#### **EUROPEAN GENRE FORUM** BELGIUM

## FALL



**ORIGINAL TITLE: VAL** Genre: psychological horror Screenwriters: Steffen Geypens Director: Steffen Geypens Producers: Dimitri Verbeeck, Robin Kerremans Production company: CAVIAR Language: Dutch Country: Belgium Budget in EUR: 750k

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Fall is a psychological horror film about Doc, a young doctor who decides to make a move and trades his busy city life for the remote town of Fall where he can take the place of the recently deceased doctor. When he arrives at the doctor's house, the local police chief advises him not to wait too long with visiting his new patients. These visits all become extremely remarkable as they immediately tell him their innermost secrets. Even the nature surrounding Fall seems to behave weirdly. But no matter how bizarre his new environment is, Doc finds the calm he was looking for. Until one day he makes a gruesome discovery at home and the story takes a very dark turn. What once seemed as a peaceful place now turns out to be a pitch black retreat where no one is innocent.

#### DIRECTOR

Besides working as a Post Producer for Caviar. Steffen decided to return to his original passion a few years ago. His third short in four vears. BOS has been described as 'poetic eco horror that will take your breath away', is a favorite of the Méliès International Festivals Federation and successfully toured the US. He's currently developing two feature films that will further explore the mysterious horror vibe of his recent shorts.

#### **PRODUCER / PRODUCTION COMPANY**

Caviar is an award-winning entertainment company with offices in Brussels, Los Angeles, London, Paris & Madrid. In the past 10 years the company produced over thirty motion pictures, eight prestigious fiction series, several documentaries and by doing so - Caviar became one of the leading Belgian production companies. Both on national and international territory, Caviar strives to produce high quality entertainment that intrigues and inspires. Therefore, the company frequently combines upcoming acting talent with experienced actors and writers







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#### **ORIGINAL TITLE: HEAR MY VENGEANCE** Genre: Suspense Crime Drama Screenwriters: Jason Gray **Director**: Jason Gray Producers: Eiko Mizuno-Gray Production company: Loaded Films Ltd. Language: English, Japanese Country: Japan Budget in EUR: 1.300.000 Financing in place in EUR: 65,000 Partners attached:



#### **SYNOPSIS**

Tokyo, 2002. After years in psychiatric prison, Jeremy Bannon arrives from the UK to find the man who slaughtered and cannibalized his sister Serena 20 years ago and remains free. Jeremy treasures his childhood Walkman recordings of Serena and yows to kill Teppei Hamazaki on tape on the anniversary of her murder, in tribute. Hamazaki, once a profitable cult figure, is now a destitute recluse. Jeremy poses as a crime book researcher and hires ambitious guide Hana. As Hana helps Jeremy get closer to realizing the brutal revenge fantasy playing

### DIRECTOR

Jason Grav has worked in the Japanese film industry as a journalist, writer, and producer. He wrote and directed short film Yukuharu (2012) which premiered at Fantasia and screened internationally. He served as a producer on Magic Kimono, producer and collaborating writer on Ten Years Japan, and producer on Kiyoshi Kurosawa's To the Ends of the Earth. He co-wrote the story for upcoming feature Plan 75, directed by Chie Havakawa.



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out in his mind, her kindness awakens a sense of normality in him for the first time. Financially desperate, Hamazaki schemes for a media blitz on the anniversary. When they come face to face, chaos ensues but Jeremy's vengeance ultimately takes an unanticipated form.

JAPAN

### PRODUCER

Established in 2011 by producer Eiko Mizuno-Gray, Loaded Films is based in Tokyo and focused on international co-productions. Feature film projects include Japan-Uzbekistan-Qatar co-production To the Ends of the Earth (Locarno 2019, Piazza Grande Closing Film), written and directed by Kiyoshi Kurosawa, Ten Years Japan (executive producer Hirokazu Kore-eda), and Japan-Latvia co-production Magic Kimono (2017).



Eiko Mizuno-Grav

Jason Grav

# MEAT TO MATHS



ORIGINAL TITLE: MEAT TO MATHS Genre: drama, sci-fi Screenwriters: Jason Donald, Emilija Rivière Director: Emilija Rivière Producers: Ramūnas Povilanskas Production company: Povilanskas Films Language: English Country: Lithuania Budget in EUR: 499'740 Financing in place in EUR: 25'000 Partners attached: Looking for a major partner

#### SYNOPSIS

At an empathy research center, a strange sisterhood develops between withdrawn Olivia and an Al named Elle, providing the connection that their isolated lives have been missing. When Olivia confesses a dark secret to Elle, it forces them to trust each other as they are propelled into the darkest corner of what it truly means to understand the world from another's perspective.

