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UPCOMING - PROMOREEL AVAILABLE

INTO THE WONDERWOODS

DIRECTORS Vincent Paronnaud (Persepolis - Cannes Jury prize and Oscar-nominated, 2007) & Alexis Ducord (Zombillenium, Cannes 2017) PRODUCERS Je Suis Bien Content (April and the Extraordinary World, Persepolis), Gaoshan Pictures (Le Petit Nicolas, 1 lost my body) CAST Philippe Catherine, Jose Garcia, Yolande Moreau FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR Le Pacte (24th Oct 2024)

A \$10M BUDGET FAMILY-DRIVEN 3D ANIMATION BASED ON THE FRENCH COMICS



10-year-old Angelo dreams of becoming an explorer and a zoologist.

When he hits the road with his family to visit his beloved granny, his distracted parents leave him behind at a rest stop. Left to his own devices, Angelo decides to cut through the forest in search of his family.

He enters a dark and mysterious world inhabited by strange creatures, some friendlier than others...

France Language: French Available version: English 80' UPCOMING - PROMOREEL AVAILABLE

The Netherlands, Luxemburg, Belgium Language: English Available versions: French, Dutch 70' Delivery: Q2 2024

FOX & HARE SAVE THE FOREST

DIRECTOR **Mascha Halberstad** (*Oink's Revenge*, Berlinale 2022) PRODUCERS – by the same team behind the TV SERIES **Submarine** (*Where is Anne Frank?*), **Doghouse** (*Pachamama*), **Walking The Dog** (*Richard the Stork*) FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR **Eurozoom**

A \$6M BUDGET ENGLISH-LANGUAGE 3D ANIMATION BASED UPON THE TV SERIES FOX & HARE, SOLD TO OVER 25 TERRITORIES. BROADCASTERS INCLUDE THE BBC AND CANAL +



Fox and Hare live a happy life, surrounded by a joyful bunch who's become like family. One day, they find that Owl has gone missing.

Together with their friends, they search the forest to find him, but instead discover a big lake that wasn't there before. Could this have anything to do with their friend's disappearance? They must go and find Owl, who is somewhere out there in the rapidly-rising water...



IN THE NAME OF BLOOD (BRÛLE LE SANG)

Thriller France, Belgium, Georgia Language: French, Georgian 105' Delivery: Q3 2024

DIRECTOR Akaki Popkhadze WRITERS Akaki Popkhadze & Florent Hill-Chouaki PRODUCERS Adastra Films, Gemini, Beside Productions CAST Denis Lavant, Nicolas Duvauchelle, Finnegan Oldfield, Florent Hill-Chouaki FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR ARP Selection



In the working-class neighborhoods of Nice, a pillar of the local Georgian community is murdered. His son Tristan, who aspires to become an orthodox priest, finds himself alone with his grieving mother. Gabriel, his older brother with a troubled past, reappears from a long exile to make amends by redeeming his family's honour.



DIRECTOR Jean-François Laguionie (Louise By The Shore, A Prince's Voyage) PRODUCERS JPL Films, Mélusine Productions FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR Gebeka

BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAINTING & LOUISE BY THE SHORE

Animation France, Luxembourg Language: French Delivery: Q3 2024



1940s, near the Marne river. François is a daydreaming and lonely child. One day he and his father start to build, in the family garden, a replica of Joshua Slocum's sailboat, the first navigator to have sailed around the world alone. The two embark on an adventure, somewhere between reality and imaginary.

UPCOMING

Animation France Language: French Delivery: Q3 2026

THE HERMIT AND THE BEAR

DIRECTOR Marine Blin PRODUCERS Tant Mieux Production, Sun Creature FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR KMBO

BASED UPON THE HOMONYMOUS CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITTEN BY JOHN YEOMAN AND ILLUSTRATED BY QUENTIN BLAKE (MATILDA, CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY)



Adapted from a 1990s tome, the film follows the long apprenticeship between a lonely bear and an irascible hermit. Beginning as an awkward pupil and a rusty teacher, the pair's bond soon develops into an unusual and life-affirming fellowship. The duo sets off into the forest, singing the benefits of friendship to all the woodland critters.

IF ONLY I COULD HIBERNATE

Drama I 2023 Mongolia, France, Switzerland, Qatar Language: Mongolian

WATCH TRAILER

DIRECTOR Zoljargal Purevdash

PRODUCERS **Fréderic Corvez, Maeva Savinien** (Urban Factory), **Zoljargal Purevdash** (Amygdala Films) CAST **Battsooj Uurtsaikh, Nominjiguur Tsend, Tuguldur Batsaikhan, Batmandakh Batchuluun** FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR **Eurozoom** (10th Jan 2024)

"This assured feautre is a drama which is rooted in the political, but is never heavy-handed" **SCREEN**DAILY



A poor but prideful teenager, Ulzii, lives in the yurt area of Ulaanbaatar with his family. He is a physics genius and is determined to win a science competition to earn a scholarship. When his mother finds a job in the countryside, she leaves him and his younger siblings to face a harsh winter by themselves. Ulzii will have to take a risky job to look after them all and keep his home heated.

