

UK Films For Sale

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American Star

Cast: Ian McShane, Nora Arnezeder, Adam Nagaitis, Fanny Ardant, Thomas Kretschmann

Genre: Thriller

Director: Gonzalo López-Gallego

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: An assassin on final assignment arrives in Fuerteventura to kill a man he has never met. But the target is delayed. Instead of following protocol he stays, drawn to the island, the people and a ghostly shipwreck. When the target returns, the world has shifted. Before everything was simple, now nothing is.

Altitude Film Sales

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Assassin's Guild

Cast: Laura Masters, Stuart Brennan, Rosanna Miles, Ryan Gage, Mark Paul Wake, David Hayman, Kerry Norton, Jarreau Benjamin

Genre: Fantasy

Director: Stuart Brennan

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: In the aftermath of the devastating Mermaid Wars, the fractured, yet once great city of Iliad is under siege by dark forces. The infamous Goblin Hunter and the elite assassin, Atticus, must fight enemies both living and dead, in a desperate final bid to restore peace.

Kaleidoscope Film Dist.

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Ballywalter

Cast: Patrick Kielty, Seána Kerslake

Genre: Drama

Director: Prasanna Puwanarajah

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Ballywalter is a life-affirming story about the unexpected connections that can change the course of our lives.

Bankside Films

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Baltimore

Cast: Imogen Poots, Tom Vaughan-Lawlor

Genre: Thriller

Director: Joe Lawlor, Christine Molloy

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Baltimore is based on actual events that took place on the 26 April 1974 when Rose Dugdale and three comrades carried out an armed raid on Russborough House, Wicklow, in which 19 masterpieces were stolen in an effort to support the IRA's armed struggle. The film plays out over the course of the days following the raid, when Rose is in hiding in a remote cottage.

Bankside Films

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Battle Over Britain

Cast: Callum Burn, Vin Hawke, David Dobson, Arnold Voysey

Genre: Action/Adventure

Director: Callum Burn

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: The upcoming World War II pilot drama from the producers of Lancaster Skies, Spitfire Over Berlin and Hurricane. A young pilot, fresh out of training, is called to join a Flight while they wait for the call to scramble. Throughout a single day, the skies of southern England are filled with deadly dog fights, and after every exhausting battle the pilots return to the dispersal hut only to find another of their number missing. In a thrilling climax, the airfield come under direct attack and the Flight takes off once again, ascending into action against overwhelming odds.

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Cerebrum

Cast: Tobi King Bakare, Steve Oram

Genre: Science-fiction

Director: Sébastien Blanc

Status: Completed

Synopsis: William, a young and insecure man, wakes up from a coma to find his controlling father, Richard, watching over him, while his beloved mother, Amelia, is nowhere to be seen. As he returns home, he sets on a mission to see and talk to Amelia, but she seems to be constantly avoiding him. As he tries to find out the truth about what happened to his mother, the real consequences of his past actions start to unravel, soon revealing a horrifying and dark truth – forcing William to take one of the most difficult decisions of his life.

Signature Entertainment

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Chuck Chuck Baby

Yellow Affair

Cast: Louise Brealey, Annabel Scholey, Sorcha Cusack, Celyn Jones, Emily Fairn

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Genre: Drama

Director: Janis Pugh

Status: Completed

Synopsis: A film of love, loss and music set amongst the falling feathers of a chicken factory.

Present day, industrial North Wales. Helen, late 30's, spends her nights packing chickens and her days caring for dying mother-figure Gwen. Helen's mundane world takes a surprising turn with Joanne's return; they were the objects of the other's secret teenage passions. Encouraged by Helen, Joanne starts a playful wooing game. As they fall in love, Helen's zest for life returns but Joanne feels the walls close in as she faces something darker from her past.

Close to You

UTA Independent Film Group

Cast: Elliot Page, Hillary Baack

John McGrath

Genre: Drama

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Director: Dominic Savage

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Follow Sam who has the chance to encounter with an old friend on his way back home to a dreaded family reunion that forces him to confront long-buried memories.

The Contestant

MRC Entertainment

Cast: Tomoaki Hamatsu

Amit Dey

Genre: Documentary

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Director: Clair Titley

Status: Completed

Synopsis: A Japanese reality TV star left naked in a room for more than a year, tasked with filling out magazine sweepstakes to earn food and clothing.

Copa '71

Dogwoof

Genre: Documentary

Ana Vicente

Director: Rachel Ramsay

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Status: Production

Synopsis: It is August 1971. Football teams from England, Argentina, Mexico, France, Denmark and Italy are gathering at Mexico City's sun-drenched Azteca Stadium. The scale of the tournament is monumental: lavish sponsorship, extensive TV coverage, merchandise on every street corner and crowds of over 100,000 hollering fans turn this historic stadium into 'a cauldron of noise and heat' match after match. A fawning media treat the players like rock stars. The atmosphere is reminiscent of the greatest moments in international footballing history.

But this is a tournament unlike anything that's happened before. The players on the pitch are all women. And it's likely you've never even heard of it. This is Copa '71, the unofficial Women's World Cup. Dismissed by both FIFA and domestic football associations around the world, this event has been entirely written out of history. Until now.

