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THE BASTARD / BASTARDEN

In the mid-1700s, Danish King Frederik V declared that the wild heath of Jutland should be tamed, cultivated, and colonized so that civilization could spread and new taxes be generated for the throne. However, no one dared to follow the King's decree. The heath meant certain death – a godforsaken place haunted by ravenous wolves, highwaymen, and a brutal, unforgiving nature. But in the late summer of 1755, a lone soldier by the name of Ludvig Kahlen rode into the heath in stubborn pursuit of a lifelong dream, determined to reach his goal: The heath would either bring him the wealth and honour he had long sought... or get the better of him.

Writer-director Nikolaj Arcel collaborates with scriptwriter Anders Thomas Jensen ('Riders of Justice') on his first Danish-language film since his Berlin-winning and Oscar-nominated 'A Royal Affair'. Mads Mikkelsen stars alongside Amanda Collin, Kristine Kujath Thorp and Gustav Lindh. Arcel graduated from The National Film School of Denmark in 2001 and apart from directing his own films, he has written scripts for some of the biggest local box-office hits in recent years.

Director Nikolaj Arcel
Screenplay Anders Thomas Jensen, Nikolaj Arcel

Producer Louise Vesth

Production Zentropa

Appearances Mads Mikkelsen, Amanda Collin, Simon Bennebjerg, Gustav Lindh

Genre Historical Drama

Status Post-production

Running Time 120 min.

International Sales

trustnordisk.com



BEFORE IT ENDS / BEFRIElsen

When a boarding school for young adults is turned into an internment camp for German refugees during the final months of World War II, the headmaster couple Jakob and Lis and their children are thrust into an impossible situation. Should the family help the refugees - or stand firm in the Danish resistance against the Germans?

BEFORE IT ENDS is inspired by true events and depicts a sensitive chapter in the history of Denmark: The handling of 250,000 German civil refugees who came to Denmark in the spring of 1945. The feature is a drama about a family under pressure and the limits of charity.

Writer/director Anders Walter kickstarted his career by winning an Academy Award for the short film 'Helium' in 2014. After this, he directed the American feature film 'I Kill Giants' (2017). Walter has both written and directed 'BEFORE IT ENDS', which is his first Danish feature. The main character is played by Danish actor Pilou Asbæk, known internationally for his role in 'Game of Thrones', and the oscar nominated feature 'A War'.

Director Anders Walter
Screenplay Anders Walter
Producer Miriam Nørgaard, Mette Høst Hansen, Tomas Radoor
Production Nordisk Film
Appearance Pilou Asbæk, Katrine Greis-Rosenthal, Ulrich Thomsen, Morten Hee Andersen

Genre Drama
Status Post-production
Running Time 94 min.
International Sales
trustnordisk.com



BIRTHDAY GIRL

/ BIRTHDAY GIRL

BIRTHDAY GIRL is a suspense drama set on a cruise ship bound for the Caribbean. Nanna, 42, has invited her daughter Cille and her best friend on a cruise to celebrate Cille's 18th birthday. Expectations are high, and they have big plans set for the days on aboard the cruise ship. But on the first evening, the dream vacation turns into a nightmare, and Nanna realises that in order to get justice, she must take matters into her own hands. A story about a mother's persevering quest for justice.

Michael Noer made his feature film debut with the prison drama 'R' (2010), co-directed with Tobias Lindholm. The film won top awards at Göteborg and Mumbai as well as several national film awards. Additionally, Noer also directed 'Northwest' (2013), 'Key House Mirror' (2015) as well as the international remake of 'Papillon' (2017) and 'Before the Frost' (2019), both selected for Toronto Film Festival.

Director Michael Noer
Screenplay Michael Noer,
Jesper Fink
Producer Matilda Appelin,
René Ezra

Production Nordisk Film
Appearances Trine Dyrholm, Flora
Ofelia Hoffmann Lindahl, Herman
Tømmerraas, Maja Ida Thiele

Genre Suspense Drama
Status Post-production
Running Time 90 min.
International Sales
trustnordisk.com



B.O.Y. / GLASSKÅR

16-year-old Tobias is forced by his absent mother to spend the summer with his grandparents on a small island. His grandfather takes care of his dementia-sick wife while working fulltime as a glazier. Tobias meets and falls in love with Aron, a local 25-year-old painter, who is also attracted to him. Tobias is not used to receiving love and attention from home, so the unfamiliar affection Aron offers is difficult to handle. Every time Aron gets close, Tobias pushes him away.

