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There's a theory that we should be born with a small amount of alcohol in our blood, and that modest inebriation opens our minds to the world around us, diminishing our problems and increasing our creativity. Heartened by that theory, Martin and three of his friends, all weary high school teachers, embark on an experiment to maintain a constant level of intoxication throughout the workday. If Churchill won WW2 in a heavy daze of alcohol, who knows what a few drops might do for them and their students?

The drama received the Cannes Official Competition label in 2020, premiered at the Toronto Film Festival and won at San Sebastian and London, as well as four European Film Awards 2020, including for best film.

ANOTHER ROUND / DRUK

Director Thomas Vinterberg Screenplay Thomas Vinterberg, Tobias Lindholm Producer Kasper Dissing, Sisse Graum Jørgensen Production Zentropa Cast Mads Mikkelsen, Thomas Bo Larsen, Magnus Millang, Lars Ranthe Genre Drama Status Released Running time 116 min. Danish release 24.09.2020

International sales TrustNordisk t +45 3686 8788 info@trustnordisk.com trustnordisk.com



Buster, 11, loves everything about his life. He's an optimist who knows that the going can get tough, but if you apply a little magic and a lot of love, things will work out. He's always willing to lend a helping hand to his little sister who has a limp, his parents and his old friend Mr. Larsen who is, like Buster, a "master magician". This summer, Buster hopes to be a big hit at the town's talent show. But he has a lot on his plate: He has a crush on Joanna, Mr. Larsen's health is deteriorating and his family also needs him. Here is where Faith, Hope and Charity save the day. That's the way things work in Buster's world.

The story about Buster Oregon Mortensen is a remake of Bille August's film from 1984 and is based on a bestselling novel by acclaimed Danish author Bjarne Reuter.

BUSTER'S WORLD / BUSTER

Director Martin Miehe-Renard Screenplay Jesper Nicolaj Christiansen Producer Barbara Crone, Hans Bülow Ungfelt Production Crone Ungfelt Cast Manfred Weber Cortzen, Magnus Millang, Ibi Støving, Henning Jensen Genre Children and family Status Post-production Running time 85 min. Danish release 17.06.2021

International sales Crone Ungfelt t +45 2812 9016



The stubborn pig farmer Ernst and his wife Louise host a party on their farm to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. However, the family is keeping a host of secrets, and Ernst is soon treading deep water. During the lively, colourful, intoxicating, and sorrowful evening, the truth slowly begins to emerge, putting the family to the ultimate test.

Søren Kragh-Jacobsen is a prominent figure in Danish film. One of the founding members of Dogme95, Kragh-Jacobsen's Dogme film 'Mifune' won the Jury Grand Prix at the Berlinale. He has directed for TV in-between features, including as concept director on the awardwinning political series 'Borgen'.

THE BUTTERFLY SWING / LILLE SOMMERFUGL

Director, screenplay Søren Kragh-Jacobsen Producer Mikkel Jersin, Katrin Pors, Eva Jakobsen Production Snowglobe Cast Jesper Christensen, Karen-Lise Mynster, Mia Lyhne, Peder Thomas Pedersen Genre Drama Status Released Running time 102 min. Danish release 03.12.2020

International sales Film Tank t +49 (0) 40 4318 610 filmtank@filmtank.de filmtank.de



The cynical toy giant Phillip Eppermint is about to evade a prison sentence in Thailand and therefore innocent child factory workers are in danger. Checkered Ninja resumes his hunt for revenge and justice with 13-year-old Alex. The two are flanked by Sirena, Alex's mom, and Alex's stepfather John who is going all in on his latest invention, a digestion app. Alex's eternally hungry and irritating stepbrother Sean also comes along – and of course Alex's indispensable Uncle Stewart who always knows how to spread a "good" mood in the family.

Second animated story about Alex and his checkered ninja doll. The first film, released in 2018, was a recordbreaking hit at local cinemas and screened in competition at Annecy. Creator, co-director and comedian Anders Matthesen was also behind the 2004 animation hit 'Terkel in Trouble'.

CHECKERED NINJA 2 / TERNET NINJA 2

Director Anders Matthesen, Thorbjørn Christoffersen Screenplay Anders Matthesen Producer Trine Heidegaard, Anders Mastrup Production A. Film Production Cast Anders Matthesen, Louis Næss-Schmidt, Emma Sehested Høeg

Genre Animation Status Post-production Running time 82 min. Danish release 07.10.2021

International sales LevelK tine.klint@levelk.dk levelk.dk



Denmark, summer of 1918. WW1 rages through Europe. Germany is running so low on recruits that young men on the Danish side of the border are now being conscripted. Feldwebel Meyer enrols Kalle, Erna's 17-year-old simpleminded son. After failing to convince the commanding officer that Kalle is unfit for war, Erna swaps identities with a deserting soldier in order to follow and protect Kalle. Meyer helps Erna in return for the promise of marriage, but in the trenches during an attack where all hope seems lost, Erna gives in to her blossoming love for fellow soldier Anton. The film tells the story of a remarkable woman who won't let war keep her from protecting what she believes in.

Ulrich Thomsen won for Best Actor at Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival for his role in 'Erna at War', based on a novel by Erling Jepsen. Ruben Genz also adapted Jepsen's work for film in 'Terribly Happy' (2007) and 'Excuse Me' (2012). Genz worked with Bo Hr. Hansen on 'Word of God' (2017).

Director Henrik Ruben Genz Screenplay Bo hr. Hansen, Henrik Ruben Genz Producer Birgitte Hald, Nynne Selin Eidnes Production Nimbus Film Cast Trine Dyrholm, Ulrich Thomsen, Anders W. Berthelsen, Sylvester Espersen Byder Genre Historical drama Status Released Running time 100 min. Danish release 29.10.2020

International sales TF1 International t +33 141 41 15 04 ptz@tf1.fr

ERNA AT WAR / ERNA I KRIG



Maja is pregnant and suddenly feels that she can't trust the father of her child. Young Emil is in the process of shaping his identity, and while testing his boundaries, he ends up pushing them too far. At her work, Eva is faced with a certain task that requires her to abandon her moral code. 8-year-old Laura is on a trip with her unstable mother who has a hard time separating reality from fantasy. Adam lives a life full of lies and eventually has to face the consequences.

