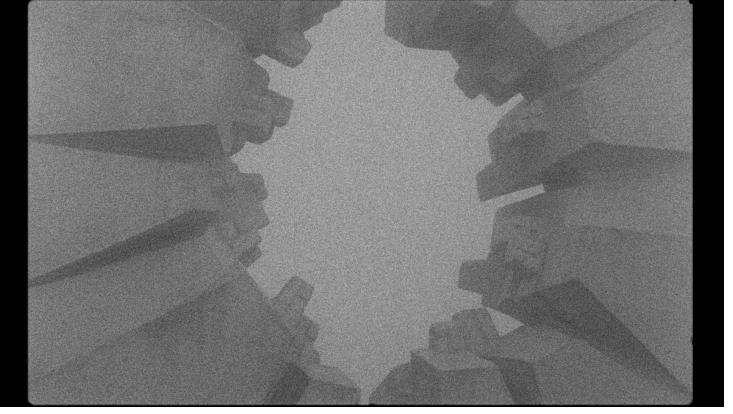
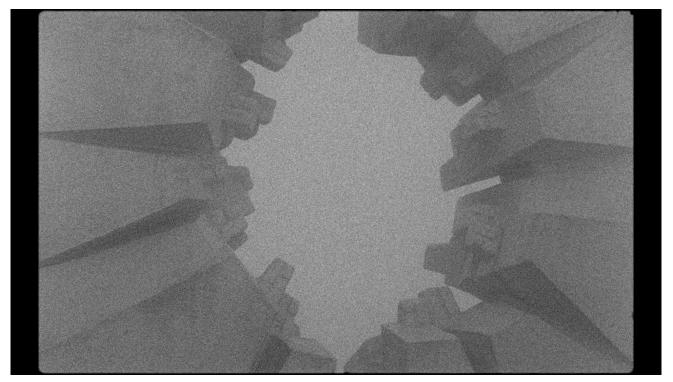
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# **FEAT**



#### Last and First Men <sub>by</sub> Jóhann Jóhannsson

70<sup>® tirrariante</sup> Berlinale Special

The film explores zones of decay and ruin where great tragedies have occurred – places charged with symbolism. Throughout the film we sense a spectral presence, an entity that is attempting to communicate with us. Director/Screenwriter Jóhann Jóhannsson Producers Jóhann Jóhannsson, Thor S. Sigurjónsson, Sturla Brandth Grøvlen Production company Zik Zak Filmworks Cast Tilda Swinton

Genre **Experimental science fiction** Iceland 2020, 70 min., DCP

Sales contact Thor S. Sigurjónsson (ThorS@scanbox.com)



#### <u>The Garden</u> <sub>by</sub> Ragnar Bragason

Indíana Jónsdóttir lives in a large apartment block full of immigrants, whom she despises, and makes her living by preying upon the public welfare system. In her small private garden, she tends to her award-winning laburnum tree. When her only son turns up with a foreign girlfriend, Indíana's world is upended. Director/Screenwriter Ragnar Bragason (*Metalhead*) Producer Davíd Óskar Ólafsson Coproducer Beata Rzeźniczek Production company Mystery Productions Coproduction company Madants Cast Sigrún Edda Björnsdóttir, Halldóra Geirhardsdóttir, Hallgrímur Ólafsson, Karolina Gruszka

Genre **Drama** Iceland/Poland 2020, 115 min., DCP

Sales contact Davíd Óskar Ólafsson (david@mystery.is)



<u>Agnes Joy</u> <sub>by</sub> Silja Hauksdóttir



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION CAIRO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Rannveig is experiencing burnout in all aspects of her mundane suburban life. She's stuck with a job she hates and a marriage that is slowly dying. On top of that, she's constantly fighting with her rebellious daughter, Agnes, and can't face the possibility of Agnes growing up and leaving her behind. When a new neighbor, Hreinn, shows up at their doorstep, Rannveig and family face new challenges that are beyond their control.

Director Silja Hauksdóttir (Ástrídur, Dís) Screenwriters Silja Hauksdóttir, Rannveig Jónsdóttir, Jóhanna Fridrika Sæmundsdóttir Producers Birgitta Björnsdóttir, Rannveig Jónsdóttir Coproducers Mikael Torfason, Gudbjörg Sigurdardóttir Production company Vintage Pictures Cast Katla Margrét Thorgeirsdóttir, Donna Cruz, Thorsteinn Bachmann, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson, Kristinn Óli Haraldsson

Genre **Drama** Iceland 2019, 92 min., DCP

International sales Media Move (justyna.koronkiewicz@mediamove.pl)



Between Heaven and Earth by Najwa Najjar Sometimes the most unexpected roads in life are the detours you didn't mean to take. A love story about divorce.