Director Søren Green holds a master's degree in Film Studies from University of Copenhagen and has directed a number of short films and a web series, before his feature debut B.O.Y. co-written with his writing partner Tomas Lagermand Lundme and is produced by Asta Film.

Director Søren Green

Screenplay Tomas Lagermand Lundme, Søren Green

Producer Pelle Folmer, Morten Holst, Per Holst

Production Asta Film

Appearances Noa Viktor Risbro Hjerrild, Jens Jørn Spottag, Alexander Larsen, Bodil Jørgensen

Genre Drama

Status Post-production

Running Time approx. 80 min.

International Sales
levelk.dk



COPENHAGEN DOES NOT EXIST

/ KØBENHAVN FINDES IKKE

A young woman has disappeared without a trace. Three months later her boyfriend agrees to an unusual arrangement: to be locked in an apartment and interrogated by the woman's father. It soon becomes obvious that even long before her disappearance, the two lovers had chosen a strange and unconventional life: cut off from the world, isolated in the middle of the big city.

Skovbjerg made his debut with 'Sticks and Stones', which premiered at London Film Festival in 2018 and won a prize at the Danish Robert Awards. He became a prominent voice among the young generation with his two youth series 'Anton90' and 'Fastland'.

The film is based on the Norwegian novel 'Sander' by Terje Holtet. The screenplay is written by Eskil Vogt, who came to prominence with his collaboration with Joachim Trier.

Director Martin Skovbjerg

Screenplay Eskil Vogt

Producer Eva Jakobsen,
Katrin Pors, Mikkel Jersin

Production Snowglobe

Appearances Angela Bundalovic,
Jonas Holst Schmidt, Zlatko Buric,
Christopher Læssø

Genre Suspense drama

Status World premiere /
Rotterdam 2023

Running Time 95 min.

International Sales
trustnordisk.com



EMPIRE / VIFTEN

The Danish West Indies, 1848. Anna and Petrine have had a sister-like friendship for years. They are both women of colour living within the Danish colonial system, but Petrine is an enslaved housekeeper and Anna is her owner. Anna is free and shares her life with the white Danish Governor General. She has made a fortune trading enslaved people while at the same time encouraging better conditions for the enslaved. Petrine wants to buy her own freedom but fears hurting Anna, as rumours of a slave riot threaten Anna's privileged position in Danish society. As with everything in this story, nothing is just black or white.

Empire is a non-traditional period piece about Denmark's relatively unknown colonial past, written by Danish-Nigerian Anna Neye and directed by Frederikke Aspöck. Like the director's previous three features, Empire examines the extreme complexity of individual characters. Her most recent film, the prison comedy-drama 'Out Of Tune' (2019), premiered in Rotterdam and became a national box-office hit.

Director Frederikke Aspöck

Screenplay Anna Neye

Producer Pernille Munk
Skydsgaard, Nina Leidersdorff,
Meta Louise Foldager Sørensen

Production Meta Film

Appearances Sara Fanta Traore,
Anna Neye, Claus Riis Østergaard,
Jesper Groth

Genre Drama, Comedy

Status World premiere /
Gothenburg 2023

Running Time 95 min.

International Sales
reinvent.dk



ETERNAL / FOR EVIGT

Young climate change scientist, Elias falls in love with an aspiring singer, Anita. However, when an opportunity arises for him to join a mission researching a dangerous climate change phenomenon – a mysterious fracture on the ocean floor – he chooses career over love. Years later, during his mission, he experiences a vision of what could have been had he made a different choice. What follows is the unrelenting fight to restore his old life and love.

Writer-director Ulaa Salim graduated as a director from The National Film School of Denmark in 2017. His 2019 feature debut 'Sons of Denmark' premiered at Rotterdam International Film Festival. ETERNAL stars Simon Sears ('Shorta') and Danish singer-songwriter Nanna Øland Fabricius and is produced by Daniel Mühlendorph for Hyaene Film.

Director Ulaa Salim
Screenplay Ulaa Salim
Producer Daniel Mühlendorph
Production Hyæne Film
Appearances Simon Sears,
Nanna Øland Fabricius, Halddóra
Geirharosdottir, Magnus Krepper

Genre Sci-Fi Drama
Status Post-production
Running Time 99 min.
International Sales
neweuropemfilmsales.com



THE IDIOT / IDIOTEN

Tobias and Cille are lovers with a troubled past, determined to turn their lives around. Tobias is out of rehab and Cille is slowly getting back to a normal life after years of mental and physical illness. The young couple is now expecting their first child but despite the happy circumstances, their unfortunate past seems to cling to them. During a rehabilitation course, Tobias discovers that he wants to become an actor. However, people around him do not approve of his newfound joy and neither do social services, who are more than familiar with Tobias and Cille. They start questioning if the young couple is at all fit for parenthood.