Based on five short stories written by some of Denmark's leading contemporary authors and adapted for the screen by Maren Louise Käehne. Annette K. Olesen made her debut in 2002 with the drama 'Minor Mishaps', which won the Blue Angel prize in Berlin. Other titles include 'In Your Hands' (2004), 'Little Soldier' (2008) and the acclaimed Danish drama series 'Borgen' (2010).

Director Annette K. Olesen Screenplay Maren Louise Käehne Producer Jonas Frederiksen Production Nimbus Film Cast Trine Dyrholm, Jakob Cedergren, Morten Hee Andersen, Lisbet Dahl Genre Drama Status Post-production Running time 120 min. Danish release To be announced

International sales Nimbus Film nimbus@nimbusfilm.dk nimbusfilm.dk

LANDET / LANDET



During a lonely summer vacation, the introverted Little Allan, 11, is talked into acting as a human antenna for his old, UFO obsessed neighbour. An invasion fleet is coming, and apparently the only way to save Earth is by communicating through Little Allan's brainwaves. But what they find is not exactly an invasion fleet. When the rickety antenna construction collapses, Little Allan is only barely saved by the alien girl, Britney, who is doing a school project about the primitive human race. Now Little Allan has to help her get home, while she becomes fascinated with this little specimen of the human species.

Amalie Næsby Fick graduated as animation director from the National Film School of Denmark in 2016. She made her debut as feature director with 'The Incredible Story of the Giant Pear' (2017), which premiered at the Berlinale, and made her serial debut with 'Sex' (2020), also selected for Berlin.

LITTLE ALLAN - THE HUMAN ANTENNA / LILLE ALLAN

Director Amalie Næsby Fick Screenplay Thomas Porsager, Amalie Næsby Fick Producer Thomas Heinesen, Trine Heidegaard Production Nordisk Film Cast Peter Frödin, Louis Næss-Schmidt, Sofie Torp, Jesper Christensen

Genre Animation Status In production Running time 85 min. Danish release 03.02.2022

International sales TrustNordisk t +45 3686 8788 info@trustnordisk.com trustnordisk.com



When 14-year-old Marco, a homeless gipsy boy, is arrested at the Danish border control for possession of a missing public servant's passport, police inspector Carl Mørck and his Department Q team are tasked with finding the connection. The old case contains several suspicious elements: The public servant was accused of paedophilia shortly before he disappeared, and his case was closed unusually quickly. But the silent, traumatized Marco refuses to talk to them, and it's not long before he's on the run from those who intend to kill him because of what he knows.

Based on Jussi Adler-Olsen's Department Q bestseller of the same name. Martin Zandvliet is behind acclaimed films such as 'Applause' (2009), 'A Funny Man' (2011) and the Oscar-nominated 'Land of Mine' (2015).

THE MARCO EFFECT / MARCO EFFEKTEN

Director Martin Zandvliet Screenplay Anders Frithiof August, Thomas Porsager Producer Mikael Christian Rieks Production Nordisk Film Cast Ulrich Thomsen, Zaki Youssef, Sofie Torp, Zdenek Godla Genre Thriller Status Completed Running time 125 min. Danish release TBC

International sales TrustNordisk t +45 3686 8788 info@trustnordisk.com trustnordisk.com



The year is 1402. Margrete has achieved what no man has managed before. She has gathered Denmark, Norway and Sweden into a peace-oriented union, which she singlehandedly rules through her young adopted son, Erik. The union is beset by enemies, however, and Margrete is therefore planning a marriage between Erik and an English princess. An alliance with England should secure the union's status as an emerging European power, but a breathtaking conspiracy is underway that can tear Margrete and all she believes in apart.

Charlotte Sieling made a name for herself internationally as episode director on US series such as 'The Americans', 'Homeland' and 'White Collar'. She has directed Danish TV successes such as 'The Killing' (2007-09), 'Borgen' (2013) and 'The Bridge' (2011), on the latter also as concept director. She made her feature debut with 'Above the Street Below the Water' (2009), followed by 'The Man' (2017).

MARGRETE - QUEEN OF THE NORTH / MARGRETE DEN FØRSTE

Director Charlotte Sieling Screenplay Jesper Fink, Maya Ilsøe, Charlotte Sieling Producer Birgitte Skov, Lars Bredo Rahbek Production SF Studios Cast Trine Dyrholm, Søren Malling, Jakob Oftebro, Morten Hee Andersen Genre Historical drama Status Post-production Running time 120 min.

International sales

REinvent Studios t +45 2060 5062 info@reinvent.dk reinvent.dk



Who would you be if you could be anyone? Young Ines is offered an unexpected chance to find out – and she grabs it. During a trip to Northern Norway with her boyfriend, Ines accidentally meets the seductive Japanese Maria. A meeting that ends deadly in the harsh wasteland, but becomes a new beginning for Ines, who soon finds herself under a new name in a remote and foreign city: Osaka. A business card with the name of a nightclub leads her deep into a labyrinthine parallel world where identities are floating. However, one of the regulars turns out to be just as possessed by the missing Maria as Ines is.

Second feature film by Daniel Dencik, who directed the documentaries 'Moon Rider' (2012) and 'Expedition to the End of the World' (2013). Dencik made his debut as fiction feature director with 'Gold Coast' (2015).

Director Daniel Dencik Screenplay Daniel Dencik, Sara Isabella Jønsson Producer Michael Haslund-Christensen Production Haslund/Dencik Entertainment Cast Victoria Carmen Sonne, Mikkel Boe Følsgaard, Mirai Moriyama, Kaho Minami Genre Drama Status Completed Running time 90 min.