Director/Screenwriter Najwa Najjar (*Pomegranates and Myrrh*) Producers Hani E. Kort, Najwa Najjar Coproducers Fahad Jabali, Paul Thiltges Production company Ustura Films Coproduction companies Oktober Productions, Paul Thiltges Distributions Cast Mouna Hawa, Firas Nassar

Genre **Drama/Road movie** Palestine/Iceland/Luxembourg/Turkey 2019, 90 min., DCP

Sales contact Hani Kort (hani.kort@darb-ltd.com)



The County

Inga runs a deeply indebted dairy farm in a remote valley in Iceland. After a tragic loss, she decides to rise up against the corrupt establishment exploiting her and the local community, and finally live life on her own terms.

Director/Screenwriter Grímur Hákonarson (*Rams*) Producer Grímar Jónsson Coproducers Jacob Jarek, Ditte Milsted, Caroline Schluter, Sol Bondy, Jamila Wenske, Carole Scotta, Julie Billy Production company Netop Films Coproduction companies Profile Pictures, Haut et Court, One Two Films Cast Arndís Hrönn Egilsdóttir, Sigurdur Sigurjónsson, Sveinn Ólafur Gunnarsson, Hannes Óli Ágústsson, Hinrik Ólafsson, Edda Björg Eyjólfsdóttir

Genre **Drama** Iceland/Denmark/France/Germany 2019, 90 min., DCP

International sales New Europe Film Sales (jan@neweuropefilmsales.com)

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Echo by Rúnar Rúnarsson



As lceland gets ready for Christmas, a peculiar atmosphere settles over the country. An abandoned farm is burning, a children's choir sings Christmas carols, chicken carcasses parade through a slaughterhouse, a museum employee is arguing on the phone, a young girl makes her mother try on her new virtual-reality headset... In 56 discrete scenes, *Echo* draws a portrait, both bitter and tender, of modern society.

Director/Screenwriter Rúnar Rúnarsson (*Sparrows, Volcano*) Producers Live Hide, Lilja Ósk Snorradóttir, Rúnar Rúnarsson Coproducers Sarah Chazelle, Etienne Ollagnier, Dan Wechsler, Jamal Zeinal-Zade, Jim Stark, Igor Nola Production companies Nimbus Iceland, Pegasus Pictures Coproduction companies Jour2Fête, Bord Cadre Films, Media Rental

Genre **Hybrid** Iceland 2019, 79 min., DCP

International sales Jour2Fête (sales@jour2fete.com)



<u>Thirst</u> <sub>by</sub> Gaukur Úlfarsson Steinthór H. Steinthórsson In a small city not unlike Reykjavík, chaos and violence reign. Hulda is suspected of having something to do with her brother's death and is being investigated by the police. After being released due to insufficient evidence, she crosses paths with Hjörtur, an old, gay, lonely vampire who helps her bring her brother back to life. This brings unforeseen consequences, in addition to their ongoing battle with a bunch of televangelists who want them dead.

Directors Gaukur Úlfarsson, Steinthór H. Steinthórsson Screenwriter Björn Leo Brynjarsson Producers Haraldur Hrafn Thorlacius, Gaukur Úlfarsson, Steinthór H. Steinthórsson, Gudrún Olsen Coproducers Sigmar Vilhjálmsson, Reynir Hardason, Ottó Gunnarsson Production company Ofvitinn Coproduction companies Obbosí, Fenrir Films Cast Hjörtur Sævar Steinarson, Hulda Lind Kristinsdóttir, Jens Jensson, Ester Sveinbjarnardóttir, Birgitta Sigursteinsdóttir, Birna Halldórsdóttir

Genre **Comedy/Horror/Gay/Splatter** Iceland 2019, 88 min., DCP

International sales LevelK (tine.klint@levelk.dk)



IN POSTPRODUCTION

#### Lamb by Valdimar Jóhannsson

An Icelandic couple live with their herd of sheep on a beautiful but remote farm. When they discover a mysterious newborn on their land, they decide to keep it and raise it as their own. This unexpected development, and the prospects of a new family, brings them much joy before ultimately destroying them.

Director Valdimar Jóhannsson Screenwriters Sjón, Valdimar Jóhannsson Producers Hrönn Kristinsdóttir, Sara Nassim Coproducers Piodor Gustafsson, Erik Rydell, Klaudia Smieja-Rostworowska Production company Go to Sheep Coproduction company Black Spark Film & TV, Madants Cast Noomi Rapace, Hilmir Snær Gudnason, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson

Genre Drama/Fantasy Iceland/Sweden/Poland 2020, 90 min., DCP

International sales New Europe Film Sales (jan@neweuropefilmsales.com)



**Shadowtown** by Jón Einarsson Gústafsson Karolina Lewicka

Maya discovers a 50-year-old tragedy that is still affecting her life today when she inherits a house from a schizophrenic grandmother she never met.