Writer-director Kasper Rune Larsen made his feature debut with the no-budget film 'Denmark', which screened in Generation 14Plus at the Berlinale in 2018. THE IDIOT is inspired by the director and his actors' own upbringing, life and experiences, which form the basis for the direction and the improvised acting. The main character is played by writer-musician Jacob Skyggebjerg who made his acting debut in 'Denmark'.

Director Kasper Rune Larsen

Screenplay Kasper Rune Larsen

Producer Henrik Underbjerg

Production

Stray Dog Productions

Appearances Jacob Skyggebjerg,

Sarah Juel Werner, Morten

Lundgaard, Pernille Bergendorff

Genre Drama

Status Post-production

Running Time 95 min.

International Sales TBC



KALAK / KALAK

Based on the autobiographic award-winning novel by Danish-Norwegian author Kim Leine, KALAK deals with the relationship between Denmark and Greenland, the oppressor and the oppressed, the molester and the survivor, individualist and collectivist society. Jan, a family father and nurse, is on a selfdestructive run from himself as a victim of sexual abuse. He takes a job in Greenland where he yearns to be a part of the open, collectivist culture, but really just tries to fuck his way in. When someone calls him a Kalak, a local word meaning both a “true” and “dirty” Greenlander, he wears it as a badge of honour, but ultimately has to confront his past.

Director Isabella Eklöf co-wrote the script with the author and Sissel Dalsgaard Thomsen. She unapologetically exposes the beauty and ugliness of human nature as in her acclaimed debut ‘Holiday’, which premiered in Sundance. She previously co-wrote ‘Border’ and recently directed episodes of Apple’s ‘The Servant’ and HBO’s ‘Industry’.

Director Isabella Eklöf
Screenplay Kim Leine, Isabella Eklöf, Sissel Dalsgaard Thomsen
Producer Maria Møller Kjeldgaard
Production Manna Film
Appearances Emil Johnsen, Asta August, Berda Larsen, Connie Kristoffersen, Vigga Tukula

Genre Drama
Status Post-production
Running Time 137 min.
International Sales
totem-films.com



MADAME IDA (WORKING TITLE) / MADAME IDA

In the early 1950s, fifteen-year-old Cecilia has become unwillingly pregnant due to a sexual assault by the warden of the orphanage in which she grew up. To conceal the pregnancy, the orphanage decides that Cecilia is to give away her unborn child to Ida, who desperately wants to adopt, and who lives alone with her maid Alma in an old, isolated mansion. Cecilia is sent to live at the mansion for the duration of her pregnancy and for a time the three women constitute an odd family, where they each find respite for their loneliness, sorrow and longing. But with the arrival of the baby, the harmonious circumstances suddenly change. MADAME IDA is a story about longing for love and affection, and about the extreme measures to which we will go to achieve it.

Jacob Møller, a 2019 graduate from the National Film School, makes his feature debut as writer-director, which stars Flora Ofelia Lindahl Hoffmann as Cecilia, who won the Silver Shell for Best Leading Performance in 'As in Heaven' at the San Sebastian Film Festival in 2021.

Director Jacob Møller
Screenplay Jacob Møller
Producer Charlotte Hjordt
Production Zentropa
Appearances Flora Ofelia
Hofmann Lindahl, Christine Albeck
Børge, Karen-Lise Mynster

Genre Drama
Status Post-Production
Running Time 90 min.
International Sales
trustnordisk.com



MONTY AND HIS WEIRD BRAIN

/ MUGGE & HANS MÆRKELEGE HJERNE

When the ever optimistic boy Monty causes the school's computer to crash during a test, he is immediately put in a special-needs class and deemed unlikely to ever succeed. Monty decides to start his own school, a school that accomodates kids with strange brains! Meanwhile, Monty's best friend Sofia is enrolls in the militant and elitist Killer Instinct School System. Monty and Sofia go separate ways, and soon their friendship is hanging by a thread. When the "Education Olympics" are announced, the conflict between Monty and Sofia escalates, and they now face the showdown of a lifetime...