International sales Haslund/Dencik Entertainment t +45 20231388 haslundfilm@gmail.com

MISS OSAKA / MISS OSAKA



In the Danish provincial town of Viborg, there is seemingly nothing new under the sun. The former beauty queen Solvej lives isolated with her old routines and the cultivation of old, shattered dreams. On her scooter, she roams around with her dog, Poul Reichardt, supplementing her pension by dealing her prescription medication. The neighbour's daughter, rebellious 17-yearold Kate, has no clue what to do with herself and her life. In a fit of boredom, she breaks into the neighbouring apartment where she is surprised by Solvej. Reluctantly, an unlikely friendship forms, as the sorrows of the past are revealed and hope for the future emerges.

Feature debut by Marianne Blicher, a graduate from the alternative film school Super16. Among Blicher's short films is 'Belinda Beautiful' (2012), which took home an award at the Krakow Film Festival.

Director Marianne Blicher Screenplay Marianne Blicher, Rasmus Birch Producer Katrin Pors, Eva Jakobsen, Mikkel Jersin Production Snowglobe Cast Ragnhild Kaasgaard, Kristian Halken, Isabella Møller Hansen Genre Drama Status Post-production Running time 100 min. Danish release TBC

International sales Snowglobe t +45 2532 7661 info@snowglobefilm.com snowglobefilm.com/

MISS VIBORG / MISS VIBORG



The period drama tells the story about one night set in the late 1800s that changes 14-year-old Lise's life forever. Lise is the eldest of eight siblings. She is in love, she is the first in her family about to go to school, and she is full of hope and confidence in life. But when her mother goes into labour, it quickly appears that something is wrong. As night falls and the birth intensifies, Lise must prepare herself. A day that began in childhood might end with her becoming the woman of the house.

Feature debut by Tea Lindeburg, a graduate of the alternative film school Super16. The period drama is inspired by a 1912 novel. Lindeburg is the creator of the Danish produced Netflix series 'Equinox'.

NIGHT OF DYING (WORKING TITLE) / HØST

Director, screenplay Tea Lindeburg Producer Lise Orheim Stender, Jesper Morthorst Production Motor Cast Flora Ofelia Hofmann Lindahl, Stine Fischer Christensen, Lisbet Dahl, Thure Lindhardt, Ida Cæcilie Rasmussen, Kirsten Olesen

Genre Historical drama **Status** Post-production **Running time** 90 min. **Danish release** 21.10.2021

International sales

Motor Productions t +45 3167 0333 motor@motorproductions.dk motorproductions.dk



Aged 62, Karen Blixen is at the pinnacle of her fame and next in line to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. It has been 17 years since she gave up her famous African adventure only to return to Denmark in ruins. Devastated by syphilis and having lost the love of her life she has reinvented herself as a literary sensation. She is an isolated genius, however, until the day she lays eyes on a handsome 29-year-old poet. She promises him literary stardom if he in return will obey her unconditionally – even at the cost of him losing everything else in his life. The film is a heart-wrenching story of a sorcerer and her apprentice, about how far you will go for love and art.

Bille August's international breakthrough came with 'Pelle the Conqueror' (1987), which received the Palme d'Or in Cannes in 1988 and an Oscar and a Golden Globe in 1989. August received his second Palme d'Or in 1992 for the Swedish production 'The Best Intentions' (1992), written by Ingmar Bergman.

Director Bille August Screenplay Christian Torpe Producer Karin Trolle, Jesper Morthorst Production SF Studios Cast Birthe Neumann, Simon Bennebjerg, Asta August, Nanna Skaarup Voss Genre Historical drama Status Post-production Running time 100 min. Danish release 15.04.2021

International sales REinvent Studios t +45 2060 5062 info@reinvent.dk reinvent.dk

THE PACT / PAGTEN



A Kafkaesque tale about an insignificant water inspector who arrives at a giant remote building to register the residents' water meters. Before he knows of it, he finds himself trapped inside the building facing an "Alice in NO-Wonderland"-like maze of obstacles. In his attempt to escape, perception of reality, the rational, and the remnants of his human existence are turned upside down.

Feature debut by Jonas Kærup Hjort, a 2017 graduate from the National Film School of Denmark. The film, which is supported by the talent programme New Danish Screen, world premiered at the Tallinn Black Nights festival. Hjort has a background in theatre, both as an actor and director.

THE PENULTIMATE / DEN NÆSTSIDSTE

Director, screenplay Jonas Kærup Hjort Producer Rikke Tambo Andersen Production Tambo Film Cast Joen Højerslev, Joen Bille, Malene Melsen, Anne Fletting Genre Drama Status Completed Running time 120 min.

International sales TVCO t +39 3391 116 100 tvco.eu



The film is a humorous drama about Laura who has distanced herself from her family in the countryside and has moved to Copenhagen to be a writer and live the bohemian lifestyle. When she is forced to return to her childhood home to participate in her brother's wedding, she discovers that he is about to marry her worst childhood enemy Catrine. Laura realises that Catrine has taken over her place in the family, and now she feels a strong need to get it back.

Feature debut by Lisa Jespersen, who graduated from the National Film School of Denmark in 2017. World premiere at Göteborg Film Festival 2021.

PERSONA NON GRATA / HVOR KRAGERNE VENDER

Director Lisa Jespersen Screenplay Lisa Jespersen, Sara Isabella Jønsson Producer Daniel Mühlendorph Production Hyæne Film Cast Rosalinde Mynster, Bodil Jørgensen, Jens Jørn Spottag, Anne Sofie Wanstrup Genre Drama Status Completed Running time 91 min. Danish release 01.07.2021

International sales Picture Tree t +49 (0) 30 4208 248-0 pti@picturetree-international.com picturetree-international.com



The deployed military man Markus has to go home to his teenage daughter, Mathilde, when his wife dies in a tragic train accident. It seems to be plain bad luck – until the mathematics geek Otto shows up with his two eccentric colleagues, Lennart and Emmenthaler. Otto was also a passenger on the wrecked train. He is convinced someone must have been behind it. As the clues pile up, it becomes clear to Markus that it might have been a carefully orchestrated assassination, which his wife ended up being a random casualty of.