Cottontail

WestEnd Films

Cast: Lily Franky, Tae Kimura, Rin Takanashi, Ryo Nishikido, Ciaran Hinds

Sofia Neves

Genre: Drama

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Director: Patrick Dickinson

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: From the producer of PHILOMENA and THE DUCHESS, COTTONTAIL is a universal portrait of love, acceptance and family loss. After the death of his wife, Kenzaburo and his son Toshi receive an unexpected letter from beyond the grave. Akiko, their wife and mother, asks them to scatter her ashes at the place she loved most as a child – Lake Windermere in England. The two men, along with Toshi's wife and daughter, travel to England to fulfil her final wish. But the father and son's broken relationship threatens to upend their journey.

Coup De Chance

WestEnd Films

Cast: Valérie Lemercier, Melvil Poupaud, Lou De Laâge

Sofia Neves

Genre: Thriller

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Director: Woody Allen

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: Woody Allen's new film - his 50th and his first French foreign language project - is a dark, romantic thriller along the lines of Match Point. It stars Lou De Laâge, Valerie Lemercier, Melvil Poupaud and Niels Schneider. The film also re-unites Allen for the 5th time with acclaimed cinematographer Vittorio Storaro.

The Critic

Culmination Productions

Cast: Ian McKellen, Gemma Arterton, Mark Strong, Lesley Manville, Ben Barnes, Alfred Enoch, Romola Garai

Harry White

Genre: Drama

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Director: Anand Tucker

Status: Completed

Synopsis: The reimagining of Anthony Quinn's novel 'Curtain Call' centers on Jimmy Erskine (Ian McKellen), the Daily Chronicle's most famous and feared theatre critic of the age; David Brooke (Mark Strong), with whom he clashes after recently inheriting the paper; and a young actress, Nina Land (Gemma Arterton) who is devastated by Jimmy's recent negative review of her. As the three become entangled in a whodunnit wrapped in a Faustian pact, their strange triangle winds tighter and tighter to devastating effect for all those caught in the deadly web of blackmail and betrayal.

Dalton's Dream

Dogwoof

Genre: Documentary

Ana Vicente

Director: Kim Longinotto, Franky Murray Brown

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Status: Completed

Synopsis: A moving portrait of Dalton Harris, the final winner of The X Factor UK, as he navigates harassment over his sexuality and representing his home country.

Dance First

Film Constellation

Cast: Gabriel Byrne, Aidan Gillen, Olivia Williams, Fionn O'Shea, Sandrine Bonnaire, Grainne Good

Léo Teste

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Genre: Biography

Director: James Marsh

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Parisian bon vivant, WWII Resistance fighter, Nobel Prize-winning playwright and self-proclaimed recluse; literary genius Samuel Beckett lived a life of many parts. Revisiting the main characters of his life, DANCE FIRST takes us on a rich and intimate journey of Paris through the decades.

DarkGame

GFM Film Sales

Cast: Ed Westwick

Yi Hu

Genre: Thriller

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Director: Howard J Ford

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: Six innocent victims have been kidnapped and held captive, forced to play out a deadly reality game show on the dark web for the entertainment of the criminal underworld who gamble on the results. It's not long before viewers worldwide find themselves hooked on this macabre game of life & death. All of which delights the presenter of the game, a flamboyant psychopath hungry for the fame & attention. Portland PD Detective, Ben Jacobs (Ed Westwick), heads up the task force assigned to the case. Events escalate as more & more people tune in on social media, and the stakes are raised even higher. Jacobs and his team find themselves in a race against time to save the captives.

Duran Duran A Hollywood High

Kaleidoscope Film Dist.

Cast: Simon Le Bon, Nick Rhodes, John Taylor, Roger Taylor, Dom Brown,
Anna Ross, Erin Stevenson

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Genre: Documentary

Director: Gavin Elder, Vincent Adam Paul, George Scott

Status: Completed

Synopsis: A show-stopping, feature-length docu-concert, featuring exclusive new interviews, unseen archival footage and behind-the-scenes video, A HOLLYWOOD HIGH explores Duran Duran's four-decade-long career, their ongoing love affair with the city of Los Angeles, and the band's meteoric rise to fame.

The End We Start From

Anton Corp

Cast: Jodie Comer

Mark Lane

Genre: Female director

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Director: Mahalia Belo

Status: Completed

Synopsis: A woman with a new-born baby must travel to safety after England is hit with apocalyptic floods, causing devastation and war throughout the country.

Escape

GFM Film Sales

Cast: Sarah Alexander, Sean Cronin, Angela Dixon, Megan Lockhurst

Yi Hu

Genre: Thriller

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Director: Howard J Ford

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: Ten sex trafficked young women are taken from an island resort by a violent criminal gang for shipping to an overseas client. A young nurse and feisty dancer hatch an escape-plan, finding themselves in the desert fighting for survival against ruthless traffickers.

Four Letters Of Love

Cornerstone Films

Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Helena Bonham Carter, Gabriel Byrne, Ann Skelly,
Fionn O'Shea

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Genre: Romance

Director: Polly Steele

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: Nicholas (O'Shea) and Isabel (Skelly) are made for each other, but fate does not always choose the easiest path to true love. As destiny pulls them together, so do family, passion, and faith drive them apart.

Nicholas' father, William (Brosnan), comes home one day to shatter his family's quiet, modest life. He tells them that in a moment of divine intervention, God has instructed him to dedicate his life to painting. He quits his job and sets off for the coast, leaving his shellshocked wife and son to fend for themselves. Meanwhile Isabel and her family live a charmed existence on a nearby small neighbouring island, their house full of music and poetry. When tragedy strikes and her brother suffers a terrible accident, the music stops, and Isabel's parents (Bonham Carter, Byrne) decide in their grief to send Isabel to a convent school on the mainland.

The young lovers embark on their own individual journeys of heartache and misplaced love, before fate contrives to pull the threads off their lives together. When they meet, it will be like a miracle.