Directors/Screenwriters Jón Einarsson Gústafsson, Karolina Lewicka Producers Hlín Jóhannesdóttir, Karolina Lewicka, Jón Einarsson Gústafsson, Leif Bristow Production company Artio Films Coproduction companies Leif Films, Ursus Parvus Cast Brittany Bristow, John Rhys-Davies, Edda Björgvinsdóttir, Kolbeinn Arnbjörnsson, Inga María Eyjólfsdóttir

Genre **Psychological thriller** Iceland/Canada 2020, 90 min., DCP

Sales contact Artio Films (artio@artiofilms.com)



#### Lille sommerfugl by Søren Kragh-Jacobsen

The pig farmer Ernst and his wife, Louise, throw a party for their golden wedding anniversary. During the party it's revealed that Ernst is about to lose the family farm, which will change him and the family forever.

Director/Screenwriter Søren Kragh-Jacobsen Producer Mikkel Jersin, Eva Jacobsen, Katrin Pors Coproducer Lilja Ósk Snorradóttir Production company Snowglobe Coproduction company Pegasus Pictures Cast Jesper Christensen, Mia Lyhne, Peder Thomas Pedersen, Sofie Blinkenberg, Vidar Jónsson

Genre **Drama** Denmark/Iceland 2020, 90 min., DCP

Sales contact Lilja Ósk Snorradóttir (lilja@pegasus.is)



#### <u>The Last Fishing Trip</u> by Thorkell Hardarson Örn Marinó Arnarson

Six friends go on their yearly fishing trip, leaving wives and worries at home. Things get out of hand from the beginning and spiral downward. Afterward their spirits are crushed by a massive hangover and they try to postpone the consequences of their behavior for as long as possible.

Directors/Screenwriters **Thorkell Hardarson, Örn Marinó Arnarson** Producers **Thorkell Hardarson, Örn Marinó Arnarson** Production company **Nýjar Hendur** 

Cast Halldór Gylfason, Hilmir Snær Gudnason, Hjálmar Hjálmarsson, Jóhann Sigurdarson, Thorsteinn Bachmann, Thröstur Leó Gunnarsson

Genre **Comedy** Iceland 2020, 90 min., DCP

Sales contact Markell Productions (falkasaga@gmail.com) **JPCOMING FEATURES** 



Recurrence by Marteinn Thórsson

Una's infant son disappears from his cradle and is presumed dead. After Una survives a suicide attempt, a sinister creature appears, and Una begins to live parallel stories that happened a hundred years ago, stories of other Unas, and of infants left in the elements to die.

Director Marteinn Thórsson (XL) Screenwriters Óttar M. Nordfjörd, Marteinn Thórsson Producers Gudrún Edda Thórhannesdóttir, Fridrik Thór Fridriksson Coproducers Gunnar Carlsson, Egil Ødegård Production company Duo Productions Coproduction companies Anagram, Evil Doghouse Productions Cast Ólafur Darri Ólafsson, Udo Kier, Rakel Ýr Stefánsdóttir

Genre **Supernatural thriller** Iceland/Sweden/Norway 2020, 90 min., DCP

International sales
The Yellow Affair (steven@yellowaffair.com)



Happily Never After dir. Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir Marteinn Thórsson

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Karen, a 38-year-old couples counselor and mother of three, has her life turned upside down when she discovers her husband's infidelity. Suddenly single, she must say good-bye to the utopian vision of the perfect nuclear family, and the professional advice she gives her clients now seems absurd. Every other weekend, the so-called "daddy weekends", are what Karen now fears most.

Directors Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir, Marteinn Thórsson (XL) Screenwriters Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir (Stella Blómkvist), Huldar Breidfjörd (Under the Tree), Sólveig Jónsdóttir Producers Birgitta Björnsdóttir, Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir, Thor S. Sigurjónsson Production companies Zik Zak Filmworks, Cubs Productions Cast Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir, Sveinn Ólafur Gunnarsson

Genre **Drama** Iceland 2019, 6×45′, HD

International sales REinvent Studios (helene.auro@reinvent.dk)



<u>The Minister</u> <sub>dir.</sub> Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir Arnór Pálmi Arnarson As the lcelandic prime minister's bipolar disorder worsens, his behavior threatens to endanger the stability of his government and the private lives of his aides and political allies. Some on the prime minister's team take pains to conceal his illness while others seize the opportunity to take advantage of it.