International premiere at the Rotterdam Film Festival 2021. Anders Thomas Jensen has written more than 30 feature films, including director Susanne Bier's Oscarwinning drama 'In a Better World'. 'Riders of Justice' is Jensen's fifth feature film as director, after 'Flickering Lights' (2000), 'The Green Butchers' (2003), 'Adam's Apples' (2005) and 'Men & Chicken' (2015).

Director & Screenplay Anders
Thomas Jensen
Producer Sisse Graum Jørgensen,
Sidsel Hybschmann
Production Zentropa
Cast Mads Mikkelsen, Nikolaj Lie
Kaas, Andrea Heick Gadeberg,
Lars Brygmann

Genre Comedy, Action, Drama Status Released Running time 116 min. Danish release 19.11.2020

International sales TrustNordisk t +45 3686 8788 info@trustnordisk.com trustnordisk.com

RIDERS OF JUSTICE / RETFÆRDIGHEDENS RYTTERE



The relationship of the two sisters Inger and Ellen is challenged during a highly anticipated coach trip to Paris. When Inger announces she is struggling with mental health issues to the group of travellers, the sisters are faced with pity from some and downright discrimination from others. On arrival in Paris, it soon becomes clear that Inger has a hidden agenda concerning a figure from her past, ultimately involving the entire group in her hunt for answers.

Niels Arden Oplev's credits include 'Daniel' (2019), 'Speedwalking' (2014), 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' (2009), 'Worlds Apart' (2008) and 'We Shall Overcome' (2006). Arden Oplev has also a number of international films and TV series under his belt.

ROSE / ROSE

Director, screenplay Niels Arden Oplev Producer Thomas Heinesen Production Nordisk Film Cast Sofie Gråbøl, Lene Maria Christensen, Anders W. Berthelsen, Søren Malling Genre Drama Status Post-production Running time 100 min.

International sales

Bankside Films t +44 (0) 20 7636 6085 films@bankside-films.com bankside-films.com



On 21 March 1945 the British Royal Air Force attack on Gestapo Headquarters in Copenhagen was successful, but also resulted in a fatal tragedy, as they mistakenly bombed the French School as well, resulting in more than 120 casualties, of which 86 were children. The film goes behind the statistics and tells the story of the fateful incident as seen through the eyes of the children at the school, the nuns, the young captive freedom fighters and the attacking airmen. In the battle for peace, civilians and innocents always pay the highest price.

Ole Bornedal's recent films include 'The Way to Mandalay' (2018), a local box-office hit, 'Small Town Killers' (2017) and '1864' (2016). Bornedal's breakthrough came with his feature debut 'Nightwatch' (1994), and he has won a string of awards for titles such as 'The Substitute' (2007), 'Just Another Love Story' (2007) and 'Deliver Us from Evil' (2009).

SHADOWS IN MY EYES / Skyggen i mit øje

Director, screenplay Ole Bornedal Producer Jonas Allen, Peter Bose Production Miso Film Cast Alex Høgh Andersen, Fanny Bornedal, Danica Curcic, Susse Wold **Genre** Historical drama **Status** Post-production **Running time** 107 min.

International sales

Fremantle t +44 (0) 1494 733500 fremantle.com



The exact details of what took place while Talib Ben Hassi (19) was in police custody remain unclear. Police officers, Jens and Mike, are on routine patrol in Svalegården's ghetto when news of Talib's death comes in over the radio, igniting uncontrollable, pent-up rage in the ghetto's youth, who lust for revenge. Suddenly, the two officers find themselves fair game and must fight tooth and claw to find a way out.

Feature debut by director-writers Anders Ølholm and Frederik Louis Hviid. World premiere at the Venice Film Festival in the International Film Critics' Week.

SHORTA / SHORTA

Director, screenplay Anders Ølholm, Frederik Louis Hviid Producer Signe Leick Jensen, Morten Kaufmann Production Toolbox Film Cast Jacob Hauberg Lohmann, Simon Sears, Tarek Zayat, Dulfi Al-Jabouri Genre Action Status Released Running time 106 min. Danish release 08.10.2020

International sales Charades sales@charades.eu charades.eu



On a vacation in Toscany, a Danish family instantly becomes friends with a Dutch family. Months later, the Danish couple receives an unexpected invitation to visit the Dutch in their wooden house and decide to go for the weekend. However, it doesn't take long before the joy of reunion is replaced with misunderstandings. Things gradually get out of hand, as the Dutch turn out to be something very different than what they have pretended to be. The small Danish family now finds themselves trapped in a house that they wish they had never entered.

Christian Tafdrup made his debut as a feature film director with 'Parents' (2016), selected for Tribeca. His second film, 'A Horrible Woman' (2017), was selected for a number of festivals. Originally an actor, Tafdrup has played in both feature films and TV series.

SPEAK NO EVIL / BENELUX

Director Christian Tafdrup Screenplay Christian Tafdrup, Mads Tafdrup Producer Jacob Jarek Production Profile Pictures Cast Morten Burian, Sidsel Siem Koch, Fedja van Huêt, Karina Smulders Genre Horror Status Post-production Running time 105 min.

International sales TrustNordisk

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Maggie and Carsten love each other, they have two wonderful children, and they run their gourmet restaurant, Malus. They want it all. And they have it all. Almost. They are missing the coveted Michelin Star. A dream on which they have gambled everything to win. One day Carsten receives a letter saying that his wife loves somebody else. But who sent the letter and why? In their continuous passion and pursuit of the ultimate recognition, they forget that there is no such thing as a free lunch.