Freud's Last Session

Westend Films

Cast: Anthony Hopkins

Sofia Neves

Genre: Drama

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Director: Matthew Brown

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: On the eve of the Second World War and the end of his life, Sigmund Freud (Hopkins) invites iconic author C.S. Lewis for a debate over the existence of God. Innovatively, the film explores Freud's unique relationship with his lesbian daughter Anna, and Lewis' unconventional romance with his best friend's mother. FREUD'S LAST SESSION interweaves past, present and fantasy, bursting from the confines of Freud's study on a dynamic journey.

Golda

Cast: Helen Mirren
Genre: Biography
Director: Guy Nattiv
Status: Completed

Synopsis: On October 6th, 1973, under cover of darkness, on Israel's holiest day and during the month of Ramadan, the combined forces of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan begin a surprise attack on the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. Outnumbered and outgunned, Israel's only female Prime Minister, Golda Meir, confronts the immediate, clear, and present danger of a ticking timebomb that she hoped never to face. Surrounded, isolated, and frustrated by the infighting of her all-male cabinet, with little hope of rescue, one woman is in a race against time to save millions of lives on both sides of the conflict.

Embankment Films

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A Greyhound Of A Girl

Cast: Brendan Gleeson, Sharon Horgan, Rosaleen Linehan
Genre: Family
Director: Enzo D'Alò
Status: Completed

Synopsis: Ten year old Mary O'Hara is devastated when her grandmother, Emer, is admitted to hospital. She visits her regularly and it is after one such visit that she meets Tansey, a new neighbour. Tansey is friendly & talkative and Mary is enthralled, especially when she says she has an urgent message for Mary's granny...

When Mary's mother hears that her daughter has made a new friend she is curious to meet this young woman who has the same distinctive name as her own grandmother. Slowly, pieces of the jigsaw fit together and they realise with shock that Tansey is in fact...a (very friendly) ghost! Brought together in the most surreal of situations, Mary and her mother, along with Tansey, head to the hospital to collect Emer. From there, four generations of women head off on one last glorious, spectacular road trip together. Conversation flows as they take a trip down memory lane, preparing themselves for final goodbyes but warm in the knowledge that life is most definitely amazing, quite often truly mysterious and - if you're lucky - full of love.

GFM Animation

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Hitmen

Cast: Eric Roberts, Adam Deacon, Georges St-Pierre
Genre: Thriller
Director: Savvas D. Michael
Status: Completed

Synopsis: Academy Award-nominee Eric Roberts, BAFTA-winner Adam Deacon and legendary UFC champion Georges St-Pierre star in this action-thriller, from the Director of The Bezonians and Original Gangster.

After accidentally killing the grandson of a powerful CEO, a couple are forced to fight or flee for their lives when the vengeful businessman enlists the help of a mob boss to take them down. With a \$1 million bounty placed on their heads, a ruthless game of cat and mouse begins as they attract the attention of the world's deadliest assassins, who will stop at nothing to claim their prize.

Kaleidoscope Film Dist.

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Hostile Dimensions

Cast: Annabel Logan, Joma West
Genre: Science-fiction
Director: Graham Hughes
Status: Completed

Synopsis: A twist-filled multi-verse thriller from Graham Hughes (Death Of A Vlogger).

Hostile Dimensions follows two documentary filmmakers who decide to investigate the disappearance of a graffiti artist who seemingly 'vanished'. As they delve deeper into their research, they encounter an ominous freestanding door which leads them on a dark journey through the dimensions behind it. Determined to uncover the truth the pair soon realise they have stumbled across something far more terrifying than they could have ever imagined.

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How To Have Sex

Cast: Mia Mckenna-Bruce, Lara Peake, Shaun Thomas, Sam Bottomley,
Enva Lewis, Laura Ambler

Genre: Drama
Director: Molly Manning Walker
Status: Completed

Synopsis: Three British teenage girls go on a rites-of-passage holiday - drinking, clubbing and hooking up, in what should be the best summer of their lives.

MK2 Films

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Hunt vs Lauda

Kaleidoscope Film Dist.

Cast: Freddie Hunt, Mathias Lauda, Niki Lauda Lauda, Jo Hunt, Marlene Knaus, Sir Chris Hoy, Claire Lauda

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Genre: Documentary

Director: Charlotte Fantelli

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Experience the ultimate motorsport duel as the sons of formula one racing legends Niki Lauda and James Hunt, renew an epic generational rivalry.

In The Shadows

Altitude Film Sales

Cast: Letitia Wright

Genre: Biography

Director: Anthony Wonke

Status: Pre-Production

Synopsis: IN THE SHADOWS tells the true story of Ramla Ali, the first Somali British professional boxing champion and her journey to find her own identity in spite of the world she was born into. Against the odds, she discovers the power of family, love, faith and self-belief as she learns how to open the door to her future.

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Kensuke's Kingdom

Bankside Films

Cast: Sally Hawkins, Cillian Murphy, Ken Watanabe, Raffey Cassidy

Genre: Family

Director: Kirk Henry

Status: Production

Synopsis: When Michael is washed up on an island in the Pacific after falling from his parents' yacht, he struggles to survive on his own. He can't find food and he can't find water, and as Michael and his dog curl up to sleep, he knows they cannot last long. But he soon realises there is someone close by, someone who is watching over him and helping him to stay alive. Following a close-run battle between life and death, the mysterious stranger - Kensuke - allows Michael into his world and they become friends, teaching and learning from each other, until the day of separation becomes inevitable.