MONTY AND HIS WEIRD BRAIN is an animation film from the hands of the comedy duo Wulffmorgenthaler and is a playful, crazy and remarkable family film. The film is second in the series of Monty, the first being 'Monty and the Street Party' which premiered in Generation Kplus at the Berlinale in 2020.

Director Anders Morgenthaler,
Mikael Wulff

Screenplay Anders Morgenthaler,
Mikael Wulff

Producer Jonas Bagger,
Julie Lind-Holm

Production Zentropa

Voices Jens Jacob Tychsen,
Stephania Potalivo, Iben Hjejle,
Nikolaj Kopernikus, Birthe
Neumann, Mia Lyhne

Genre Animation

Status Released Domestically

Running Time 84 min.

International Sales

trustnordisk.com



MR. FREEMAN / MR. FREEMAN

When the lonely teenager Simone starts an online relationship with a sweet and handsome Ghanesian man called Freeman, she persuades her reluctant parents to let him visit for a few weeks. As Simone's involvement with Freeman grows, the reluctance of her family increases, and Simone's rebellion snowballs into an avalanche which threatens to tear the family apart forever.

Mads Matthiesen graduated as a director from the alternative Danish film school "Super 16" in 2008. His debut feature 'Teddy Bear' (2012) took home the prestigious Directing Award from Sundance Film Festival. He has also won numerous awards for his shorts and 'Mr. Freeman' is his third feature film following 'The Model' (2016).

Director Mads Matthiesen
Screenplay Mads Matthiesen
Producer Jonas Bagger
Production Zentropa
Appearance Lina Lund
Jørgensen, Daouda Keita, Mia
Lyhne, Nicolas Bro

Genre Drama
Status Post-production
Running Time 90 min.
International Sales
trustnordisk.com



THE QUIET MIGRATION

/ STILLE LIV

Carl lives a quiet life in the countryside with his adoptive parents. His destiny is predetermined, being the only son and expected to take over his parents' farm and carry on the family's proud farming traditions. It has been this way for generations and with Carl's help it will continue. But Carl doesn't fit in and he knows he can't fulfil his parents' dream. He wants something different. As an adopted child from South Korea, Carl carries a secret longing: the wish to find his own place and his roots. Torn between two worlds, Carl must make a choice about where he belongs. The film revolves around 'ties of blood' and 'belonging and not belonging' as adoptees try to find themselves and their place in the adoptive family.

Malene Choi's feature-length debut 'The Return', also dealing with transnational adoption, premiered and received a Special Mention in Rotterdam in 2018 and went on to numerous other festivals including Gothenburg, CPH:DOX and Toronto Hot Docs. 'The Quiet Migration' is her first full fiction project.

Director Malene Choi
Screenplay Malene Choi,
Sissel Dalsgaard Thomsen
Producer Maria Møller Kjeldgaard
Production Manna Film
Appearances Cornelius Won
Riedel-Clausen, Bodil Jørgensen,
Bjarne Henriksen

Genre Drama
Status World premiere /
Berlin 2023
Running Time 102 min.
International Sales
trustnordisk.com



Feature Debut

ROSA AND THE STONE TROLL / ROSELIL OG STENTROLDEN

Rosa is a small flower fairy used to living alone in her rose bush. She dreams of having a friend, but is too scared to leave. When Mr. and Mrs. Mouse, who live under the rose bush, can't find a bride for their son, Rosa offers to marry him instead. However she quickly regrets it as she doesn't fit in with a mouse at all. Fortunately, Rosa is rescued before the wedding by the cool and brave butterfly Silk. They quickly become friends, and when Silk is kidnapped by a dangerous Stone Troll, Rosa finally overcomes her fears of everything and venture out to save her new best friend.

The animated feature ROSA AND THE STONE TROLL is based on a childrens book and marks the feature debut of director Karla Nor Holmbäck. She graduated as Animation Director from the acclaimed National Film School of Denmark in 2018 and has been working as an illustrator and author of children books since her graduation.

Director Karla Nor Holmbäck
Screenplay Toke Westmark
Producer Marie Bro
Production Dansk Tegnefilm
Voices Ghita Nørby, Rasmus Botoft, Bodil Jørgensen, Lars Knutzon

Genre Animation
Status Festival premiere / Annecy 2023
Running Time 75 min.
International Sales
levelk.dk



SUPERPOSITION / SUPERPOSITION

The creative couple Stine and Teit and their young son Nemo leave their urban life in Copenhagen behind in favour of an isolated forest in Sweden, where they hope to find themselves as individuals while documenting their new lifestyle in an ongoing podcast series. Regretfully, they realise there's another couple across the lake, who are surprisingly like themselves. Soon, old grudges and selfish desires begin to take over, forcing them to confront their own egos.