Christoffer Boe enjoyed popular success with 'The Purity of Vengeance' (2018), the fourth installment in Zentropa's Department Q crime franchise. Boe made his debut with 'Reconstruction' (2003), which earned him the Camera d'Or at Cannes.

Director Christoffer Boe
Screenplay Tobias Lindholm, Christoffer Boe
Producer Louise Vesth, Sisse Graum Jørgensen
Production Zentropa
Cast Katrine Greis-Rosenthal, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Charlie
Gustafsson, Nicolas Bro Genre Drama Status Released Running time 104 min. Danish release TBC

International sales TrustNordisk t +45 3686 8788 info@trustnordisk.com trustnordisk.com

A TASTE OF HUNGER / SMAGEN AF SULT



A romantic comedy about Maja, a controlling and comfort-seeking woman with extremely strict routines. She lives a harmonious suburban life with her husband, teenage son and a job as a specialist doctor at a large hospital. Suddenly one day, her husband wants a divorce. After a couple of desperate attempts to get him back, Maja realises that she has lost the battle. The comfort-loving Maja must now try to find her feet in her new and chaotic life which includes an ailing economy, an insensitive exhusband, a young lover and a teenage son in trouble.

Feature debut by Lars Kaalund, an experienced stage director. For the small screen, Kaalund has directed episodes for 'Nikolaj and Julie' (2002-03) and was concept director on the internationally acclaimed 'Rita' (2012-20) with Mille Dinesen, who plays the central character in 'Touch Me'.

Director Lars Kaalund Screenplay Morten Dragsted Producer Morten Rasmussen, Wadt Thomsen Production Deluca Film Cast Mille Dinesen, Ulrich Thomsen, Troels Kortegaard Ullerup, Mia Lyhne Genre Comedy Status Post-production Running time 115 min. Danish release 04.11.2021

International sales Scanbox Film Distribution t +45 7022 6202 scanbox.com

TOUCH ME / RØR VED MIG



A romantic comedy about Liv, who is at the beginning of her 20s. She is very close to her parents and working in the family greengrocer business when, against all expectation, she falls in love with a spirited and somewhat older rainbow girl, Andrea. Andrea claims to be suffering from stress. But in reality, she is heartbroken and has sought refuge at her uncle's apple plantation. Liv's encounter with Andrea becomes the catalyst for a divorce, the loss of a friendship and an identity crisis that ultimately shatters their love. But in a rebellion against her parents, Liv realises that love is mutable and that a family may assume many forms.

Feature debut by Anna Emma Haudal, who got her breakthrough with the youth series 'Doggystyle' (2018-2020), winner of a Danish Robert Award.

Director, screenplay Anna Emma Haudal Producer Lise Orheim Stender, Rikke Lassen Production Motor Cast Johanne Milland, Josephine Park, Anne Sofie Wanstrup, Lars Mikkelsen Genre Romantic comedy Status Post-production Running time 90 min. Danish release 25.12.2021

International sales Motor t +45 3167 0333 motor@motorproductions.dk motorproductions.dk

THE VENUS EFFECT / VENUSEFFEKTEN



In a desperate attempt to cure his midlife crisis, Martin has fled his family to live high up in the Norwegian mountains. Hunting and gathering like his ancestors did thousands of years ago before supermarkets and smartphones ruined everything. But Martins selfactualization project is turned upside down when he meets Musa. A drug runner, lost deep in the woods, injured and bleeding after a car accident. The odd couple must join forces, as they are chased through the wilderness by the local chief of police, Musa's rivals and Martin's unknowing wife.

Second feature film by Thomas Daneskov Mikkelsen. His debut feature, 'The Elite' (2015), won the main prize at CPH PIX.

Director Thomas Daneskov Mikkelsen Screenplay Morten Pape, Thomas Daneskov Mikkelsen Producer Lina Flint Production Nordisk Film / SPRING Cast Rasmus Bjerg, Zaki Youssef, Bjørn Sundquist, Sofie Gråbøl Genre Comedy Status Completed Running time 101 min. Danish release TBC

International sales Charades t +33 6 20 36 77 72 sales@charades.eu charades.eu

WILD MEN / VILDMÆND



From an outsider's perspective, things are going well for Lukas Graham. Every time lead singer Lukas Forchhammer sets a new goal for himself, he achieves it. He is signed to a major international label, he works with some of the greatest music producers, he is flown around to perform his hit song '7 Years' on the world's biggest stages. On top of this, Lukas becomes a father for the first time. From an insider's perspective, it is a lot to juggle all at once. Dreams can easily transform into nightmares from one moment to the next.

René Sascha Johannsen has directed documentary films and series for television and a great number of music videos, including the video for Lukas Graham's '7 Years'. He made his feature doc debut with 'Life in the Emergency Lane' (2011).

7 YEARS OF LUKAS GRAHAM / 7 YEARS OF LUKAS GRAHAM

Director René Sascha Johannsen Producer Sara Stockmann Production Sonntag Pictures Appearances Lukas Forchhammer **Genre** Documentary **Status** Released **Running time** 77 min.

International sales

Autlook Filmsales t +43 670 208 7881 welcome@autlookfilms.com autlookfilms.com



Nothing is. Everything is becoming. Even life already lived. After my wife died I tried to kick-start my days again by throwing myself into shooting a new film, but when I looked through the viewfinder, I felt the motives I was focusing on with my camera were hiding what I really wanted to see. Everything in the little American town reminded me of your absence. Thus, this little stammering love letter came into being.

Jon Bang Carlsen has written and directed more than thirty films, both documentaries and feature films. Among his signature films are 'Jenny' (1977), 'A Rich Man' (1979), 'Hotel of the Stars' (1981), 'Phoenix Bird' (1984) and 'Before the Guests Arrive' (1986). Titles from the 2010s include 'Just the Right Amount of Violence' (2013) and 'Deja Vu' (2016).