DESERTS

DIRECTOR Faouzi Bensaïdi PRODUCERS Barney Production, NiKo Film, Entre Chien et Loup, Mont Fleuri Production CAST Fehd Benchemsi (American Sniper, Queen of the Desert), Abdelhadi Taleb FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR Sophie Dulac

"Faouzi Bensaïdi delivers an ambitious film of two halves set in the harsh

moroccan desert" Ccineuropa



Mehdi & Hamid work for a collection agency in Casablanca. Prisoners of their own wandering, the two gawky associates visit remote villages of the great South of Morocco in order to get money out of indebted people.

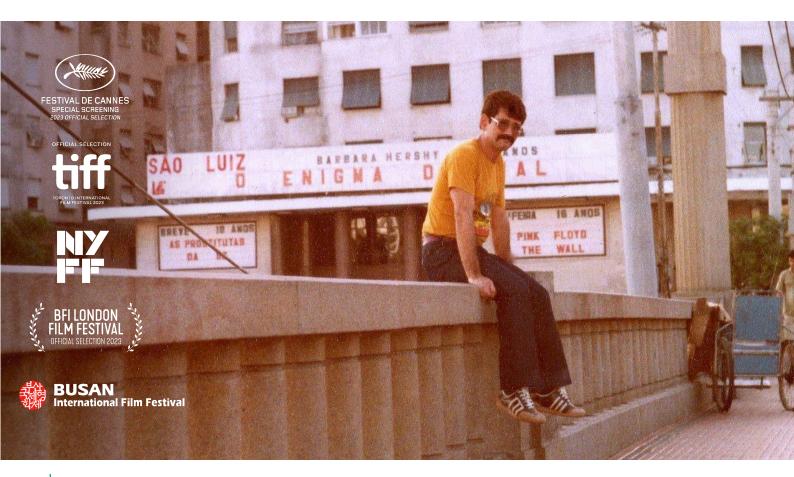
Western I 2023 France, Germany, Morocco, Belgium Language: Arabic 120'



2023 Brazil Language: Portuguese

WATCH TRAILER

DIRECTOR **Kleber Mendonça Filho** (*Aquarius, Bacurau* - Jury Prize Cannes 2019) PRODUCERS **Emilie Lesclaux** (CinemaScópio), **Silvia Cruz, Felipe Lopes** (Vitrine Filmes) USA DISTRIBUTOR **Grasshopper Film** FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR **Urban Distribution** & **Dean Medias** (1st Nov 2023)



PICTURES OF GHOSTS is a multidimensional journey through time, sound, architecture and filmmaking, set in the urban landscape of Recife, Brazilian coastal capital of Pernambuco: a historical and human territory, examined through the great movie theaters that served as spaces of conviviality during the 20th century. A map of a city through the lens of cinema.

"A wry, wistful doc that ponders what we lose when our picture palaces go dark" VARIETY

"Kleber Mendonça Filho immortalizes Brazilian Cinemas in deeply personal work. (...) Everyone in Recife can now point to this urgent, moving piece of preservation and find in it an eternal record of its film history"

IndieWire

"A plea for artists to value and engage with what their hometowns have to give them, and to use these places as inspiration for making great art. Which is exactly what Mendonça Filho has done here"

Little White Lies





AMORE MIO

DIRECTOR Guillaume Gouix CAST Alysson Paradis, Elodie Bouchez, Félix Maritaud PRODUCER Agat Films & Cie

FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR Urban Distribution

France. Today is Raphael's funeral. His young wife Lola refuses to attend the ceremony. On a whim, she takes her 7-year-old son and her sister on an improvised road trip. Heading south, they will rediscover each other, and learn about freedom. The freedom of choosing how to grieve.

Road Movie, Drama I 2022 I France Language: French I 80'



ABDELINHO

DIRECTOR **Hicham Ayouch** CAST **Ali Suliman, Aderrahim Tamimi, Inês Monteiro** PRODUCER **President Productions** MENA DISTRIBUTOR **Front Row**

Abdelinho is a big dreamer. He lives in a small town in Morocco with an overbearing mother, a discreet father and four sisters. Abdelinho is fascinated by everything that has to do with Brazil, to the point that he speaks the language fluently, dances samba and is madly in love with Maria, the heroine of a famous telenovela. When a televangelist comes to town, Abdelinho's life and the whole town are turned upside down.