Directors Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir, Arnór Pálmi Arnarson Screenwriters Birkir Blær Ingólfsson, Björg Magnúsdóttir, Jónas Margeir Ingólfsson Producers Anna Vigdís Gísladóttir, Hilmar Sigurdsson, Kjartan Thor Thordarson Production company Sagafilm Cast Ólafur Darri Ólafsson, Aníta Briem, Thurídur Blær Jóhannsdóttir, Thor Kristjansson, Elva Ósk Ólafsdóttir, Oddur Júlíusson, Jóhann Sigurdarson, Jóel Sæmundsson, Sigurdur Sigurjónsson

Genre **Political drama** Iceland 2020, 8×52', HD

International sales Cineflix Rights (jleroux@cineflix.com)



<u>Thin Ice</u> dir. Cecilie Mosli Thale Persen Gudjón Jónsson As the Swedish foreign minister proposes a ban on oil drilling before the Arctic Council, a Swedish ship is attacked off the coast of Greenland. The ministers must now decide whether to give in to terror and postpone their meeting or fight for the climate under the threat of further attacks. And they must choose between their own short-term interests or working together for the sake of the entire planet.

Directors Cecilie Mosli, Thale Persen, Gudjón Jónsson Screenwriters Birkir Blær Ingólfsson, Jónas Margeir Ingólfsson, Jóhann Ævar Grímsson Producers Kidda Rokk, Søren Stærmose Production company Yellow Bird Coproduction company Sagafilm Cast Lena Endre, Bianca Kronlöf, Nukaaka Coster-Waldau, Angunnguaq Larsen, Iben Dorner, Alexander Karim

Genre **Environmental thriller** Sweden/Iceland 2020, 8×45', HD

Sales contact Søren Stærmose (soren@yellowbird.se)



<u>The Valhalla Murders</u> dir. Thórdur Pálsson Thóra Hilmarsdóttir Davíd Óskar Ólafsson When a third victim is found stabbed to death, police officers Kata and Arnar realize they might be dealing with Iceland's first serial killer. As they begin connecting the dots, the trail leads them to a mysterious and abandoned boys' home named Valhalla, where a series of horrendous crimes occurred 35 years earlier. As the past catches up with the present, more lives become endangered.

Directors Thórdur Pálsson, Thóra Hilmarsdóttir, Davíd Óskar Ólafsson Screenwriters Margrét Örnólfsdóttir (*Prisoners, Trapped*), Óttar M. Nordfjörd, Mikael Torfason, Ottó Geir Borg Producers Kristinn Thórdarson, Leifur B. Dagfinnsson, Davíd Óskar Ólafsson Production companies Truenorth, Mystery Productions Coproduction companies RÚV, Netflix Cast Nína Dögg Filippusdóttir, Björn Thors

Genre **Crime** Iceland 2019, 8×50', HD

International sales DR Sales (frns@dr.dk )

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#### <u>The Vasulka Effect</u> by Hrafnhildur Gunnarsdóttir

Steina and Woody Vasulka, pioneers of video art, began experimenting with video in the 1960s. Forgotten by the art world, we find them in the process of archiving their work and struggling to make ends meet. Through their journey we begin to understand the major impact video has had on art and society from the 1960s until the present day. Director/Screenwriter Hrafnhildur Gunnarsdóttir Producer Margrét Jónasdóttir Coproducer Radim Procházka, Simon Klose, Vibeke Vogel Production companies Sagafilm, Krumma Films Coproduction companies Produkce Radim Procházka

Coproduction companies **Produkce Radim Procházka**, Nonami, Bullitt Film

Iceland/Czech Republic/Denmark/Sweden 2019, 90 min., DCP

North American sales Juno Films (elizabeth@junofilms.com)

Other territories Margrét Jónasdóttir (margret@sagafilm.is)



# DOCUMENTARIES

#### The School of Housewives by Stefanía Thors

The School of Housewives is just what it sounds like. It provides an education in the domestic arts, and preserves Icelandic traditions. Current and former students, including the occasional male student, discuss their experiences at the school. While modern society moves along and funding isn't what it used to be, the school remains a fixture in Icelandic society. Director/Screenwriter **Stefanía Thors** Producer **Helgi Svavar Helgason** Production company **Mús & Kött** 

lceland 2020, 75 min., DCP

Sales contact Mús & Kött (musogkott@gmail.com)



<u>The Bountiful Land:</u> <u>Icelandic Food Tradition</u> <u>and Food History</u> <sub>by</sub> Ásdís Thoroddsen Elín Methúsalemsdóttir and her family, from the old farm Bustarfell, take us through the history of Icelandic food traditions, from the settlement period to the present day. In the beginning, Icelandic cooking was characterized by scarcity, and Icelanders had to be extremely resourceful with the little that nature provided. Now, however, the Icelandic kitchen exists in the modern world, influenced by immigration, food tourism, and global trends in farming and cuisine.

Director/Screenwriter Ásdís Thoroddsen Producer Ásdís Thoroddsen Production company Gjóla

lceland 2019, 97 min, DCP

Sales contact **Ásdís Thoroddsen (gjola@gjola.is)** 



Home Again? <sub>by</sub> Dögg Mósesdóttir

This film explores the option of home birth in lceland, as seen through the lens of a female filmmaker who is forced to come to terms with her feminine side when she discovers she is pregnant.