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The Last Rider

Dogwoof

Genre: Documentary

Director: Alex Holmes

Status: Completed

Synopsis: With innate talent, an earnest, ethical approach to competition, and an affable, boy-next-door charm, the American Greg LeMond was a popular presence in European cycling. A wizard on the steady, grueling climbs of the Tour de France, LeMond propelled himself to recognition with wins first for the National Team of France, and then unexpectedly for himself in 1986, when a yellow jersey win shocked and thrilled the world (turning some "friends" into adversaries). Alex Holmes' poignant documentary makes space for LeMond, with the aid of his extraordinary wife Kathy, to share a deeply personal journey through trauma and the twists and turns of fame and performance amidst immense public pressures. This is a resounding reminder that LeMond represents the world of athletics at its best, and replays one of the greatest comeback stories in sports history.

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The Last Rifleman

WestEnd Films

Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Louis Gossett, Jr, Jürgen Prochnow

Genre: Drama

Director: Terry Loane

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Inspired by true events, THE LAST RIFLEMAN is a moving and heartfelt drama starring Pierce Brosnan as Artie Crawford, a World War II veteran living in a care home in Northern Ireland who has just lost his wife. On the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, Artie decides to secretly escape his care home and embarks on an arduous but inspirational journey to France, to pay his final respects to his best friend and find the courage to face the ghosts of his past.

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Lee		Rocket Science
Cast:	Kate Winslet, Marion Cotillard, Josh O'Connor, Andy Samberg, Andrea Riseborough	Patricia Arias pa@rocket-science.net
Genre:	Drama	
Director:	Ellen Kuras	
Status:	Completed	
Synopsis:	The project follows Lee Miller as she travels to the frontlines of World War II as a photojournalist and embarks on a mission to expose the hidden truths of the Third Reich. But in the aftermath of betrayal, she comes to a reckoning about the truths of her own past.	

Lomu		Dogwoof
Genre:	Documentary	Ana Vicente ana@dogwoof.com
Director:	Gavin Fitzgerald, Ve'a Mafile'o	
Status:	Production	
Synopsis:	A Tongan/Kiwi warrior who could run 100 metres in under 11 seconds. He was the youngest All Black to put on the jersey and still holds the record for the most tries scored in World Cup history.	

Mad About The Boy: The Noël Coward Story		Altitude Film Sales
Cast:	Rupert Everett, Alan Cumming	Mike Runagall mikerunagall@altitudefilmsales.com
Genre:	Art - Culture	
Director:	Barnaby Thompson	
Status:	Completed	
Synopsis:	Noël Coward grew up in poverty and left school when he was only nine years old. He was queer in a very straight world. And yet by the age of 30, he was the highest paid writer in the world, and a star on the Broadway stage. He wrote, directed and acted in some of the finest plays and movies of all time, including <i>Private Lives</i> , <i>Blithe Spirit</i> , <i>Brief Encounter</i> and <i>In Which We Serve</i> . He also became a world renowned songwriter and performer of whom Frank Sinatra said, 'If you want to hear how a song should be sung, go see Mr Noel Coward'. And if that wasn't enough, he was also a spy during the Second World War!	
	Against all odds, Noël Coward became the most successful multi-talented artist of the Twentieth Century. He defined an era and led an extraordinary life. This is his inspirational story told in his own words and music, and unique home movies. The film features Laurence Olivier, Maggie Smith, Harold Pinter, Frank Sinatra, Lauren Bacall, Michael Caine and Lucille Ball.	
	Rupert Everett is the voice of Noël Coward. Narrated by Alan Cumming. And international superstar recording artist Adam Lambert sings the film's theme song, an updated cover of Coward's, 'Mad About The Boy'. The song was produced by Amanda Ghost and Johnny Coffey.	

Marmalade		Signature Entertainment
Cast:	Joe Keery, Aldis Hodge, Camila Morrone	Ella Field ella@signature-entertainment.co.uk
Genre:	Crime	
Director:	Keir O'Donnell	
Status:	Completed	
Synopsis:	Marmalade centers on the recently incarcerated Baron (Keery) who strikes up a friendship with cellmate Otis (Hodge), a man with a well-versed history of prison breaks. As the pair hatch an escape plan together, Baron recalls the story of how he met Marmalade (Morrone), the love of his life, and their "Bonnie and Clyde" style scheme to rob a bank in order to care for his sick mother and give the couple the life they've always dreamed of.	

A Million Days		Signature Entertainment
Cast:	Simon Merrells, Kemi-Bo Jacobs, Hermione Corfield, Darrell D'Silva	Ella Field ella@signature-entertainment.co.uk
Genre:	Thriller	
Director:	Mitch Jenkins	
Status:	Completed	
Synopsis:	The year is 2041, Anderson and his team are making their final preparations before departure. However, after consulting Jay - the purpose-built AI - it becomes clear someone is trying to sabotage the mission. As the night descends into chaos, the group's faith in one another begins to crack, when slowly Jay's chilling intentions are exposed.	

The Miracle Club

Cast: Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Laura Linney
Genre: Comedy
Director: Thaddeus O'Sullivan
Status: Completed

Synopsis: Lourdes, a picturesque country town at the base of the magnificent French Pyrenees, and a place of miracles, is a magnet for 6 million visitors each year from across the globe. Ballyfermot, Ireland, 1960: A hilariously hard-knocks community in outer Dublin that marches to its own beat – frenzied, fast and loose – and yet also deeply soulful; rooted in traditions of loyalty, faith and togetherness. It's a thriving community in a constant uphill battle to live as fully as possible, on very little. And the opportunity to rise above one's daily struggles is frankly a pipe dream, especially for women. There's just one tantalising dream for the women of Ballyfermot to taste freedom and escape the gauntlet of domestic life: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, and all for free. And with a little benevolent interference from their cheeky and rebellious priest, close friends LILY, EILEEN, DOLLY and SHEILA are the 'lucky' few to win this ticket of a lifetime at their riotous local raffle night.