THE BANALITY OF GRIEF / THE BANALITY OF GRIEF

Director Jon Bang Carlsen Producer Jon Bang Carlsen Production C&C Productions Appearances Madeleine Haywood, Coco Kleman, Mary Robinson, Ebbe Bang Carlsen **Genre** Documentary **Status** Released **Running time** 70 min.

International sales

C&C Production t +45 2015 0567 jonbangcarlsen@gmail.com jonbangcarlsen.com



A film about friendship and arcade games that will put a smile on your face and tug at your heartstrings. With the help from his friends at Bip Bip Bar, Kim Cannon Arm attempts to be the first in the world to play an arcade machine from the early '80s for 100 consecutive hours. With its collection of heroic outsiders, dreams about legendary world records, quirky hairdos and brilliant players, the documentary praises solidarity and the attempt to achieve the sublime.

The film is Mads Hedegaard's first feature documentary. Hedegaard is a 2017 graduate from the National Film School of Denmark.

CANNON ARM AND THE ARCADE QUEST / KIM KANONARM OG REJSEN MOD VERDENSREKORDEN

Director Mads Hedegaard **Producer** Katrine A. Sahlstrøm **Production** Good Company Pictures

Appearances Kim "Kanonarm" Købke, Michael Dyst, Carsten Tommy Lauridsen, Svavar Gunnar Gunnarson Genre Documentary Status Completed Running time 97 min.

International sales

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Josephine, 20, never felt she belonged in the small town she grew up in. In the Goth culture, she found her two friends, the expressive maximalist with the self-invented name Nightmare and the Christian and reflective Jay. Armed with wild outfits, bones from dead animals and dark make-up, the three friends are fighting to break free from their cycle of loneliness and inner demons. When the Gothic trinity is together, they create a safe space where they freely, playfully and undisturbed can support each other in their search for a place, both in themselves and in the world, to belong. But as Josephine falls deeply in love, the precious friendship is badly threatened.

First feature documentary by Frigge Fri, a 2013 graduate from the National Film School of Denmark. She is credited as cinematographer on a number of feature documentaries.

Director Frigge Fri Producer Mathilde Hvid Lippmann Production Made in Copenhagen Appearances Josephine, Mareridt, Jay Genre Documentary Status Completed Running time 80 min.

International sales

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DARK BLOSSOM / KLUB KRANIUM



Estrid is on the threshold of advancing from childhood into young adulthood. Along the journey, she experiences a serious accident: falling from the window on the fifth floor while sleepwalking. Miraculously, she survives and returns to life with remarkable willpower. But the fall remains a trauma in her body and her family. Especially her mother is anxious about losing her. The film follows Estrid's transformation and her family's healing process. Estrid must regain her body and ability to walk, but she also has to find out who she is and wants to be, as she embarks on the journey of becoming a young woman.

Andreas Koefoed screened his first feature-length documentary, 'Ballroom Dancer' (2011), at a number of festivals including IDFA and Toronto Hot Docs. More films by Koefoed include 'The Ghost of Piramida' (2012) and 'At Home in the World' (2015), the latter winner of the Best Mid-Length Documentary Award at IDFA.

Director Andreas Koefoed **Producer** Sara Stockmann **Production** Sonntag Pictures **Genre** Documentary **Status** Completed **Running time** 75 min.

International sales Sonntag Pictures t +45 2896 4414 sara@sonntagpictures.com sonntagpictures.com

THE FALL / FALDET



An animated documentary telling the true story about a man's need to confront his past in order to truly have a future. Amin arrived as an unaccompanied minor in Denmark from Afghanistan. Today, at 36, he is a successful academic and is getting married to his longtime boyfriend. A secret he has been hiding for over 20 years threatens to ruin the life he has built for himself. For the first time, he is sharing his story with his close friend.

World premiere at Sundance 2021 and European premiere at Göteborg. Jonas Poher Rasmussen made his feature-length debut with 'Searching for Bill' (2012), a mix of documentary and fiction, and is also behind the biographical documentary 'What He Did' (2015).

Director Jonas Poher Rasmussen Producer Monica Hellström, Signe Byrge Sørensen, Charlotte de La Gournerie

Production Final Cut for Real

Genre Documentary Status Completed Running time 83 min.

International sales

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FLEE / FLUGT



Along the raw and windy coastline of England, a wide network of volunteers are constantly ready to rescue coastal wildlife from oil, plastic and storms. But the animals struggle against their human surroundings, and the well-meaning volunteers find themselves powerless as they watch the winter storms intensifying and the conditions for the animals worsening. The film takes us on a disturbing and fascinating journey into the emerging Anthropocene Era in which humans are frantically trying to save nature from decay.

Feature documentary debut by film director, visual artist and writer Robin Petré, whose works centre on the theme of our coexistence with the natural world. Her short documentary 'Pulse' (2016) won at DOK Leipzig.

FROM THE WILD SEA / FRA DET VILDE HAV

Director Robin Petré Producer Malene Flindt Pedersen Production Hansen & Pedersen Appearances Dan Jarvis Genre Genre Status Completed Running time 78 min.

International sales

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The film portrays a group of Danes who find consolation and meaning in life through their idol, Danish folk singer Kandis-Johnny. It delves into a world of peculiar fans who have made the lead singer of Scandinavia's biggest entertainment band, Kandis, their own personal Jesus. The film offers an honest account of Johnny's tragedy, which has manifested in the lives of his dedicated fans. Shared stories of finding love, unconditional loyalty and loneliness are all explored and it becomes clear that no one can rise to life's challenges alone.

The film is Jesper Dalgaard's first long documentary, after award-winning shorts such as 'Weltschmerz' (2017) and 'Übermensch' (2017), made at the National Film School of Denmark.

KANDIS FOR LIFE / KANDIS FOR LIVET

Director Jesper Dalgaard Producer Maria Møller Christoffersen Production Beofilm Appearances Kandis Johnny Genre Documentary Status Completed Running time 85 min.