This psychological thriller deals with the fundamental split between self-realisation and being present in life. Most of us have immense ambitions for our lives and self-expression, as well as for our happiness and our partner. SUPERPOSITION sheds light on the modern day relationship and investigates whether we are in fact too self-absorbed to be together.

Feature debut by Karoline Lyngbye. The cast includes established actors Mikkel Boe Følsgaard and Marie Bach Hansen.

Director Karoline Lyngbye
Screenplay Karoline Lyngbye,
Mikkel Bak Sørensen, Sune Elskær
Producer Amalie Lyngbo Quist
Production Beo Starling
Appearances Mikkel Boe
Følsgaard, Marie Bach Hansen

Genre Psychological Drama
Status World premiere /
Rotterdam 2023
Running Time 105 min.
International Sales
trustnordisk.com

UPCOMING FEATURE FILMS 2023/2024

TITLE	DIRECTOR	GENRE	SALES AGENT	PRODUCTION
STRANGER	Mads Hedegaard	Sci-Fi	ReInvent	Motor Film
CYKOSE (working title)	Kari Vidø	Drama	ReInvent	SF Studios
MASKERADE (working title)	Christina Rosendahl	Drama	TBC	Nimbus Film
THE END	Joshua Oppenheimer	Musical	The Match Factory	Final Cut for Real
THE LAST PARADISE ON EARTH	Sakaris Fridi Stórá	Drama	TBC	Adomeit Film
KÆRLIGHEDENS GERNINGER (working title)	Jeppe Rønde	Drama	TBC	Paloma Productions
VEJEN HJEM (working title)	Charlotte Sieling	Drama	TBC	Toolbox Film
NIGHTWATCH - DEMONS ARE FOREVER	Ole Bornedal	Thriller	TrustNordisk	Nordisk Film
AT VOKSE OP ER IKKE FOR BØRN (working title)	Sylvia de Fanu	Drama	TBC	Adomeit Film
HONEY, HONEY	Natasha Arthy	Family	TBC	Toolbox Film
VOGTER (working title)	Gustav Møller	Drama	Films des Losange	Nordisk Film



BALLOON WARS / BALLON KRIGEN

In 1998, Brazil was the first country in the world to imprison people who released hot-air balloons.

A coming-of-age film from inside a secretive gang scene in Brazil, where a passion for making, flying and chasing hot air balloons reigns alongside sacrifice, paranoia and obsessions.

BALLOON WARS travels into the heart of Brazil's favelas where a hidden society of hot air balloon makers sacrifice everything to make their illegal creations fly. Under the wings of the legendary balloon maker Jabá, balloon hunter Ton and godfather Sergio, 19 year old Sissel, the director, is initiated into the balloon brotherhood, where silk paper and delirious flying objects sweep her into an addictive kinship.

Sissel Morell Dargis studied at the film school Escuela Internacional de Cine y Televisión in Cuba and the National Film School of Denmark.

Director Sissel Morell Dargis
Screenplay Sissel Morell Dargis
Producer Jesper Jack,
Marie Schmidt Olesen
Production House of Real

Genre Documentary
Status Post-production
Running Time 92 min.
International Sales
houseofreal.net



BEFORE THE STORM / FØR STORMEN

Something looms on the horizon of the tiny Danish Wadden Sea island, Mandø, with its 28 inhabitants. Climate change experts predict the warming of the ocean and the rising water level. The few remaining islanders pay no heed to these warnings. Caught up in their everyday lives they seem to be oblivious to this impending catastrophe. We meet Gregers, the island's last farmer, Ellen, who manages the smallest supermarket in Denmark, Ornithologist Niels, and Mie, getting ready for her 100th birthday. An exploration of the tension between the quotidian lives of the islanders in the face of the destructive force of the looming storm.

The islanders' oblivious attitude towards climate change doesn't come from a place of arrogance or recklessness. They know how to live from the land they inhabit and from the sea around them. The island is a reservoir of a particular knowledge about sustainably existence being in this endangered world.

