

2010 Foreign Film Festival

February 15th: Storm

Germany, Denmark, Netherlands | 2009 | Thriller | English, German, Bosnian, Serbian | English Subtitles



Hannah Maynard, prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, is leading a trial against a former commander of the Yugoslavian National Army who is accused of the deportation and later killing of dozens of Bosnian-Muslim civilians. When a key witness commits suicide, it looks like the case will unravel, however Hannah refuses to give in. Hoping to uncover new findings, she travels to the witness' burial in Sarajevo and meets his sister Mira who she senses has much more to say than she is willing to admit. Despite threats of violence, Mira reluctantly agrees to testify at The Hague. However, she and Hannah must both risk life and limb to make it to the court, only to discover that there are traitors among their own ranks.

ACCLAIM

WINNER – Amnesty International Film Prize – Berlin Int'l Film Festival
WINNER – Best Narrative Feature – Flyway Film Festival
NOMINATED – European Parliament's LUX Prize
OFFICIAL SELECTION – London FF, Sarajevo FF, Chicago Int'l FF

REVIEWS

“Harrowing, provocative and deeply probing!” – Kevin Thomas, LA Times

“‘Storm’ couldn't be more timely!” – Billy Heller, NY Post

Films subject to change



March 15 - Welcome

France | 2009 | Drama | In French, Arabic and English w/ English Subtitles

Bilal, a 17-year-old Kurdish refugee, has spent the last three months of his life traveling across Europe in an attempt to reunite with his girlfriend who recently emigrated to England. But his journey comes to an abrupt end when he is stopped on the French side of the Channel. Having decided to swim across, Bilal goes to the local swimming pool to train. It is here he meets Simon (Vincent Lindon), a middle-aged swimming instructor, who is privately reeling in turmoil as he dreads an imminent divorce from his wife. Despite their differences, the two men discover that they have much in common, and a strong bond emerges between them. Simon decides to take Bilal under his wing, realizing that he too must risk everything to reach the other side of happiness.

ACCLAIM

WINNER- 2009 LUX Cinema Prize of the European Parliament

WINNER- Prize of the Ecumenical Jury, Berlin IFF

WINNER - Label Europa Cinema Prize, Berlin IFF

NOMINATED- Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Lumiere Awards

OFFICIAL SELECTION - Seattle FF

REVIEWS

"A smoothly crafted, emotionally affecting drama driven by powerful performances!" -Seattle International Film Festival

"Welcome is a mesmerizing film that is haunting, uplifting and gut-wrenching. Lindon and Ayverdi give great performances and this is one of the rare films that you consider yourself lucky to have seen. A truly moving piece of cinema."

-Caine Gardner, TheFilmYap.com

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April 12: A Call Girl

Slovenia | 2009 | Drama | Slovenian w/ English subtitles



Growing up in small-town Slovenia, 23 year-old Aleksandra is grateful for the excitement and anonymity of big city life when she moves to the capital, and she plans to take advantage of everything that the city has to offer—quickly styling herself as a high-priced call girl. Dropping out of society, she barricades herself inside her penthouse apartment, and watches the world pass her by. But her isolated existence—English studies and mortgage payments by day, her call girl lifestyle by night—is thrown into chaos when one of her clients, a visiting politician, dies of a heart attack on her watch. All of a sudden, Aleksandra

must confront a new range of emotions—fear, guilt, loneliness—all the while being pursued by a band of local pimps, as well as the cops, who are hot on her trail. The old village life she had escaped from might now become her only refuge.

ACCLAIM

OFFICIAL SELECTION – Toronto International Film Festival

REVIEWS

"Features the breathtaking debut of new talent Nina Ivanisin in the title role. An actress to keep an eye for." --Basil Tsiokos, indie WIRE

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