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VENICE 2010



VENICE - IN COMPETITION
TORONTO - CONTEMPORARY WORLD CINEMA

THE SOLITUDE OF PRIME NUMBERS



VENEZIA CINEMA 2010
Venezia 67 - Competition

a film by Saverio Costanzo

(Private, In Memory of Myself)

Cast: Luca Marinelli, Alba Rohwacher, Isabella Rossellini

Producers: Offside, Bavaria Pictures, Les Films Des Tournelles

Duration: 118min **Genre:** Drama **Country:** Italy, Germany, France



OFFICIAL SELECTION 2010

A prime number is inherently a solitary thing : it can only be divided by itself, or by one; it never truly fits with another.

Alice and Mattia also move on their own axes, alone with their personal tragedies. As a child Alice's overbearing father drove her to a terrible skiing accident, and then to anorexia. When she meets Mattia she recognises a kindred spirit, and Mattia reveals to Alice his terrible secret: that as a boy he abandoned his mentally-disabled twin sister in a park to go to a party, and when he returned, she was nowhere to be found.

These two irreversible episodes mark Alice and Mattia's lives for ever, and as they grow into adulthood their destinies seem irrevocably intertwined ...

SCREENINGS

SAT 4TH SEPT	16:00	SALA ZORZI	BY INVITATION - BUYERS ONLY
SUN 5TH SEPT	12:00	SALA ZORZI	BY INVITATION - BUYERS ONLY
THUR 9TH SEPT	09:00	SALA PERLA	PRESS
THUR 9TH SEPT	11:00	SALA DARSENA	PRESS & INDUSTRY
THUR 9TH SEPT	19:30	SALA GRANDE	OFFICIAL
THUR 9TH SEPT	20:30	PALABIENNALE	PUBLIC
FRI 10TH SEPT	08:30	PALABIENNALE	PUBLIC
FRI 10TH SEPT	21:00	S. POLO	PRESS & INDUSTRY

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Festival del film Locarno
Official Selection - In Competition

(Homme au Bain) **MAN**

AT BATH

a film by Christophe Honoré

Cast : Francois Sagat, Chiara Mastroianni

Producers: Les films du Bélier

Duration: 72min **Genre:** Drama **Country:** France

Between the Paris suburbs and New York, Omar and Emmanuel do everything they can to prove to each other that they are no longer in love.

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“... the film surprises with the force of an uppercut punch... at once staggering and effortless.”

LES INROCKUPTIBLES



“A brief, unruly burst
of joie de vivre.”

THE WASHINGTON POST



BEST DIRECTOR
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Cannes 2010

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ON TOUR

(Tournée)

a film by Mathieu Amalric

(Mange ta soupe, Le Stade de Wimbledon, La Chose publique)

Cast: Mathieu Amalric, Mimi Le Meaux, Damien Odoul, Ulysse Klotz

Producers: Les Films du Poisson

Duration: 111min **Genre:** Comedy drama **Country:** France

Joachim, a former Parisian television producer had left everything behind - his children, friends, enemies, lovers and regrets - to start a new life in America. He comes back with a team of New Burlesque strip-tease performers whom Joachim has fed fantasies of a tour of France, of Paris!

Traveling from port to port, the curvaceous showgirls invent an extravagant fantasy world of warmth and hedonism, despite the constant round of impersonal hotels with their endless elevator music and the lack of money. The show gets an enthusiastic response from men and women alike.

But their dream of a tour culminating in a last grand show in Paris goes up in smoke when Joachim is betrayed by an old friend and loses the theatre where they were due to perform. A quick return journey to the capital violently reopens old wounds...

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“A Gallic version of a
John Cassavetes film.”

THE INDEPENDENT UK

“A triumph of feathers, sequins and wigs.”

Maria-Pia Fusco, LA REPUBBLICA

“Although the film’s naturalistic dialogue, casual beauty and shifts between onstage and offstage performance initially suggest that Mr. Amalric sought to create a homage to John Cassavetes’s 1976 masterpiece “The Killing of a Chinese Bookie,” it quickly proves to have its own rhythms and purpose. As the formidably fleshy women peel off their clothes, Mr. Amalric reveals layers of depth.”

Manohla Dhargis, THE NEW YORK TIMES

“A lively flick that gets the (Cannes) competition off to a free-wheeling start. Mimi Le Meaux delivers an award-worthy performance.”

**Peter Hammonds,
LOS ANGELES TIMES**





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(Ce n'est qu'un début)

JUST A BEGINNING

a film by Jean-Pierre Pozzi & Pierre Barougier

Producers: Ciel de Paris

Duration: 97min **Genre:** Documentary **Country:** France

"Just A Beginning" follows a nursery school class for a period of two years. But this is a very unusual class as the children, aged three to five study... philosophy!

Seated in a circle around a ritually lit candle, the children, in a fresh, funny and sometimes merciless manner, approach the universal subjects of love, power, difference, growing up, death etc. Little by little the philosophy workshop becomes a privileged moment where each child reflects on the words of the other, learns how to listen and to build a discourse. From now on they will be able to think for themselves!

With their emotions, their unusual expressions and their contradictions, the children of this nursery school deliver a single testimony on an innovative experiment. "Just A Beginning" is the fabulous true story of a school with an eye on the future.