Satirical Comedy, Romance 2022 | Morocco Language: Arabic, Portuguese | 100'



THE SUBSTITUTE

DIRECTOR **Diego Lerman** (A Sort of Family – TIFF, San Sebastian 2017, *Refugiado* – Cannes Directors' Fortnight 2014)

CAST Juan Minujín Alfredo Castro, Bárbara Lennie PRODUCERS Campo Cine, Vivo Film, Pimienta, Arcadia Motion Pictures

Lucio, a prestigious university professor, takes the position of substitute teacher at a high school in the suburbs of Buenos Aires, where he grew up. Through tales, novels and poetry, he tries to distract his class from the harsh reality of their everyday lives. But soon, he must step out of his professional duties when Dilan, one of his students, is threatened by a

Drama Thriller I 2022 I Argentina, Mexico, Italy, Spain, France I Language : Spanish I 110'



CHARCOAL

DIRECTOR **Carolina Markowicz** CAST **Maeve Jinkings, César Bordón, Camila Márdila** PRODUCERS **Superfilmes, Biônica Filmes, Ajimolido** BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTOR **Pandora**

Brazil. In a remote area in São Paulo's countryside, a rural family who lives beside a charcoal factory accepts a proposal to host a mysterious foreigner. The home soon becomes a hideout as the so-called guest happens to be a highly wanted drug lord. The mother, her husband and child will have to learn how to share the same roof with this stranger, while keeping up appearances of an unchanged peasant routine.

Noir Satire I 2022 I Brazil, Argentina Language: Portuguese, Spanish I 107'



SPARE KEYS

DIRECTORS Jeanne Aslan & Paul Saintillan CAST Céleste Brunnquell (Origin of Evil, In Treatment), Quentin Dolmaire (My Golden Days, Synonyms) PRODUCER Haiku Films FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR New Story

Over 300K \$ at the French Box Office

Nancy, east of France. Seeking to escape her troublesome family environment, Sophie, 15, jumps at the chance to get the spare keys to her wealthy friend Jade's house. While enjoying the spacious home she thought deserted for summer, she bumps into her friend's older brother Stéphane, who, as fate would have it, was also planning on staying. But instead of chasing her out, Stéphane will choose to leave the door open inviting in a summer Sophie never expected.

Romantic Comedy I 2022 I France Language: French I 109'



NAYOLA

DIRECTOR José Miguel Ribeiro PRODUCERS Praça Filmes, S.O.I.L., JPL Films, il Luster FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR Urban Distribution

Angola. Three generation of women in a 25-yearlong civil war: Lelena (the grandmother), Nayola (the daughter) and Yara (the granddaughter).

Past and present interlace. Nayola goes in search of her missing husband at the height of the war. Decades later, the country is finally at peace but Nayola has not returned. Yara has become a rebellious teenager and a subversive rap singer. Lelena tries to contain her for fear of the police coming to arrest her. One night, a masked intruder breaks into their house, armed with a machete. An encounter like nothing they could have imagined...

Animation I 2022 I Portugal, Belgium, France, Netherlands I Language: Portuguese I 83'



HUG ME

DIRECTOR Anna Błaszczyk

PRODUCERS **Animoon sp. z o.o., Animex POLISH** POLISH DISTRIBUTOR **New Horizons Association** FRENCH DISTRIBUTOR **Eurozoom**

Today is the birthday of Teddy, an adventurous bear cub. Papa Bear wants his son to have a beautiful cake for the occasion! Alas, the honey reserves of the den and the surrounding hives have run out. Teddy convinces Papa Bear to go search for the Golden Land where, some say, there is an endless source of honey. Despite his fearful and overprotective character, Papa Bear agrees. Thus begins a journey full of surprises where father and son will learn how to trust each other.

Animation I 2022 I Poland, China Language: English I 70'



CLUB OF ANGELS

DIRECTOR Angelo Defanti PRODUCERS Sobretudo Produção, Dezenove Som e Imagens, Ukbar Filmes & Warner Bros BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTOR Vitrine Filmes

Over the years, seven friends saw the monthly meetings of their brotherhood turn from rituals of power to melancholy gatherings of failures. To end the group would be the only destiny. Until a mysterious chef appears with majestic banquets. The friendship bonds are back, gluttony as celebration of life. However, after each dinner, a member of the group dawns dead. What is the real reason for the deaths? And, above all, why do these men keep returning to the dinners?

Culinary Thriller I 2021 I Brazil, Portugal Language: Portuguese I 102'

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