Director/Screenwriter **Dögg Mósesdóttir** Producer **Dögg Mósesdóttir** Production company **Freyja Filmwork** 

Iceland 2020, 75 min., DCP

Sales contact Dögg Mósesdóttir (doggmo@yahoo.com)



<u>l'm a Simple Man</u> <sub>by</sub> Ingvar A. Thórisson

Gleb Terjokhín is a Russian bus driver who dreamed of moving to lceland in search of a better life. He wrote several letters in bad lcelandic to newspapers and magazines in lceland, in search of work and a woman to marry. A group of artists recognized Gleb's letters as the expression of a true court jester, one who plays his role to escape the limits of his reality and get what he wants.

Director **Ingvar A. Thórisson** Screenwriter **Jón Thórisson** Producer **Ingvar A. Thórisson** Coproducers **Áslaug Thorlacíus, Finnur Arnar, Gudbergur Davídsson** Production company **Hugofilm** Coproduction companies **Madur og Kona, Ljósop** 

lceland 2019, 52 min., DCP

Sales contact Ingvar A. Thórisson (ingvarth@simnet.is)



Dive: <u>Rituals in Water</u> by Elín Hansdóttir Hanna Björk Valsdóttir Anna Rún Tryggvadóttir For the last 28 years, Snorri Magnússon, a pioneer in infant swimming, has welcomed babies all day long, six days a week. His rundown pool between the ocean and the mountains becomes a world of its own, where the sensory world of newborns is explored through sound, play, and a variety of underwater experiences.

Directors Elín Hansdóttir, Hanna Björk Valsdóttir, Anna Rún Tryggvadóttir Producer Hanna Björk Valsdóttir Coproducer Sigurdur Gísli Pálmason Production company Akkeri Films Coproduction company Ground Control Productions

lceland 2019, 72 min., DCP

International sales CAT & Docs (cat@catndocs.com)



<u>The Hero's Journey to the</u> <u>Third Pole: A Bipolar Musical</u> <u>Documentary with Elephants</u> by Andri Snær Magnason Anní Ólafsdóttir An adventurous, sad, dreamy, funny, and ultimately bittersweet story of two people struggling with the balancing act of bipolar disorder and confronting the shame that they and other bipolar people feel.

Directors/Screenwriters Andri Snær Magnason (Dreamland), Anní Ólafsdóttir Producers Hlín Jóhannesdóttir, Andri Snær Magnason, Halldóra Jóhanna Thorláksdóttir, Sigurdur Gísli Pálmason Production companies Elsku Rut, Ursus Parvus, Ground Control Productions

lceland 2020, 80 min., DCP

Sales contact Hlín Jóhannesdóttir (hlin@ursusparvus.com) DOCUMENTARIES



The Last Autumn



More than a thousand autumns ago, humans arrived with their animals to a land pushed up against the Arctic Ocean. Autumns came and autumns went. Where the road ends, Úlfar, the last in a long line of farmers, lives with his wife. As autumn returns, their grandchildren arrive from the city to attend the last herding of the flock. Next autumn farming will cease and all the sheep will be gone, but the landscape pushed up against the Arctic Ocean will continue to tell about that one last autumn.

Director **Yrsa Roca Fannberg** Producers **Hanna Björk Valsdóttir, Yrsa Roca Fannberg** Production companies **Akkeri Films, Biti Aptan Bædi** 

lceland 2019, 78 min., DCP

Sales contact Hanna Björk Valsdóttir (hannabjork@gmail.com)



In Stitches by Nicos Argillet Tinna is an Icelandic textile fanatic on a Nordic adventure to meet the most traditional, most beautiful, and most contemporary textile artists she can find. With the help of expert contributors, she uncovers the modern art being created using age-old techniques, while celebrating the beauty in our traditional crafts.

Director Nicos Argillet Screenwriter Heather Millard Producers Heather Millard, Thórdur Jónsson Coproducer Federico Delpero Bejar Production company Compass Films

lceland 2020, 58 min./70 min./3×23', DCP

Sales contact Heather Millard (heather@compassfilms.is)



<u>Play</u> <sub>by</sub> Thórunn Hafstad The imagination of children leads us into a fantasy narrative of play, where adults are nowhere to be found and the harsh reality of nature and imagination takes over. Soon enough, however, we are brought back to earth when playtime comes to an end, in this case with the devastating closure of a unique lcelandic kindergarten.

Director **Thórunn Hafstad** Screenwriters **Thórunn Hafstad, Federico Delpero Bejar** Producers **Heather Millard, Thórdur Jónsson** Production company **Compass Films** 

lceland 2020, 60 min., DCP

Sales contact Heather Millard (heather@spierfilms.com)



<u>Against the Current</u> by Óskar Páll Sveinsson

A transgender woman decides to paddle counterclockwise around lceland on a kayak. This perilous journey symbolizes her experiences during her genderreassignment process. The film explores her inner struggles and the effects of her decisions on those closest to her, including her ex-wife, her children, and her parents.