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CAFÉ DU PONT

a film by Manuel Poirier

(Western, Chemins de traverse, La Maison)

Cast: Bernard Campan, Cecile Rebboah, Thomas Durastel

Producers: Axel Films, Recifilms

Duration: 95min **Genre:** Comedy Drama **Country:** France

1947, Café du Pont recounts the childhood of Pierrot and his brother in a little village on the river banks of the Garonne, in the south west of France. Their parents toil to make ends meet at the café which is the centre of everyone's lives in this tiny village in the South West of France. The war and the occupation haven't made things easy.

Despite the hardships of school, Pierrot grows up to the rhythm of the seasons. He discovers music, and learns the saxophone, performing his first concerts for the customers of the Café He is surrounded by the love of his parents and his grandmother.

Everyone in the family works together to accomplish Pierrot's father's dream: to open a grand ballroom in the village...

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POST PRODUCTION

KILL ME PLEASE

a film by Olias Barco

Cast: Benoit Poelvoorde, Bouli Lanners, Aurelien Recoing

Producers: La Parti Production, Les Armateurs, OXB Production

Genre: Black Comedy Drama **Country:** Belgium

Medical pioneer Dr Kruger wants to modernize suicide. His dream is to create a therapeutic framework where suicide is no longer a tragedy but a simple, medically assisted act.

His exclusive clinic attracts a cast of strange characters with a death wish: a famous comedian with terminal cancer, a travelling salesman hiding sordid secrets, a rich Luxembourg heir, a beautiful but auto-destructive young girl, an old Berlin cabaret singer whose voice is destroyed and a man who has lost everything to his gambling addiction, including his wife. After Dr Kruger consults with each of them about their motives to end it all, each one has the right to a final request.

But in the isolated mountains where the good doctor Kruger realizes his dream of the "perfect suicide", Death itself, unwilling to bend to his commands, strikes only when IT decides the time has come...

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IN PRODUCTION

LAND OF OBLIVION

a film by Michale Boganim

(Odessa... Odessa!)

Cast: Olga Kurylenko

Producers: Les Films du Poisson, Nikovantastic Films, Lama Films

Genre: Drama **Country:** France, Germany, Poland

April 26th, 1986 – the catastrophe of Chernobyl closes in on the neighboring town of Pripjat.

A few moments before the explosion, Anya and Piotr celebrate their marriage. Little Valery and his father Alexei, a physicist at the power station, plant an apple tree. Nikolai, the forest warden, makes his rounds.

Then the tragedy strikes the region. Piotr dies in the fire on the power plant with many other firemen. The rain is yellow, the trees turn red. The radioactivity insidiously transforms the environment. Alexei, forced to keep silent by the authorities, prefers to disappear.

Ten years later, the deserted Pripjat has become a no-mans-land, re-conquered by nature – and a bizarre tourist attraction. Anya comes to the Zone every month as a tour guide, while Valery goes there to look for traces of his father. And Nikolai continues to cultivate a poisonous garden.

With the passing of time, will they be able to accept the hope of a new life?

IN PRE-PRODUCTION

SPORT DE FILLES

a film by Patricia Mazuy

(The King's Daughter)

Cast: Marina Hands, Bruno Ganz

Producers: Lazennec & Associés, Maïa Cinéma, Vandertastic

Genre: Drama **Country:** France

The story of a cavalier on the quest for a horse. Her horse.

Disgusted to see the steeds that she trained to the top levels of obstacle races taken away from her, Gracieuse decides to start over in the world of dressage when she meets the legendary trainer Franz Mann. Franz, now exhausted and cynical, is managing the domain of a rich landowner.

But when Gracieuse finally believes to have found her horse, she realizes that her talent is nothing when confronted with the personal interests and the high financial stakes of the game...

IN PRE-PRODUCTION

POURQUOI TU PLEURES

a film by Katia Lewkowicz

Cast: Benjamin Biolay, Emmanuelle Devos, Nicole Garcia, Valérie Donzelli

Producer: Panorama Films

Genre: Comedy **Country:** France

Four days before a young man gets married.

Four days without her, his future other half.

Four days with others – and another woman.

Four days to deal with a move, a broken water pipe and porous walls.

Facing childhood friends, a possessive mother and an alcoholic step brother.

Filling the wedding gift sacks.

Dealing with crucial choices: rice or flower petals? Balloons or no balloons? Truth or Lies?

So very little time... Just enough to speak of love with his sister, (finally) understand his maddening mother and plunge into the emotion of the first nights of love...

Just enough to rediscover what he is about to give up!

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LIBRARY

Le Pacte is also proud to present its brand new library catalogue which features many gems of world cinema including the recent acquisition of Mathieu Kassovitz films (METISSE, LA HAINE, ASSASSIN(S)), the Nanni Moretti trilogy (ECCE BOMBO, IO SONO UN AUTARCHICO, SOGNI D'ORO), award winning films like the sublime, Vietnamese classic THE SCENT OF GREEN PAPAYA by Tran Anh Hung, daring, romantic films like A PORNOGRAPHIC AFFAIR, THE DISCREET and THE FORBIDDEN WOMAN and cast driven comedies and dramas starring famed actors such as Kristin Scott-Thomas, Nathalie Baye, Fabrice Luchini, Yvan Attal and Charlotte Gainsbourg.

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