International sales Beofilm Pictures t + 3537 6200 beofilm.dk



As the war in Eastern Ukraine takes a heavy toll on families living near the frontline, a small group of strongwilled social workers work tirelessly in a special kind of orphanage to create a much-needed safe space for kids to live in. The kids are temporarily taken from their families due to neglect or violence and can only stay at the orphanage for nine months, so the social workers only have a short time to help prepare them to face the harsh reality outside once again.

Simon Lereng Wilmont's first feature from Eastern Ukraine, 'The Distant Barking of Dogs' (2017), won the award for Best First Appearance at IDFA and has also received prizes at other prominent festivals, including Göteborg and Thessaloniki.

A HOUSE MADE OF SPLINTERS / A HOUSE MADE OF SPLINTERS

Director Simon Lereng Wilmont **Producer** Monica Hellström **Production** Final Cut for Real **Genre** Documentary **Status** In production **Running time** 80 min.

International sales

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Most people have five senses. Peter only has three, having lost both his sight and hearing as a newborn. His family must see and hear the world for him. Today, Peter is 29. His needs are so special that he lives with his parents. When his mother, Jonna, was diagnosed with cancer four years ago, a bigger thought process was set in motion: What will happen to her boy when she is no longer here? The help provided from the public services is not sufficient, so it is down to Jonna, Peter's father Jørgen and his sister Christine to manage their challenging day-to-day life alone.

Cille Hannibal graduated from the National Film School of Denmark in 2013. Her previous film, 'The Night We Fell' (2018), premiered at CPH:DOX.

Director Cille Hannibal **Producer** Monica Hellström **Production** Final Cut for Real **Genre** Documentary **Status** Completed **Running time** 75 min.

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I SEE FOR YOU / JEG SER FOR DIG



The film portrays a controversial new treatment of people with dementia. At the small retirement home Dagmarsminde, the founding nurse May Eiby has no interest in specific dementia diagnoses or medicine, since neither is improving the quality of life for the 11 residents. Instead, May and her staff have developed a new kind of treatment inspired by the methods that Florence Nightingale introduced 150 years ago. May Eiby has named it 'care treatment': hugs, touch, talking, humour, eye contact and the joy of community is the prescription. The goal is to inspire a complete change in the way people with dementia are treated in the healthcare system, shifting from medicine to care.

Louise Detlefsen is a journalist by trade and has worked with both documentary and fiction. Her films include the IDFA selected title 'Fat Front' (2019), 'The Queen of Hearts' (2018) and 'A Damn Year' (2012).

Director Louise Detlefsen Producer Malene Flindt Pedersen Production Hansen & Pedersen Appearances May Bjerre Eiby Genre Genre Status Completed Running time 75 min.

International sales

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IT'S NOT OVER YET / DET ER IKKE SLUT ENDNU



One in ten in Denmark suffers from mental illness. Yet, due to the taboo and stigmatisation, it is still an under-prioritised issue. When a family member gets sick, it affects everyone in the family. The film uncovers the unconditional love that governs parent/children relationships, which must somehow be altered when a child is suffering from mental illness. Shot behind closed doors, inside the confidentiality of the therapy room, the film follows a group of parents over a period of months who share and come to realise that they are all in the same boat riding the same chaotic storm.

Vibe Mogensen has directed 'The Mind of My Father' (2005), about her father's mental illness. Besides making films, Mogensen was head of a media school for young people from 2005-2018 and has also taught at the National Film School of Denmark.

LOVE BOUND – WHEN YOUR CHILD BECOMES MENTALLY ILL / DE PÅRØRENDE – NÅR ENS BARN RAMMES AF PSYKISK SYGDOM

Director Vibe Mogensen Producer Vibeke Vogel Production Bullitt Film Appearances Birgitte von Barm, Hanne Tychsen, Jette Nørgaard, Lene E. Karlsson **Genre** Documentary **Status** Released **Running time** 52 min.

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A personal account of life as a child of more than one culture and worlds. With more than 100 hours of footage shot over the course of 15 years, the director follows her Pakistani family of 25 people, living under the same roof in Karachi. During numerous and long stays with the family, she gets closer and closer to a parallel reality that puts her life in Denmark into perspective.

Anita Mathal Hopland's films include her debut as documentary feature director, the acclaimed 'On the Edge of Freedom' (2017), co-directed with Niels Lengerke.

MOOSA LANE / MOOSA LANE

Director Anita Mathal Hopland **Producer** Sara Stockmann **Production** Sonntag Pictures **Genre** Documentary **Status** In production **Running time** 80 min.

International sales

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The story of a Scandinavian middle-class family struck by a devastating tragedy. Through 30 years of home video, 75,000 film negatives and a 1,000 mile Arctic Circle superhero mission, the film traces the lingering effects of a painful loss that affected each of the family members differently and gradually drew them apart.

First feature documentary directed by Christian Einshøj, an editor of a number of shorts, documentaries and features. His short documentary 'Haunted' (2018) won for best international short at Hot Docs.

THE MOUNTAIN / BJERGET

Director Christian Einshøj Producer Mathilde Hvid Lippmann Production Made in Copenhagen Appearances Søren Einshøj, Eva Einshøj, Frederik Einshøj, Alexander Einshøj **Genre** Documentary **Status** In production **Running time** 80 min.

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Zimbabwe is at a crossroads. The new leader of the opposition party, MDC, Nelson Chamisa, is challenging the old guard, ZANU-PF, represented by the acting president Emmerson Mnangagwa, also known as 'the crocodile'. The election will be the ultimate test for both the ruling party and for the opposition. How will they interpret the principles of democracy in a post-Mugabe era – in discourse and in practice?

Nielsson's documentary feature debut, 'Democrats' (2014), about Zimbabwe's power struggle for a new constitution won the Best Documentary prize at Nordisk Panorama and top awards at CPH:DOX and Tribeca Film Festival. Her follow-up documentary feature, 'President', also about Zimbabwe's transition to democracy, is selected for Sundance Film Festival.