#### DIRECTOR

**Emilija Rivière** is a Lithuanian film director and visual artist. Her work is often multilayered connecting technology and fantasy, creating immersive narratives. She graduated from the School of Creative and Performing Arts (by New York University Tisch), where she graduated from scriptwriting courses in 2012 and filmmaking courses in 2013. She currently studies ArtScience at the Royal Academy of Arts the Hague, focusing on artistic invention in film.

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LITHUANIA

#### **PRODUCER / PRODUCTION COMPANY**

Although **Povilanskas Films** have been established in 2018 only, the activity of **Ramunas Povilanskas** as a theatre and film producer spans over three decades. In 1993 to 2009, as a producer he collaborated with Benas Šarka, a world-renowned street art performer. Since 2011, as film producer, Ramūnas Povilanskas has collaborated with Emilija Riviére. Together they have produced three internationally acclaimed short films.



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Country: The Netherlands Genre: Sci Fi thriller Director: Hugo Keijzer Producers: Maurice Schutte and Raymond van der Kaaij Production Company: HAA! Films, Revolver Amsterdam

### SYNOPSIS

When Danny survives a mysterious helicopter crash, she tries to radio for help but receives a desperate plea from an injured pilot that crashed nearby, who pleads with her not to radio for help but to bring him medical supplies herself. Believing the injured pilot to be an American on a top secret spy-flight, Danny agrees to hold off on radioing the Russian authorities, and hikes toward the crash site with medical supplies. But after injuring her leg, and growing suspicious that the injured pilot is not who he says he is, Danny turns back, but discovers the pilot can remotely manipulate nature and perception, and will stop at nothing to force her to come to him. Now a wounded Danny must escape the harsh environment and the sinister pilot's manipulations, or be forced to confront him and discover the horrifying truth about what he really wants from her.

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## **SURU**



**ORIGINAL TITLE: SURU** Genre: Psychological Horror Screenwriters: Anssi Korhonen, Kyle Baughman Director: Anssi Korhonen Producers: Steve Reverand, Martin Raiman Production company: The LAB - a media production company (Prague, Czech Republic) Language: English **Country:** Czech Republic / Finland Budget in EUR: 700,000 Financing in place in EUR: 80.000 Partners attached: FZG Film Studios (Prague). in-house VFX department

#### SYNOPSIS

Katie, overcome by grief after losing her son Joel, desperately seeks meaning and is eventually led to an ancient ritual her son was studying before his death. Following a series of increasingly unsettling breadcrumbs she believes that her son might still be alive in a parallel universe. As Katie's obsession grows, her relationship with her husband Noah, who's also struggling with the loss, falls apart. With noth-

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ing to lose Katie follows Joel's footsteps and performs the ritual. After waking up she sees signs that she's traveled into a universe where her son is still alive. Things also seem to be back to normal with her husband. But, just as life seems to be going well, it again falls apart, as she struggles against slipping back into her universe - the reality she dreads.

#### DIRECTOR

Anssi Korhonen was born in Finland and has made a career in the world of music videos, commercials, and short films. Through these, he has crafted his strong visual sense and passion for twisted emotions and atmospheres. Suru showcases Anssi's ever-growing fascination with the human mind and an ability to turn difficult subjects into interesting stories.

#### **PRODUCER / PRODUCTION COMPANY**

Steve Reverand is a French-born, and now Czech-based producer at the production company The LAB. The production company is geared towards producing internationally oriented genre projects. Among recent successes are the 2019 Méliès d'argent winner Supine, the acclaimed Rusty Lake Paradox and the genre bending feature film Playdurizm, winner of the Best Feature Film Jury Prize at the LUFF 2020.



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#### **ORIGINAL TITLE: RECURSE** Genre: SciFi / Drama Screenwriters: Artur Golczeswki Director: Lucas Vossoughi Producers: Arno Krimmer, Josef Brandmaier Production company: Ascending Entertainment (GER), Ascending Film (A) Language: English Country: GER / A Budget in EUR: € 3,600,000 Financing in place in EUR: None Partners attached: None

SYNOPSIS



Physicist Emily has invented time travel and found the love of her life. But Emily is not only brilliant, she is also seriously unstable. After a heated argument with her husband, she just snaps and jumps back in time to give her marriage another try. But to do that, she has to take the place of her past self and kill Emily past - which proves harder than imagined. On top of that, her future husband follows her to the past. He won't give up on her so easily. Now Emily is stuck and has to deal

with two versions of her husband and another version of herself. discovering things about herself, she'd never wanted to know.

### DIRECTOR

Lucas Vossoughi studied communication and anthropology at the University of Vienna. The team of Lucas Vossoughi and screenwriter/ former physicist Artur Golczewski has together directed/written several narrative short-films which were screened at over 60 international film festivals. Their film Landpartie won Best European Fantastic short / Melies d'Argent Award at the Grossman Fantastic Film Fest. Recurse is Lucas Vossoughi's feature film debut.

