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SILENT WEDDING

Completed

CinemaxX Studio 16 - February 8th, 3:15 PM



Synopsis: Romania, 1953. In a small village, a young couple is about to get married. Guests arrive, banquet is ready and everything is prepared for the ceremony. Unexpectedly, the Russian Army shows up; Staline is dead, a national mourning is declared, they have one hour to break up. They finally decide to celebrate against all and make it silent...

Director: Horatiu Malaele
Cast: Luminita Gheorghiu, Alexandru Potocean
Genre: Drama comedy

JASPER

Completed

CinemaxX Studio 16 - February 6th, 11:30 AM
CinemaxX Studio 13 - February 10th, 9:30 AM



Synopsis: Between the backdrops of the icy South Pole and a colourful harbour city unfolds the adventure of penguin brothers Jasper and Junior, who, with the help of 9 year old Emma, rescue the eggs of the rare Kakapo bird from the evil hands of mad Dr. Block. Jasper's journey takes him and his brother deep into the Northern Hemisphere, to 'the end of world'. And the dramatic hunt for the stolen eggs of the Kakapo turns out to be a mere fragment in a much larger plan, in which the dubious manufacturer of a popular children's drink, Dr. Block, plays a major role. More than a mouthful for three birds who can't even fly! Luckily for them, nine year old Emma comes to their aid. For her, this adventure is an ideal opportunity to prove to her father, the Captain of the ship, how good and clever she can be in the real world, after giving up the imaginary one full of non-existent 'friends', created to combat her loneliness aboard a ship without other children.

But before our group of newly found friends can form a successful working relationship, they must first cross the barriers of mistrust and pass tests of loyalty with flying colours.

Director:
Genre:

Eckart Fingberg
CGI animation cell shading

LEGAL AID

Completed

Market Premiere
CinemaxX Studio 16 - February 7th, 9:30 AM



Synopsis:

Pushing 40, Antoine Lahoud is an enthusiastic criminal defense lawyer disillusioned by his profession. He was a brilliant student and hoping to make a difference, but now finds himself trudging through a series of court-appointed cases representing petty crooks and small-time dealers. Then he gets noticed by a big-shot criminal lawyer with a shady reputation, Henry Marsac.

Marsac takes Lahoud under his wing and onto the payroll, introducing him to a life of luxury, easy money and the kind of sensational cases he's been dreaming of since he was sworn in. But one day, Marsac spills the beans: he didn't take Lahoud on for his legal skills, but because of his uncanny resemblance to one of his clients, Sellem, a notorious criminal locked up for organized crime. Marsac offers him the deal: swap places with Sellem during a visit in exchange for two million euros in a Swiss bank account.

Director:

Hannelore Cayre

Cast:

Roschdy Zem, Jean-Philippe Ecoffey, Sophie Guillemin

Genre:

Drama comedy

EAST OF ME

Completed

Market Premiere
CinemaxX Studio 11 - February 6th, 5:00 PM



Synopsis:

This is a modern-day tale of a young woman who sets out by train across the former Eastern Bloc towards Moscow. It is a city that haunts her and without it, she would never have left her country, back when there were still tanks and when freedom was elsewhere - in the West.

She talks to the people she meets as she passes through railway stations and snow-covered landscapes, and fragments of her past reappear: In the early 1980s, Marta left Prague for Paris.

It was the age of the Palace nightclub and an age of drugs, a time when it was OK to do a little stripping or a few favors for cash to make ends meet.

In the new East, everybody talks about people leaving, especially the girls.

But Marta isn't here anymore. Those who left before have no place in this new

East.

Director:

Bojena Horackova

Cast:

Patricia Chraskova, Carole Deffit, Laëtitia Spigarelli & Geneviève Casile

Genre:

Feature - documentary

ROUND DA WAY

Post-Production

CinemaxX Studio 17 - February 8th, 10:40 AM

17' Promo Reel



Synopsis:

It's summer in the hood.

As every year, there are those who stay, those who leave, and... those who should have left.

Some, like Joe Piswater, work « under the table » in the rich neighborhoods and fall head over heels for a pretty girl.

Some, like Tony Pepperoni, play businessman and spend the summer fleeing a local gang leader and a psychopathic girlfriend.

Some, like Sammy and Harvey, pretend to have left.

Tropics are far for the homies... and summer promises to be very hot!