Director **Óskar Páll Sveinsson** Screenwriter **Margrét Örnólfsdóttir** Producer **Pétur Einarsson** Production company **P/E Productions** 

Iceland 2020, 90 min., DCP

Sales contact Pétur Einarsson (petur.einarsson@gmail.com)



#### The Amazing Truth About Daddy Green by Olaf de Fleur

Darryl Francis was wrongfully accused and convicted as an accessory to murder in Los Angeles when he was a teenager. During the two decades he spent in prison, he discovered the power of creative writing and humor to cope with life behind bars. Director Olaf de Fleur plays with the line between fiction and reality, the same method that won him a Teddy Award at the 2008 Berlinale.

Director/Screenwriter Olaf de Fleur (The Amazing Truth About Queen Raquela) Producers Olaf de Fleur, Kristin Andrea Thórdardóttir Production company Poppoli Pictures

lceland 2020, 70 min., DCP

Sales contact Olaf de Fleur (olaf@poppoli.com)



<u>The Far Traveller</u> by Anna Dís Ólafsdóttir

When she died around 1050 AD, a littleknown Viking explorer had become the most traveled woman of the Middle Ages. She had sailed across the Atlantic Ocean eight times and her travels extended from lceland to Greenland, North America, Scandinavia, the British Isles, through Europe, and all the way to the Vatican in Rome. She was rescued by Leif Erikson from the shipwreck that earned him the nickname Leif the Lucky. Her name was Gudrídur Thorbjarnardóttir, aka the Far Traveller.

Director Anna Dis Ólafsdóttir Screenwriter Anna Dis Ólafsdóttir Producers Anna Dis Ólafsdóttir, Jóhann Sigfússon Coproducers Seumas Mactaggart, Margaret Cameron Production company Profilm Coproduction companies MacTV, RÚV

lceland 2020, 52 min., DCP

International sales Cineflix Rights (rlife@cineflix.com)



<u>Full Steam Ahead</u> by Gréta Ólafsdóttir Susan Muska

Different generations of women give us rare insights into their world and what it takes to survive in the geothermal industry, a male-dominated field. The women share their struggles and successes, and the changes that have taken place in the workplace over the years.

Directors/Screenwriters Gréta Ólafsdóttir (The Brandon Teena Story), Susan Muska (The Brandon Teena Story) Producers Gréta Ólafsdóttir, Susan Muska Coproducer Heather Millard Production company Bless Bless Productions Coproduction company **Compass Films** 

lceland 2020, 85 min., DCP

Sales contact Gréta Ólafsdóttir (blessbless@me.com)



<u>Just Like a Painting by</u> <u>Eggert Pétursson</u> by Gunnlaugur Thór Pálsson

The Icelandic artist Eggert Pétursson is known for his vibrant floral paintings. Botanist Thóra Ellen Thórhallsdóttir guides us through the Icelandic highlands and connects the dots between our experience of Icelandic nature and Pétursson's life and work.

Director **Gunnlaugur Thór Pálsson** Screenwriters **Gunnlaugur Thór Pálsson**, Thóra Ellen Thórhallsdóttir Producers **Gunnlaugur Thór Pálsson, Ólafur Rögnvaldsson** Production companies **Sjónhending, Axfilms** 

lceland 2020, 74 min., DCP

Sales contact Gunnlaugur Thór Pálsson (gunnlaugurthorpalsson@gmail.com)



A Song Called Hate by Anna Hildur

Hatari, an anticapitalist, BDSM techno band, were chosen to represent lceland at the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest in Tel Aviv, Israel. They turn heads and open minds with their in-your-face performance. But with 200 million people watching worldwide, Hatari found themselves unable to ignore the pressing politics of the Israel-Palestine conflict – so they resolved to make a difference. But will their message be able to pierce the shiny bubble of Eurovision?

Director Anna Hildur Producer Anna Hildur Executive producers Iain Forsyth, Jane Pollard Production company Tattarrattat Coproduction company RÚV

lceland 2020, 90 min., DCP

Sales contact Anna Hildur (anna@tatt.is)

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<u>The Wish</u> <sub>by</sub> Inga Lísa Middleton Nine-year-old Karen has always dreamed of meeting her father, an actor living in London, and getting to know the magical world she believes he inhabits. Her wish comes true when she goes to visit him, but the experience, which is both exciting and uncomfortable, makes her realize that he's not exactly the father she had hoped for.