Recurse lead producer Arno Krimmer is the CEO of Munich-based production house Ascending Entertainment as well as Viennabased production house Ascending Film. Ascending Film's last feature Once Again was sold to Netflix International and released globally in September 2018.



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#### PRODUCER

Krimmer is joined on Recurse by producer colleague Josef Brandmaier who has produced and/or financed 300+ films and TV Series incl. Terminator 3. Mission Impossible 3 and the 3 seasons of SKY's recent TV series Das Boot based on the German cult film



Josef

Lucas Vossough

Brandmaier Artur Golczeswki

## TINGINYS



**ORIGINAL TITLE: TINGINYS** Genre: arthouse, fantasy Screenwriters: Maximilien Dejoie, Virginija Vareikyte Director: Maximilien Dejoie Producers: Roberto Cavallini, Dagne Vildziunaite Production company: Albolina Film (Italy), Just a moment (Lithuania) Language: English Country: Italy, Lithuania Budget in EUR: 1.000.000 Financing in place in EUR: 100.000 Partners attached: IDM Film Funding Development fund (pending). MEDIA – Creative Europe (pending)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Canada, 1918. The world is in the grip of Spanish flu. When their mother is infected with the virus. Marilee (13) and James (8), the children of Lithuanian immigrants, are forced to fend for themselves. In a log cabin, far from the raging pandemic, they await the return of their father from the European Front. To prevent her brother from going back home. Marilee tells him the old folktale of Tinginys, a dangerous creature who is said to wreak havoc in the woods. All alone and full of

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fear, the two must learn to tell the difference between fantasy and real danger and distinguish those to be trusted from those to be feared.

#### DIRECTOR

After a degree in acting and history of theatre and a master in photography. Maximilien Deioie made his feature film debut in 2013 with the mockumentary The Gerber Syndrome. In 2016 he co-directed the documentary When We Talk About KGB presented at Full Frame Documentary Film Festival followed by I'll Stand by You, scheduled to be released in 2020. In 2019 he was one of the four filmmakers selected by The New York Times's T Brand Studio. Tinginys will be his second feature length film.

#### **PRODUCER / PRODUCTION COMPANY**

Roberto Cavallini is a film and creative producer, selected and nominated as one of the European Emerging Producers 2020 by Jihlava IDFF. He was awarded a PhD in Visual Cultures from Goldsmiths (University of London). Since 2019 he works as producer at Albolina Film, a production company based in Italy's South Tyrol, committed to the development and realization of arthouse and genre films, social documentaries and acting as executive producer for foreign productions in Italy.



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#### ORIGINAL TITLE: KOČA

Genre: psychological thriller, whodunnit Screenwriters: Zoran Benčič, Simon Hernaus, Vida Breže Director: Vida Breže Producers: Zoran Dževerdanović **Production company**: Blade Production Language: Slovenian Country: Slovenia and countries from potential co-producers - mountain areas **Budget in EUR**: 850.000 € Financing in place in EUR: 150.000 € Partners attached: Blunt Stuff (UK), A Lab S.r.I. (ITA)

THE VULTURES

#### **SYNOPSIS**

At the height of winter in an isolated mountain cabin, seven elite yet dysfunctional lawyers discover that this time their team-building is not a reward, but a punishment for their misbehaviour.

Someone stole 650.000€ from the owner of their law firm. If they want to return back to the city, they have to play a teambuilding game and find the culprit. For the game's sake everyone's mobile phones are confiscated. There is no internet access either.

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#### **EUROPEAN GENRE FORUM** SLOVENIA

A whirlwind of calamitous events ensues: the cabin caretaker gets fatally wounded, a snowstorm cuts the road off, and their phones are nowhere to be found. After the snowstorm passes, the self-absorbed lawyers realise they have become dependent on the only other human being around - a mysterious Foreigner. Slowly the power and status hierarchy starts to shift and break down. But who is the thief? We're in for a shocking and poignant surprise.

### DIRECTOR

Vida is an awarded director/writer/actor. She holds a Master degree of Directing Fiction from Goldsmiths College, London. As director she has been working through a wide range of visual formats and genres from fiction, documentary, to variety of videos and achieved high acclaim for her work. Her latest short films prize-winning Sapper Smith and A Matter of Minutes both enjoyed a successful run on the festival circuit.

### PRODUCER

Zoran Dževerdanovič is a producer and founder of Blade production from Ljubljana, focusing on the genre, debut, and socially engaged

Blade films have been awarded internationally at many prestigious festivals such as Berlinale, Oberhausen, Sarajevo, Chicago, Aspen, and many others. The Short film Into the blue (2017) was an Oscar nominee in the category of a Live-Action short film. It was a Student Academy Awards Finalist.





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