Directors:

Albert P. Lazaro & Emmanuel Klotz

Cast:

Vincent Cassel, Diane Kruger

Genre:

Animation - comedy

JOURNEY TO SATURN

Completed

promo available



Synopsis:

A greedy businessman who controls the Danish government, finances an expedition to Saturn to claim land for future colonization and profit from her natural resources. The mission is doomed from the start. Not only is a Trabant engine the spaceship's horsepower, but the crew consist of Per the lovesick navigator with little self

esteem and a weak stomach for flight, Arne the paranoid sergeant with shell shock, Jamil the foreigner who hopes for Danish citizenship and Ole the porno fixated beer drinking slob. The crew's miraculous journey takes a surprising turn when they land on Saturn and discover ruthless Aliens have claimed it before them. The crew is captured and their confrontation causes the Aliens to focus on a new goal: invade Denmark!

Directors: Kresten Vestbjerg Andersen & Thorbjørn Christoffersen
Genre: CGI animated comedy

THE KITCHEN

Post-Production



Synopsis: Audrey is an independent and single woman who lives in Canada. She is pregnant. Her parents still live in France in the small town she grew up. While visiting them for holidays, she discovers her grand-mother's hidden story, a woman who gave up her home and family in the fifties and never came back.

Audrey will try to know more about it and this investigation will force her own mother to reveal a secret deeply buried.

Director: Julie Lopes-Curval
Cast: Catherine Deneuve, Marina Hands, Marie-Josée Croze, Michel Duchaussoy
Genre: Drama comedy

HE'S MY GIRL

Post-Production



Synopsis: Simon Eskénazy, soloist and virtuoso clarinetist, is unable to finish his record. His mother is sick and seems prepared to do anything to persuade Simon to take her into his apartment that is clearly too big and too empty for one man. But she's not the only one. His ex-wife Rosalie and their 10-year-old son have suddenly reappeared in Simon's life. There are his musicians and his agent, the insistent Arlette Grossman who wants to force him to work. There is his current lover Raphaël with whom he dreams of conducting a great love affair. But most importantly, there is the amazing Mohamed, a young Arab who becomes Rose by night, a waitress at the "Paradise" cabaret. Mohamed is both fragile and violent, loving, funny, proud, arrogant and provocative...

Director: Jean-Jacques Zilbermann
Cast: Antoine de Caunes, Elsa Zylberstein, Mehdi Dehbi
Genre: Comedy drama

BLACK OUT

Post-Production



Synopsis: Paris, April 1994. Young freelance journalist Antoine Rives is making a report on Westerners who have been repatriated from Rwanda, fleeing the massacres. He meets Clément, a student of Hutu origin whose Tutsi fiancée Alice hasn't been able to leave Rwanda. Antoine convinces Clément to go back with him to look for Alice, and to let Antoine film his journey. Their pact soon becomes untenable as they find themselves thrown into chaos. This is a journey through horror during which a young man's First World illusions are stripped away as he wakes up to human tragedy.

Director: Jean-Christophe Klotz
Cast: Jalil Lespert, Cyril Gueï, Peter Hudson, Patrick Rameau, Eriq Ebouaney
Genre: Drama

BACK SOON

Completed



Synopsis: Anna Hallgrimsdottir lives in Reykjavik with her two sons. Fed up with the coldness of Iceland, she decides to sell her business to be able to move out of the country. Her business, selling dope, is prosperous, she wants a good price out of it... the dealer whom she'll hand it over to (as well as her mobile : that's how her customers reach her and order the amount they need) tells her he'll have the money within 48 hours.

Meanwhile, Anna gets involved in all kinds of "Icelandic familial adventures" and her kitchen fills up with customers/friends, partying, while waiting for her to come back, and sell them their daily grass.

Director: Sólveig Anspach (*Battle Cries, Stormy Weather*)
Cast: Didda Jónsdóttir, Julien Cotterau
Genre: Comedy

Locarno 2008, Official Selection - Variety Piazza Grande Award

AMAZONIA, THE GREEN PLANET

Pre-Production



Synopsis: A jet plane just crashed in the middle of the Amazon forest. At the back of the cockpit, a small Capuchin monkey pushes the broken door of his cage. In a few minutes, his life as a monkey in captivity is altered. Without being prepared, he will now have to attempt surviving in this wild universe waiting for him in the Amazon forest.

Director: Luc Marescot - by the producers of *The White Planet* & Walter Salles

Genre: Family