Director Juan Palacios,
Sofie Husum Johannesen
Screenplay Juan Palacios
Producer Kasper Lykke Schultz
Production Elk Film

Genre Documentary
Status Post-production
Running Time 86 min.
International Sales
elkfilm.dk



CAN'T FEEL NOTHING / REMOTE CONTROL

Recent studies suggest a direct correlation between internet use and a broad range of emotional disorders. Some experts even consider this to be the root cause of the global mental health crisis. So, what's happening - what is the Internet doing to us? Troubled by these findings, the director sets out to find answers and the people responsible. Across four continents, he finds a disturbing present where companies and individuals use the power of the internet to remotely control our decision-making with huge emotional tolls not only on us, their targets, but also on themselves. From emotion AI companies that claim to be able to stimulate any emotion in a human subject, to trolls in the US that harness the power of anger, to Chinese live-streamers that study how to make their viewers fall in love, and Russian TikTok propagandists who strive to make Russian people take pride in the war in Ukraine.

Are we witnessing the erosion of human autonomy, or are our concerns exaggerated? Can our emotions be remote controlled?

Director David Borenstein
Screenplay David Borenstein
Producer Jesper Jack,
Mathilde Schytz Marvit
Production House of Real

Genre Documentary
Status In production
Running Time 90 min.
International Sales
houseofreal.net



DAUGHTER OF GENGHIS / DAUGHTER OF GENGHIS

The story of Gerel, a violent neo-nationalist, who wants to protect her country against foreign dominance and exploitation. For thousands of years the Mongols and Chinese have been enemies, and today the proudly nomadic Mongolia is a poverty stricken country, with 3 million people surrounded by China and Russia. We follow Gerel and her son Temuleen for 7 years, charting the dramatic changes in their life. In the beginning she raids brothels and gambling dens with her gang of women. She is fueled by a desire to change society, but Gerel's activism leads to neglect of her own son. She realizes that her hatred is connected to her own personal traumas. Gerel must revisit everything she holds dear to learn how to be a caring mother to her son.

All across the globe the far right is on the rise, and we want to understand it's attraction. Mining by foreign companies dominate the Mongolian economy, and urban life has largely replaced the nomadic horse culture. This story exposes the challenges a globalized modern economy poses to vulnerable indigenous populations, and how hatred and violence has roots in personal trauma.

Director Christian Als,
Kristoffer Juel Poulsen
Producer Andreas Dalsgaard
Production Elk Film

Genre Documentary
Status In production
Running Time 90 min.
International Sales
Creative Artist Agency
caa.com



THE END OF QUIET / THE END OF QUIET

In a remote rural community in West Virginia, a powerful radio telescope is listening into space to unlock the mysteries of the universe. Meanwhile, living in the quietest place on earth with no cell phones or WI-FI, the locals are faced with the mysteries of life itself. **THE END OF QUIET** digs deep into what seemingly is a simpler and less hectic and demanding life than the world most of us live in. The absence of wireless communication, social media and entertainment on demand seemingly paints a utopian picture that will resonate with the audience. However, things are never that simple and the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Both directors graduated from the National Film School in Lodz and have a long list of both documentaries and short fictions to their names. The film is a unique three-year-long collaboration between the directors and the internationally acclaimed editor Charlotte Munch Bengtsen. She recently edited the Oscar-nominated 'All that Breathes' and the multiple award-winning box-office-hit, 'The Truffle Hunters'.

Director Kasper Bisgaard,
Mikael Lypinski
Screenplay Kasper Bisgaard,
Mikael Lypinski
Producer Sara Stockmann
Production Sonntag Pictures

Genre Documentary
Status Post-production
Running Time 85 min.
International Sales
sonntagpictures.com



LYSET / LYSET

The artwork 'Peace Sculpture' created by artist Elle-Mie Ejdrup for the commemoration of Denmark's liberation of the Nazi occupation on May 4, 1995. It was Denmark's largest work of art and sparked a historic controversy. The artwork, which involved a 532 km long laser beam along the bunkers on the west coast, triggered a heated national debate among former resistance fighters, politicians, and the Danish press regarding the dark past of the country. The controversy became so intense that the artist and her team received death threats, rape threats, and human feces by post. The scandal, fueled by sexist media coverage portraying Elle-Mie as incompetent, led her to be ostracized from the Danish art world for two decades. LYSET is a unique perspective on history and provides a platform for voices that have been marginalized and ignored for far too long.

Alexander Lind graduated from The National Danish Film School in 2013 with his documentary film 'Carl & Niels', which was selected for IDFA and won "Best New Nordic Voice" at Nordisk Panorama.

Director Alexander Lind
Producer Emil Johnsen
Production GotFat Productions
Appearances Elle-Mie Ejdrup
Hansen, Jytte Hilden, Michael
Thouber m.fl.