Director/Screenwriter Inga Lísa Middleton Producers Arnar Benjamín Kristjánsson, Skúli Fr. Malmquist, Augustin Hardy Coproducers Sam Ainsworth, Freyr Árnason Production company Fenrir Films Coproduction companies La Paz Films, Zik Zak Filmworks, Obbosí Cast Hrafnhildur Eyrún Hlynsdóttir, Hera Hilmar, Sam Keeley

Genre **Drama** Iceland/UK 2020, 19 min., DCP

Sales contact Arnar Benjamín Kristjánsson (arnar@fenrirfilms.com)



#### <u>All Dogs Die</u> <sub>by</sub> Ninna Pálmadóttir

On a foggy weekend, an old farmer and his dog duel with mortality.

Director/Screenwriter Ninna Pálmadóttir Producers Chew Chia Shao Min, Ninna Pálmadóttir, Oddur Elíasson Coproducers Matej Merlić, Bjarni Vidarsson, Pálmi Gunnarsson Production company Streetlight Raven Coproduction company Filmska Cast Theódór Júlíusson, Lára Jóhanna Jónsdóttir

Genre **Drama** Iceland/USA/Croatia 2020, 16 min., DCP

Sales contact Ninna Pálmadóttir (ninnapalma@gmail.com) SHORTS



#### Beast Slayer by Thorey Mjallhvit H. Omarsdottir

In a climate-ravaged world, an unlikely heroine saves the day by using hidden magical powers on a monstrous night troll.

Director/Screenwriter Thorey Mjallhvit H. Omarsdottir Producers Heather Millard, Thórdur Jónsson Coproducer Robert Jaszczurowski Production company Compass Films Coproduction companies GS Animation, Grupa Smacznego

Genre **Animation** Iceland/Poland 2020, 6 min., DCP

Sales contact Heather Millard (heather@compassfilms.is)



<u>Wilma</u> <sub>by</sub> Haukur Björgvinsson A young boy meets his estranged trailer-park father for the first time. What his father doesn't know is that he now identifies as a girl.

Director/Screenwriter Haukur Björgvinsson Producers Haukur Björgvinsson, Sæmundur Thór Helgason, Kjartan Thor Thordarson, Chanel Björk Sturludóttir Production company Reykjavík Rocket Coproduction company Sagafilm Cast Snævar Valdimarsson Steffensen, Bragi Árnason, María Birta, Anna Hafthórsdóttir, Snorri Ásmundsson

Genre **Drama** Iceland 2019, 10 min., DCP

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Drink My Life <sub>by</sub> Marzibil Sæmundardóttir

Steini is an inactive alcoholic who quit drinking when he had a son with his girlfriend. He works two jobs to make ends meet, but when fate intervenes, Steini goes on a journey with a dangerous dance partner.

Director/Screenwriter **Marzibil Sæmundardóttir** Producers **Edda MacKenzie, Marzibil Sæmundardóttir, Ársæll Níelsson** Production company **Arcus Films** Cast Ársæll Níelsson, Bragi Árnason, Tanja Björk Ómarsdóttir, Hannes Óli Ágústsson

Genre Drama/Comedy Iceland 2020, 24 min., DCP

Sales contact Marzibil Sæmundardóttir (marzibil@arcusfilms.com)



Island Living <sub>by</sub> Viktor Sigurjónsson

Over the course of a summer, in a remote village in Iceland, a young boy discovers real friendship through the power of music.

Director Viktor Sigurjónsson Screenwriters Viktor Sigurjónsson, Atli Óskar Fjalarsson, Apríl Helgudóttir Producers Atli Óskar Fjalarsson, Viktor Sigurjónsson Coproducer Haresh Patel Cast Gudjón Andri Gunnarsson, Birgitta Birgisdóttir, Viktor Máni Edwardsson

Genre **Drama** Iceland/Denmark/UK 2019, 29 min., DCP

Sales contact Viktor Sigurjónsson (viktor820@gmail.com)



Last Dance <sub>by</sub> Ása Helga Hjörleifsdóttir It's a spring morning in Reykjavík. A man and a woman wake up in their bed and know that their relationship has ended. They take a drive out of the city, towards the end of love, perhaps toward the end of the world. A story of love, loss, and the mysterious power of nature herself. *Last Dance* is part of the anthology film *Interdependence*, a UN-sponsored project to raise awareness about climate change.

Director/Screenwriter Ása Helga Hjörleifsdóttir Producers Birgitta Björnsdóttir, Adelina von Fürstenburg Production companies Vintage Pictures, Art for the World Cast Hera Hilmar, Thor Kristjansson

Genre **Drama** Iceland 2020, 12 min., DCP

Sales contact Birgitta Björnsdóttir (birgitta@vintagepictures.is)



<u>Sealskin</u> <sub>by</sub> Ugla Hauksdóttir

Five-year-old Sol and her father live in an isolated house by the sea. Sol spends lonely days with her imagination while her father, a composer, struggles with his music. When Sol senses that her father is burdened by sorrow, she finds solace in an old lcelandic folk tale.

