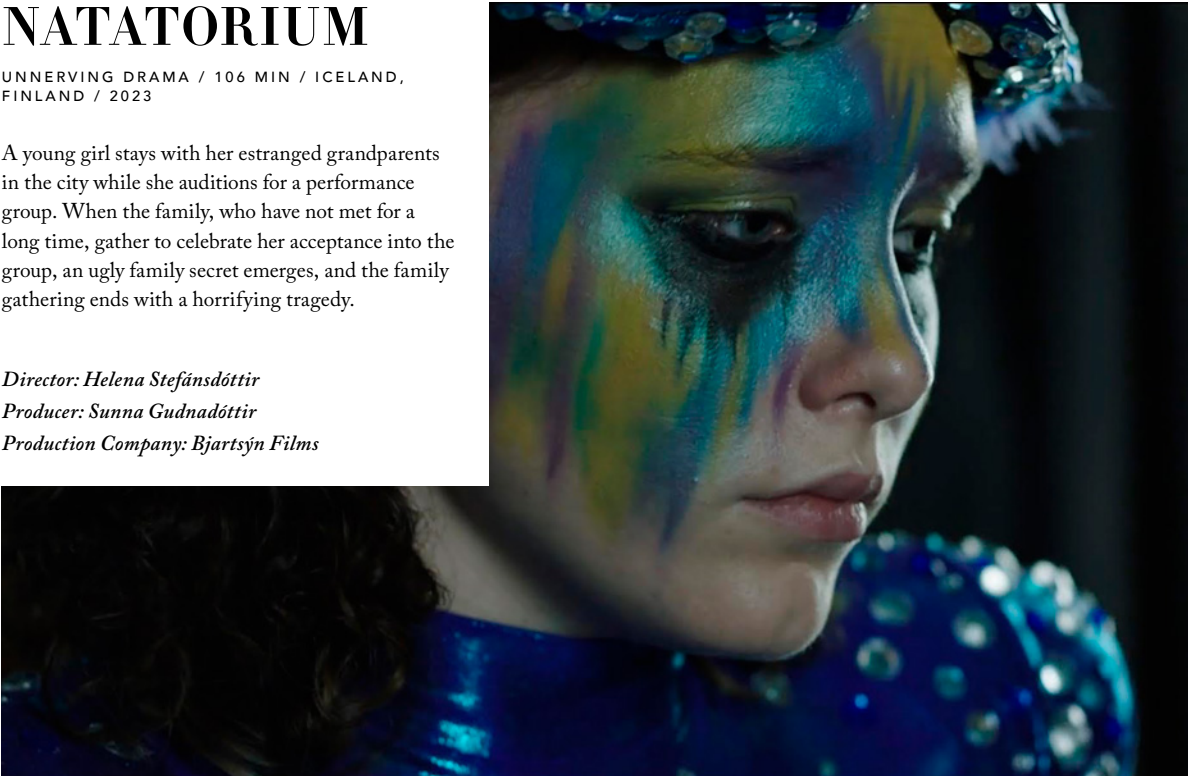


NATATORIUM

UNNERVING DRAMA / 106 MIN / ICELAND, FINLAND / 2023

A young girl stays with her estranged grandparents in the city while she auditions for a performance group. When the family, who have not met for a long time, gather to celebrate her acceptance into the group, an ugly family secret emerges, and the family gathering ends with a horrifying tragedy.

Director: Helena Stefánsdóttir
Producer: Sunna Guðnadóttir
Production Company: Bjartsýn Films





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SHAME ON DRY LAND

A film by AXEL PETERSÉN

Featuring JOEL SPIRA CHRISTOPHER WAGELIN JULIA SPORRE TOMMY NILSSON JACQUELINE RAMEL OWEN SCIRIHA MICHAL AXEL PIOTROWSKI ERICA MUSCAT
Producer SIGRID HELLEDAY Director of Photography JOSUA ENBLÖM Production Designer JON BANTHORPE Costume Designer ELLEN UTTERSTRÖM Hair & Makeup Designer JACKIE GRIMA
Sound Engineer ALEKSANDAR BUNDALO Editor ROBERT KRANTZ Composer BABA STILTZ Sound Designer ANDREAS FRANCK Production Manager ELAINE BONELLO Fad BEPPE ABELA
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