Genre Documentary
Status Post-production
Running Time 70 min.
International Sales
gotfat.dk



THE MONK / MUNKEN

An existential investigation, a spiritual mystery, and a moving family drama. THE MONK sifts through questions of identity, transcendence, and the pursuit of happiness.

The story of a film crew and a young man who travel deep into the Sri Lankan jungle to understand the mystery of his father, a renowned Danish HIV researcher who left both job and family to live as a monk in isolation for 17 years, who ended up committing suicide and leaving behind 200 hours of video material from his years in the jungle.

The documentary directors, Mira Jargil and Christian Sønderby Jepsen have created multiple award-winning feature documentaries, amongst others 'Reunited', 'The Will', 'Side by Side' and 'Natural Disorder'. Together they founded the production company Moving Documentary. Both are graduates from the National Film School of Denmark.

Director Mira Jargil, Christian Sønderby Jepsen

Screenplay Mira Jargil

Producer Christian Sønderby Jepsen

Production Moving Documentary

Genre Documentary

Status Post-production

Running Time 90 min.

International Sales
autlookfilms.com



THE MOUNTAINS / BJERGENE

Two decades after the tragic death of his baby brother, director Christians Einshøj's family is falling apart. When his overworked CEO dad is unexpectedly let off and decides to sell the family home, Christian goes back home in a final, desperate attempt to assemble the family and recover what is lost. Armed with 30 years of home-video, 75.000 family photos and three tightly fit superhero costumes, he ventures into landscapes of long-lost time, in an attempt to confront a 25-year old tragedy, and the hidden wounds left in its wake.

THE MOUNTAINS is a story of fathers and sons, of vast collections of stamps and amateur videography, of long-distance business-class flights and all the other ways in which we flee, instead of talking about what hurts – and of the redemption that can follow when the silence is eventually breached.

THE MOUNTAINS won Best International Feature Award at Hot Docs 2023.

Director Christian Einshøj
Producer Mathilde Hvid Lippmann
Production Made in Copenhagen
Appearances Frederik Einshøj,
Alexander Einshøj, Christian
Einshøj, Søren Einshøj, Eva Einshøj,
Kristoffer Einshøj

Genre Documentary
Status World premiere /
CPH:DOX 2023
Running Time 88 min.
International Sales
madeincopenhagen.dk



REVIR - EVERYTHING YOU HOLD DEAR / REVIR

REVIR is a story about longing for a life that isn't handed to you. Siblings Susie and Sune have been left to themselves since childhood. Together they buy an old farmhouse and surround themselves with animals – live, dead and in different stages of resurrection: She is a promising taxidermist and he has decided to support her dream of running her own business. But they long for different things and cracks begin to show.

The film explores the landscape inhabited by Susie and Sune and the nature that inhabits them. Is siblinghood enough? Or is it too much?

Peter Hammer is debuting as a film director with this cinematic tale about a very special relationship between two people and all the animals they are surrounded by.

Director Peter Hammer
Producer Vibeke Vogel
Production Bullitt Film
Appearances Sune Baltzersen,
Susie Baltzersen

Genre Documentary
Status World premiere/
CPH:DOX 2023
Running Time 84 min.
International Sales
bullittfilm.dk



SILENT SUN OF RUSSIA

/ VI ER RUSLAND

Powerlessness comes in the form of bewilderment and restlessness as three young Russian women can no longer see a future for themselves in Russia, each seeking to navigate their path to freedom. From 2018 to 2022 the film follows the life of Alike, Alyona and Katya. In search for love, friendship, and the dream of escaping Putin's Russia, the three women struggle and despite strong wills often turn to escapism.

In a new reality, the future of the three women has been put further under pressure and following Western sanctions, it has become even more difficult to leave Russia. At the same time, it is almost unthinkable to stay. Life in another country is challenging and soon overshadowed by the question of responsibility.

Sybilla Tuxen is a documentary film director and photographer; she graduated from The National Film School of Denmark (2017). In 2011 she moved to St. Petersburg where she studied Russian at university. SILENT SUN OF RUSSIA is her feature documentary debut.