Director Camilla Nielsson **Producer** Signe Byrge Sørensen, Joslyn Barnes **Production** Final Cut for Real Genre Documentary Status Released Running time 130 min.

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PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT



As the disaster of yet another school shooting hits, some parents are faced with a brutal fact: Their child was the one pulling the trigger. Jeff's son Andy shot and killed two classmates and wounded thirteen other students when he was 15. Andy is serving 25 to life. Clarence's son Nicholas killed his teacher and wounded another teacher in 1988 and is serving life. Sue's son Dylan was one of the two teenagers behind the Columbine Massacre in 1999. Dylan committed suicide. Through deeply personal stories the film explores guilt, denial, failure and responsibility, harassment, sorrow, friendship and love.

The third film in Frida and Lasse Barkfors' trilogy on social stigma, examining guilt and shame. Sundance award-winning 'Pervert Park' (2014) was the first, followed by 'Death of a Child' (2017).

SCHOOL SHOOTERS / SCHOOL SHOOTERS

Director Frida Barkfors, Lasse Barkfors Producer Anne Köhncke Production Final Cut for Real Appearances Nelson Chamisa, Thabani Mpofu, Nkululeko Sibanda **Genre** Documentary **Status** Completed **Running time** 75 min.

International sales

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Henrik, a Danish war veteran, returns to Denmark with post-traumatic stress syndrome after his second deployment in Afghanistan. After various failed treatment attempts he moves deep into the Amazon jungle trying to cure himself with plant medicine, including the world's most halogenic drink, Ayahuasca. The film follows Henrik's fight in the jungle over three years, offering a close-up of a broken human being, a man let down by the same society he tried to protect, on a journey that doesn't cure him the way he had hoped.

A directorial debut by Nikolaj Møller, a renowned still and fashion photographer.

THE SOLDIER / SOLDATEN

Director Nikolaj Møller Producer Lina Flint Production Nordisk Film / SPRING Genre Documentary Status Completed Running time 58 min.

International sales

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Throughout the ages, each time a new technology has appeared, it transforms our lives and society — today more than ever. Lead by digitalisation, followed by new living and intelligent technologies, our world is being transformed in a way that's difficult for us to comprehend. A group of the world's leading scientists isolate themselves for 10 days in the desert of New Mexico. They come from all corners of science representing environment, economy, democracy, social media, education and artificial technologies. Together, they want to start a movement with an ambitious goal: To secure the future of humanity through science by finding a path into a new paradigm.

Pernille Rose Grønkjær made her breakthrough with 'The Monastery' (2006), which won the Joris Ivens top award at IDFA plus several other prizes. Films include 'Love Addict' (2011), 'Genetic Me' (2014), 'Comedian Mind' (2017) and 'Hunting for Hedonia' (2019).

Director Pernille Rose Grønkjær **Producer** Sigrid Jonsson Dyekjær **Production** Danish Documentary Production **Genre** Documentary **Status** Completed **Running time** 75 min.

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SOLUTIONS / SOLUTIONS



A border is the strangest thing. Sometimes it feels arbitrary, other times as if it were set in stone, but always with an impact on those who experience it up close. A border can be tragic and comical – and often both at the same time. In the film we meet the local people living on the legendary border between Germany and Denmark, regular people living their regular lives, but who recently woke up to an unusual sight: Where there used to be open and harmonious demarcations between two friendly countries, there is now a politically inflamed wild boar fence, as a mythical wall against a Europe of dreams.

Jens Loftager has directed a number of shorts, documentaries and television series.

THERE IS A BORDER IN MY BACKYARD / HEGNET MOD EUROPA

Director Jens Loftager Producer Mille Haynes Production Meta Film Doc Appearances Thorsten Westphal, Ruth Larsen, Henrik Gotborg Hansen, Kristian Hansen **Genre** Documentary **Status** In production **Running time** 75 min.

International sales

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A film about the invisible life in the North of Denmark. Here, nature is rougher and faith is stronger than in the rest of the country. The hybrid documentary moves through the living, breathing organism of the heath, the sea and the woods. Guided by a voice from the past and accompanied by the testimonies and rituals of the present, the film invites you to tune into a different frequency – one, where you can hear the call from the sea, the pain of the woods, and feel the restlessness of the moor. The story is tightly bound to the landscape, but is also a universal tale about the need to belong and overcome death, letting the invisible life of myth and nature unfold in all its magical potential.

First feature-length documentary by Vibeke Bryld. She is behind the two short documentaries 'Bedtime Stories from the Axis of Evil' (2011) and 'Pebbles at Your Door' (2015), the latter selected for the short film competition at the Berlinale.

Director Vibeke Bryld Producer Heidi Elise Christensen Production Final Cut for Real Appearances Thorsten Westphal, Ruth Larsen, Henrik Gotborg Hansen, Kristian Hansen **Genre** Documentary **Status** Completed **Running time** 72 min.

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THYLAND / THYLAND



In the spring of 2019, more than 60,000 Danes signed a petition for a new climate law, and thousands of young people went on the streets to demonstrate for climate action NOW! When the national election came later on that year, it was evident that the politicians had to listen to the people. As a new government was chosen, the work to establish the world's most ambitious climate law began. The film closely follows the process of making this law through the political actors as wells as the young, frustrated climate activists. Is it possible to turn both politicians, citizens and the industry in a green direction, and will Denmark be successful in pushing an international agenda?

Phie Ambo is renowned for such titles as 'Family' (2001) and 'Good Things Await' (2014), as well as the trilogy 'Mechanical Love' (2007), 'Free the Mind' (2012) and 'When You Look Away' (2017) about science and human existence. .

Director Phie Ambo Producer Malene Flindt Pedersen Production Hansen & Pedersen Appearances Dan Jørgensen, Ida Auken, Selma de Montgomery, Esther Kjeldahl Genre Documentary Status Completed Running time 75 min.

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