Having never even left Dublin – let alone Ireland – the journey provides our heroines the chance to let their hair down, celebrate life and delight in some sweet independence. But it's not all just a 'jolly': the women have a very important role to play when they arrive in Lourdes – to act as 'pushers' for the seriously ill and disabled pilgrims, there to bathe in the town's healing springs. And it's also a chance to reflect on their own lives, with each of the women in search of their own personal miracles. But when they are joined by CHRISSIE, recently returned from a decades-long exile in the USA, deep wounds from the past are re-opened, and bitter truths exposed. As they confront one another and embrace their past, these women realise that the miracle they have all been looking for is right in front of them: in the strength of their friendships and unshakeable togetherness. Truly joyous, uplifting, hilarious and aspirational – and an invitation to meet our heroines, all just as funny, messy, vocal and flawed as ourselves – PUSHERS NEEDED empowers us all to communicate, love and laugh, and discover that we are only as strong as the friends and family who stand by us.

Embankment Films

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The Monk, The Mermaid And Molise

Cast: Guy Pratt, Raffaello Degruittola
Genre: Road movie
Director: Marcus Shepherd
Status: Pre-Production

Synopsis: Down on his luck, celebrated session musician and bass legend Guy Pratt accepts an invitation to spend five days playing a series of bass clinics in a remote Italian region, Molise. He expects it to be easy money, but unbeknownst to him, Riccardo Monti, a tripe salesman and prog rock enthusiast is in charge of this little enterprise. Riccardo was a huge fan of Deadly Harvest, a band Guy walked out on in the 90s causing an acrimonious split and the band's demise. Meeting Guy is an opportunity Riccardo, an aspiring rock manager, has waited his whole life for. Is it such a problem his forte is not running tours but selling offal? Over five days Guy will be tested, humiliated, electrocuted and fall in love before finally facing up to his past and why he walked out on a band he loved and the woman he adored.

Studio Soho International

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Monstrous Beauty

Cast: Bella Ramsey, Dominic West, Ruth Negga, Fiona Shaw
Genre: Historical
Director: Romola Garai
Status: Pre-Production

Synopsis: Barbara is Born with a rare condition she is entirely covered in hair. She is offered a place in the luxurious court of King Charles II. Barbara aspires to become a playwright under the famous actress Nell Gwyn, powerful mistress to the King.

HanWay Films

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No Way Up

Cast: Phyllis Logan, Colm Meaney, Sophie McIntosh, Will Attenborough, Jeremias Amoore
Genre: Thriller
Director: Claudio Fäh
Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: NO WAY UP is a high concept combination of disaster movie and survival thriller, as characters from very different backgrounds are thrown together when the plane they're travelling on crashes into the Pacific Ocean.

The stricken airliner comes to rest perilously close to the edge of a bottomless ravine with the surviving passengers and crew trapped in an air pocket. With their air supply rapidly running out, a nightmare fight for survival ensues as dangers from all sides hone-in on them.

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North Star

CAA

Cast: Kristin Scott Thomas, Scarlett Johansson, Freida Pinto, Sienna Miller, Emily Beecham

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Genre:

Director: Kristin Scott Thomas

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Three sisters return to their family home to attend the wedding of their twice widowed mother Diana. All three sisters have had different life experiences, with Georgina being a palliative nurse, whilst Victoria is an actress, and Katherine is a captain in the Royal Navy.

The Old Oak

Goodfellas

Cast: Dave Turner, Ebla Mari

Genre: Drama

Director: Ken Loach

Status: Completed

Synopsis: THE OLD OAK is the story of a village in the Northeast of England, where the mine closed, and people feel deserted by the system. Many young ones have left and what was once a thriving, proud community struggles to keep old values alive. But there is growing anger, resentment, and a lack of hope. Houses are cheap and available. This makes it an ideal location for the Syrian refugees that have been accepted by Britain in recent years. How will the Syrians be received? And what will be the future for the last remaining pub in the village, The Old Oak?

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One Life

Cross City Films

Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, Jonathan Pryce, Lena Olin, Romola Garai

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Johnny Flynn

Genre:

Director: James Hawes

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Follows British humanitarian Nicholas Winton, who helped save hundreds of children from the Nazis on the eve of World War II.

The Penguin Lessons

Rocket Science

Cast: Steve Coogan
Genre: Book adaptation
Director: Peter Cattaneo
Status: Pre-Production

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Synopsis: Based on The Sunday Times Top Ten bestselling book of the same name by Tom Michell, THE PENGUIN LESSONS is the true story of a disillusioned Englishman who went to work in a school in Argentina in 1976. Expecting an easy ride, he discovered instead a complicated and divided nation – and a class of practically unteachable young boys. However, when he finds a small penguin washed up on an oil slicked beach, his life is turned upside down – and the penguin becomes not only a valued friend, but also a teacher of life's most important lessons, for Tom, the boys and, in fact, everyone he meets.