Director Sybilla Tuxen
Producer Rikke Tambo Andersen,
Maria Møller Christoffersen
Production Tambo Film

Genre Documentary
Status World premiere /
CPH:DOX 2023
Running Time 75 min.
International Sales
tambofilm.dk



A STORM FORETOLD / A STORM FORETOLD

USA, January 6, 2021. US congressmen are gathered in parliament at the Capitol about to approve the election result and declare Joe Biden the winner. Less than a mile away, Donald Trump is urging the crowd to march towards the Capitol. A few hours later, five people are killed and 141 wounded. With Trump's political godfather, Roger Stone, as its central character, A STORM FORETOLD documents how Trump's presidential period had to find its logical endpoint with The Storm on the Capitol. The director set out to follow the 'Make America Great Again' movement and ends up a close witness to the historical events at the centre of American democracy.

Christoffer Guldbrandsen's portrayals of politicians and political events include 'The Road to Europe' (2003) about Danish Prime Minister and EU President, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, in the negotiations towards the EU's expansion, 'The Secret War' (2006) about Denmark's military presence in Afghanistan, and 'The President' (2011) about how Europe got its first president.

Director Christoffer Guldbrandsen
Screenplay Christoffer Guldbrandsen, Omer Sami, Caroline Boas

Producer Peter Engel, Henrik Veileborg
Production Guldbrandsen Film
Appearances Roger Stone, Donald Trump, Alex Jones

Genre Documentary
Status World premiere / CPH:DOX 2023
Running Time 90 min.
International Sales submarine.com



THEATRE OF VIOLENCE / THEATRE OF VIOLENCE

Dominic Ongwen was 9 and on his way to school when he became one of the 20,000 children abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). LRA is led by Joseph Kony, who uses mysticism and cruelty to turn children into ferocious killers, all in the name of freeing the Ugandan people from the rule of the brutal regime of Yoweri Museveni and leaving more than 100,000 dead in the process. Tortured and brutalised, Ongwen quickly learned to kill or be killed. Over the course of 26 years, he learned to follow orders so well that he rose through the ranks. He was one of the five LRA leaders indicted for crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The lawyer Krispus Ayena has chosen to defend Ongwen. He is under immense pressure, both from his people who were victims of the conflict and from the Ugandan government itself. The film follows Dominic Ongwen's trial and tells the story of the Northern Uganda conflict.

Director Emil Langballe,
Lukasz Konopa

Producer Helle Faber,
Heidi Kim Andersen

Production Made in Copenhagen

Appearances Dominic Ongwen,
Krispus Ayena

Genre Documentary

Status World premiere /
CPH:DOX 2023

Running Time 106 min.

International Sales
dogwoof.com



TWICE COLONIZED / TWICE COLONIZED

Renowned Inuit lawyer Aaju Peter has led a lifelong fight for the rights of her people. When her son dies to suicide, Aaju embarks on a personal journey to bring her colonizers to justice. She channels her pain into writing an autobiography and takes on the difficult task of creating a permanent forum for Indigenous issues in the EU, ensuring that Indigenous people have a seat and a voice in European policy. But as tension builds, a key question arises: is it possible to change the world and yourself at the same time?

In her first feature documentary, Danish director Lin Alluna confronts her home country's dark colonial past. Co-written by its protagonist Aaju Peter, *Twice Colonized* is a brutal and brutally honest portrait of the life and work of one of the most important voices of the Arctic, and her continued fight to break free from the chains of colonization. A collaboration between Greenland, Canada, and Denmark, *Twice Colonized* is the first formal co-production between Inuit across colonial borders.

Director Lin Alluna
Screenplay Aaju Peter, Lin Alluna
Producer Emile Hertling Péronard,
Alethea Arnaquq-Baril, Stacey
Aglok MacDonald, Bob Moore
Production Ánorâk Film

Genre Documentary
Status World premiere /
Sundance 2023
Running Time 91 min.
International Sales
autlookfilms.com



WHEN TWO BECOME ONE

/ FORESTILLINGEN OM KÆRLIGHED

WHEN TWO BECOME ONE portrays a soon to be extinct generation, who has lived longer time of their life in a partnership than by themselves. Ten men and women (80+) from Denmark openly and honestly put their heartbreak and grief into words and losing their partner through a journey back memory lane. A hopeful, life-affirming, sensuous and poetic ensemble portrait of a unique generation, who will soon not be with us any longer.

Zara Zerny holds a bachelor's degree from Rietveld School of Art & Design in Amsterdam and graduated as a film director from the indie school Super16 in Copenhagen. Zara has worked with and portrayed elderly people and she continues to give a dying generation a voice, whose perception of love and partnership is unique and radically differentiates from later generation's individualism.

Director Zara Zerny
Screenplay Zara Zerny
Producer Maria Møller Kjeldgaard
Production Manna Film

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