Pretty Red Dress

Protagonist Pictures

Cast: Natey Jones, Alexandra Burke
Genre: Drama
Director: Dionne Edwards
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: The film tells the story of a South London family's relationship with the same red dress. For Candice (Alexandra Burke), it's her audition outfit to play Tina Turner in a fictional musical and a ticket to a different life. For daughter Kenisha, it's symbolic of a kind of traditional femininity that she feels alienated by. For Travis (Natey Jones), it's both a secret and a source of liberation. One day when he is discovered wearing the dress, it tests family bonds to their limit.

Raging Grace

Blue Finch Film Releasing

Cast: Max Eigenmann, Jaeden Boadilla, David Hayman, Leanne Best
Genre: Horror
Director: Paris Zarcilla
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: A bold coming-of-age story. Joy is an undocumented Filipina immigrant who is struggling to do the best she can for her daughter when she secures the perfect job; taking care of an extremely wealthy but terminal old man. The new position pays well and guarantees a roof over their heads but very soon, Joy and her daughter Grace start to realize everything is not as it seems. Something is festering beneath the surface, threatening all they have worked for. Deeply personal, "Raging Grace" is a nightmarish fever dream from an exciting new voice.

Raven's Hollow

Canoe Film

Cast: William Moseley, Melanie Zanetti, Kate Dickie, David Hayman, Oberon Ka Adjepong

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Genre: Thriller
Director: Christopher Hatton
Status: Completed

Synopsis: Fall, 1830. A woman hurries home at dusk in an unnatural swirl of leaves. A creature hidden in the woods follows her. That night, in the safety of her cabin, it appears and savagely kills her. Two days later West Point Cadet Edgar Allan Poe, a handsome, serious young man, is leading four cadets home on horseback from a training exercise when they come upon the horrific scene of a man lashed to a wooden rack on a hillside, his body viciously torn open. With his dying breath he utters "Raven". Assuming it's his home, they are honor bound to return the murdered man.

Following a wooded trail, Poe and his men come upon a nearly grown-over cemetery where some locals – guarded, quiet people - have gathered for the funeral of the woman killed two days earlier. They say the dead man was only a stranger passing through, not from here, and they don't know what might have happened to him. Furtive glances, however, and a whispered, frightened plea for help suggest to young Poe that something sinister is happening in this place. Enthralled by the Inkeeper's beautiful and mysterious daughter (Charlotte) and with a determination fueled by the refusal of the town's inhabitants to speak to the atrocities, Poe undertakes to uncover the secret of the village. Risking everything as he uncovers the layers of Raven's Hollow's past, Poe ultimately comes face to face with the terrifying creature that will haunt him forever . .

Reawakening

WestEnd Films

Cast: Jared Harris, Erin Doherty, Juliet Stevenson, Niamh Cusack, Nicholas Pinnock

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Genre: Thriller
Director: Virginia Gilbert
Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: Married couple John (Jared Harris) and Mary (Juliet Stevenson) have lived in an agonizing limbo of grief and guilt for the past ten years, since the disappearance of their only child, Clare, aged fourteen. Ten years later, she reappears on their doorstep, but is this young woman really who she claims to be? And if she is an imposter, what are her motives? As old tensions resurface, a gripping search for the truth unfolds...

The Rev

Kaleidoscope Film Dist.

Cast: Elilir Jones, Idris Morris, Richard Arfon
Genre: Crime
Director: Rhys Edwards
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: 1985: Detective Inspector Gwyn Roberts is sent to a quiet seaside town to investigate an unusually threatening and vile anonymous letter, leading him to the home of mild-mannered clergymen, the Reverend Emyr Owen. What he would find was a discovery so shocking that the law system would attempt to bury the case. The Reverend was guilty of abusing and mutilating human bodies awaiting burial. This disturbing yet fascinating story is brought to light with interviews from police officers, psychiatrists, and legal experts, interwoven with dramatic recreations that delve into Owen's history and unearthing questions about his crimes that remain unanswered to this day.

The Rivals of Amziah King

Black Bear International

Cast: Matthew McConaughey
Genre: Crime
Director: Andrew Patterson
Status: Production

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Synopsis: A deeply atmospheric, character-focused crime thriller set against the unique backdrop of remote Oklahoma.

The Royal Hotel

Cast: Julia Garner, Jessica Henwick, Hugo Weaving

Genre:

Director: Kitty Green

Status: Completed

Synopsis: A social thriller inspired by true events, the film follows Hanna (Garner) and Liv (Henwick) who are best friends backpacking in Australia. After they run out of money, Liv, looking for an adventure, convinces Hanna to take a temporary live-in job behind the bar of a pub called 'The Royal Hotel' in a remote Outback mining town. Here they meet local and pub regular Matty (Wallace), Bar Owner Billy (Weaving) and a host of locals give the girls a riotous introduction to Down Under drinking culture but things turn nasty when their jokes and behaviour cross the line. Soon Hanna and Liv find themselves trapped in an unnerving situation that grows rapidly out of their control.

HanWay Films

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The Salt Path

Cast: Gillian Anderson, Jason Isaacs

Genre: Book adaptation

Director: Marianne Elliot

Status: Post-Production

Synopsis: An honest and life-affirming true story of the healing power of the natural world when we are faced with trauma.

Rocket Science

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Schmeichel

Genre: Documentary

Director: Owen Davies

Status: Production

Synopsis: A Goalkeeper in Danish football team that won the European Championship against all odds in 1992 and captained Manchester United in the Champions League final victory that clinched the treble in 1999.

Dogwoof

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The Settlers

Cast: Camilo Arancibia, Mark Stanley, Benjamin Westfall

Genre: Drama

Director: Felipe Gálvez

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Chile, end of the 19th century. Three horsemen are hired by a rich landowner to mark out the perimeter of his expansive property. The expedition, composed of a young Chilean native, an American mercenary, and led by a reckless British lieutenant, soon turns into a "civilizing" raid.

MK2 Films

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She Is Love

Cast: Haley Bennett, Sam Riley, Marisa Abela, Michael Smiley

Genre: Romance

Director: Jamie Adams

Status: Completed

Synopsis: When Patricia (Haley Bennett) arrives at a country hotel in Cornwall, she encounters her ex-husband Idris (Sam Riley) who manages the place with his girlfriend Louise (Marisa Abela). Things are immediately awkward, and the former couple reconnect over a long, messy night where they revisit the past while remaining open to new beginnings.

Signature Entertainment

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Shoshana

Cast: Irina Starshenbaum, Harry Melling, Aury Alby

Genre: Thriller

Director: Michael Winterbottom

Status: Completed

Synopsis: Follows two Brit police officers Thomas Wilkin and Geoffrey Morton in their hunt for charismatic poet and Zionist freedom fighter Avraham Stern, who was plotting to evict British authorities.

Vision Distribution

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Sky Peals

Bankside Films

Cast: Faraz Ayub, Natalie Gavin, Claire Rushbrook, Simon Nagra, Steve Oram, Jeff Mizra
Genre: Science-fiction
Director: Moin Hussain
Status: Post-Production

Yana Georgieva
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Synopsis: Adam works nightshifts at a motorway service station and lives a small and lonely life. Upon hearing that his estranged father has died, he finds himself in search of answers. Piecing together a complicated image of a man he never knew, Adam starts to become convinced he descends from an alien race.

Something In The Water

Studiocanal

Cast: Lauren Lyle, Hiftu Quasem, Natalie Mitson
Genre: Thriller
Director: Hayley Easton Street
Status: Post-Production

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Synopsis: Reunited at an exotic destination wedding, a group of five girlfriends decide to rent a boat to spend a day together along the paradise-like coast. Their friendship is put to the ultimate test when they find themselves stranded in open water fighting for their lives against sharks and mother nature as they desperately try to survive.

Starve Acre

Cornerstone Films

Cast: Matt Smith, Morfydd Clark
Genre: Thriller
Director: Daniel Kokotajlo
Status: Post-Production

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Synopsis: 1970s, rural England. Richard and Juliette's seemingly idyllic family life is thrown into turmoil when their son Ewan starts acting out of character, and unexpectedly dies creating an insurmountable wedge between the once happy couple.

At their remote family home, Starve Acre, archaeologist Richard buries his grief by excavating near the oak tree on their land to investigate a folkloric myth that the tree is imbued with mystic powers. As his obsession grows, he discovers the skeleton of a large hare embedded in its ancient roots. Keeping the skeleton in a shoebox inside the house, he is stunned when he sees it start to grow flesh back on its bones.

Juliette, stricken with guilt and despair, is introduced to a local woman who conducts a spiritual meditation to connect with Ewan's spirit. This triggers a dramatic change in Juliette, seemingly lifting her out of her depression. As the hare reanimates and eventually comes to life, she begins to bond with it as a mother would with a newborn.

In the vein of HEREDITARY and THE WITCH, STARVE ACRE is a brooding and stylistic folk horror exploring inherited trauma and loss in a world ruled by supernatural myth.

T.I.M.

Altitude Film Sales

Cast: Georgina Campbell, Eamon Farren, Mark Rowley, Amara Karan
Genre: Thriller
Director: Spencer Brown
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: ABI, a robotics scientist, moves to the countryside with her husband, PAUL, to make a fresh start following his affair. She's been hired by Integrate to put the finishing touches to a revolutionary new product, 'T.I.M.'; a humanoid A.I. that syncs with its owner's devices to anticipate their every need. However, Abi's dreams of a new life are derailed when her T.I.M. becomes obsessed with her, doing whatever is necessary to take Paul's place. A stalker in her own home, T.I.M. uses its access to their data and company smart home to manipulate her and fake evidence of a fresh affair.

What hope does trust have against an intelligence that can access your bank account, perfectly imitate your voice, and deep-fake incriminating footage? How can you escape something that can remotely lock your doors or take control of your driverless car as it speeds down the motorway? As T.I.M.'s obsession deepens, it's not just their relationship that is in danger. It's their lives.

Tatami

WestEnd Films

Cast: Arienne Mandi, Zar Amzir Ebrahimi
Genre: Thriller
Director: Guy Nattiv
Status: Post-Production

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Synopsis: Iranian female judoka Leila and her coach Maryam, who travel to the Judo World Championship, intent on bringing home Iran's first gold medal. Midway through the competition, they receive an ultimatum from the Islamic Republic ordering Leila to fake an injury and lose. With her own and her family's freedom at stake, Leila is faced with an impossible choice: feign injury and comply with the Iranian regime as Maryam implores her to do, or defy them both and fight on, for the gold.

The Teacher

Goodfellas

Cast: Saleh Bakri, Imogen Poots, Muhammad Abed Elrahman
Genre: Drama
Director: Farah Nabulsi
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: After the death of his son, a Palestinian teacher struggles to reconcile his life-threatening commitment to political resistance with his emotional support for one of his students and the chance of a new relationship with a volunteer worker.

Tell That To The Winter Sea

Kaleidoscope Film Dist.

Cast: Greta Bellamacina, Amber Anderson
Genre: Romance
Director: Jaclyn Bethany
Status: Post-Production

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Synopsis: Celebrating her upcoming marriage, Jo invites her childhood friend, Scarlett, on a girls' trip to a country manor. But despite drifting apart as adults, unresolved feelings still linger between them whilst the rest of the group enjoys the weekend away.

With Jo about to embark on a new stage in her life, but struggling to let go of the past, she reflects back with Scarlett on the young girls they once were, and the women they are becoming.

10 Lives

GFM Animation

Genre: Animation
Director: Chris Jenkins
Status: Production

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Synopsis: Beckett is a pampered and selfish cat who totally takes for granted the lucky hand he has been dealt. All that is about to change, however, when he carelessly loses his ninth life.

With no lives left and faced with the inevitable, Beckett pleads for things to be back to how they were. At first his request is refused but in a moment of exceptional empathy, the 'Gatekeeper' has a change of heart and allows him to return to earth with a whole new set of lives.

What he doesn't realise immediately however is that each of these new lives will see him return in a variety of different forms...each one teaching him a valuable & timely lesson.

It is a journey that sees Beckett turn from gloriously self-absorbed pet to a self-sacrificing hero; because sometimes you must travel many different roads to find the very best version of yourself.

The Thing With Feathers

MK2 Films

Cast: Benedict Cumberbatch
Genre: Drama
Director: Dylan Southern
Status: Pre-Production

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Synopsis: Following the death of his wife, a young father's hold on reality crumbles and a strange presence begins to stalk him from the shadowy recesses of the apartment he shares with his two young sons. A man-like crow, seemingly brought to life from the father's work as an illustrator, is about to become a very real part of all of their lives, ultimately guiding them towards the new shape their family must take.

Twiggy

Cast: Twiggy Lawson
Genre: Female director
Director: Sadie Frost
Status: Production

Synopsis: Introducing TWIGGY, an upcoming documentary focused on the life of the greatest 'IT' girl of all time, Dame Twiggy Lawson. The documentary will be the first time Twiggy has ever told her story first-hand. Directed by Sadie Frost, following her hugely successful debut feature on fashion designer Mary Quant, Frost will take the audience through the life of the world famous supermodel, actress, and singer, Twiggy. Whilst also taking a deeper look at her influences and the impact Twiggy had on fashion, society and the women's rights movement since the late 1960's, TWIGGY will explore the models upbringing, career, relationships and all the events that have made her the woman she is today.

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Uncle

Cast: Şopé Dirisù
Genre: Thriller
Director: Joe Marcantonio
Status: Pre-Production

Synopsis: After the brutal murder of their family, barely teenage Millie and her Uncle John (Dirisù) embark on a brutal mission of revenge and retribution. But as they get closer to the people responsible, Millie must decide if she is ready to follow the bloody path of vengeance... and its violent, premature journey into adulthood.

WestEnd Films
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Unicorns

Cast: Ben Hardy, Jason Patel
Genre: Drama
Director: Sally El Hosaini, James Krishna Floyd
Status: Completed

Synopsis: A cross-cultural romantic drama set against a secretive subculture in London, following an unlikely romantic pairing: an Essex mechanic and a Pakistani drag queen who leads a double life.

CAA
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The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of Harold Fry

Cast: Jim Broadbent
Genre: Drama
Director: Hettie MacDonald
Status: Completed

Synopsis: Harold Fry (Academy Award® Winner Jim Broadbent) was never meant to be a hero. He's an unremarkable man who has made mistakes with all the important things: being a husband, a father and a friend. And now, well into his 60s, he is content to fade quietly into the background of life.

Until, one day – Harold learns his old friend Queenie is dying. Harold leaves home, walking to his post office to send her a letter. And out of the blue, Harold decides to keep walking, all the way to her hospice, 450 miles away.

Embankment Films
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Virtue

Cast: Nickolaj Coster-Waldau, Romola Garai
Genre: Historical
Director: Joanna Coates
Status: Pre-Production

Synopsis: 1350, England: A heroic knight returns to his plague-ravaged homeland. Wracked with guilt for leaving his wife and neglecting his people, he vows to rescue a village woman who vanished in a haunted forest.

HanWay Films
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Wicked Little Letters

Studiocanal

Cast: Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Timothy Spall
Genre: Comedy
Director: Thea Sharrock
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: A 1920s English seaside town bears witness to a dark and absurd scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger than fiction true story, WICKED LITTLE LETTERS follows two neighbours: deeply conservative local Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents begin to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. The anonymous letters prompt a national uproar, and a trial ensues. However, as the town's women - led by Police Officer Gladys Moss (Anjana Vasan) - begin to investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss, and Rose may not be the culprit after all.

Widow Clicquot

WME Independent

Cast: Haley Bennett, Tom Sturridge, Sam Riley, Leo Suter
Genre: Drama
Director: Thomas Napper
Status: Post-Production

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Synopsis: After her husband's death, Barbe-Nicole Clicquot Ponsardin defied convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business they had nurtured together. Steering the company through dizzying political and financial reversals, she became one of the world's first great businesswomen and one of the richest women of her time.

Based on the novel *The Widow Clicquot: The Story of a Champagne Empire and the Woman Who Ruled It* by Tilar J. Mazzeo.

The Zone of Interest

A24

Cast: Sandra Hüller, Christian Friedel
Genre: Historical
Director: Jonathan Glazer
Status: Completed

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Synopsis: The commandant of Auschwitz, Rudolf Höss, and his wife Hedwig, strive to build a dream life for their family in a house and garden next to the camp

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