Director **Ugla Hauksdóttir** Screenwriter **Ugla Hauksdóttir** Producer **Anton Máni Svansson** Production company **Join Motion Pictures** Cast **Björn Thors, Bríet Sóley Valgeirsdóttir, Sigrídur Soffía** 

Genre **Drama** Iceland 2020, 13 min., DCP

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Yes People ≻minimalen 32 by Gísli Darri Halldórsson

One morning an eclectic mix of people confront the everyday battle with things such as work, school, and even washing the dishes. As the day progresses, their relationships – and ultimately their capacity to cope – are put to the test.

Director/Screenwriter **Gísli Darri Halldórsson** Producers **Arnar Gunnarsson, Gísli Darri Halldórsson** Production company **Caoz** Cast **Helga Braga Jónsdóttir, Ilmur Kristjánsdóttir, Jón Gnarr, Kristján Franklín, Sigurdur Sigurjónsson, Thor Kristjansson** 

Genre **Animation** Iceland 2020, 8 min., HD

Sales contact Gísli Darri Halldórsson (gislidarri@gmail.com)

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#### **Features**

12 Hours to Destruction by Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir

In the summer of 1980, elevenvear-old Hanna and the rest of her childhood band aim to bring criminals to justice when a threat to destroy the last school dance comes their way. Their ensuing adventure pits good vs. evil and disco vs. punk, and ends with love and unity conquering all.

Genre Family Director Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir Screenwriters Ásgrímur Sverrisson, Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir Productors Júlíus Kemp, Ingvar Thordarson Production company The Icelandic Film Company Coproduction companies 41Shadows, Solar Films, Black Boat Pictures

Shooting scheduled to begin 2020 Contact Júlíus Kemp (kemp@kisi.is), Ingvar Thordarson (ingvar@kisi.is)

#### Chicken Boy

by Gudmundur Arnar Gudmundsson

A teenage boy, raised by a mother who considers herself psychic, takes a bullied kid into his group of violent misfits. As the boys' troubles escalate toward lifethreatening situations, an inner voice awakens in the boy and, with the help of his mother and his new friend, he manages to find his own path.

Genre Drama Director/Screenwriter Gudmundur Arnar Gudmundsson (Heartstone) Producer Anton Máni Svansson Coproducers Jesper Morthorst, Lise Orheim Stender Production company Join Motion Pictures Coproduction company Motor

Shooting scheduled to begin September 2020 Contact Anton Máni Svansson (anton@jmp.is)

#### The Hunter's Son MINORITY COPRODUCTION by Ricky Rijneke

On a father-son hunting trip, an impulsive act explodes into tragedy.

Genre Drama Director/Screenwriter Ricky Rijneke Producers Dirk Rijneke, Mildred van Leeuwaarden Coproducer Birgitta Björnsdóttir Production company Rotterdam Films Coproduction company Vintage Pictures

Netherlands/Iceland/Poland/Belgium

Shooting scheduled to begin April 2020 Contact Birgitta Björnsdóttir (birgitta@vintagepictures.is)



by Tinna Hrafnsdóttir

As Saga, a single mother in her late 30s, recovers from a sudden and severe epileptic attack, repressed memories start to return, revealing painful truths about her and her past.

Director/Screenwriter Tinna Hrafnsdóttir Based on a novel by Audru Jónsdóttir Productor company Ursus Parvus Cast Anita Briem, Edda Björgvinsdóttir, Jóhann Sigurdsson

Shooting scheduled to begin February 2020 Contact Hlín Jóhannesdóttir (hlin@ursusparvus.com)

#### Reply to a Letter from Helga by Ása Helga Hjörleifsdóttir

In a remote fjord in 1940s Iceland, Bjarni, a young farmer, and Helga, an aspiring poet, begin a passionate, forbidden affair, with their emotions running as wild as the ocean waves that surround them.

Genre Drama Director Åsa Helga Hjörleifsdóttir (*The Swan*) Screenwriters Åsa Helga Hjörleifsdóttir, Ottó Geir Borg, Bergsveinn Birgisson Based on a novel by Bergsveinn Birgisson Producers Birgitta Björnadóttir, Skúli Fr. Malmquist Production company Zik Zak Filmworks

Shooting scheduled to begin April 2020 Contact Birgitta Björnsdóttir (birgitta@zikzak.is)

#### Summer Light, and Then Comes the Night by Elfar Adalsteins

The village is brimming with stories, stories of joy and sorrow and the wafer-thin thread between life and death. Like the one about the young businessman who dreams in Latin and leaves his promising career for astronomy and old books, or the one about the translucent boy who carves moorland birds, or the one about the open-air affair in the countryside and the big rock that is chiseled to dust. If you listen carefully we might tell you a few.

Genre Drama Director/Screenwriter Elfar Adalsteins (End of Sentence) Based on a novel by Jón Kalman Stefánsson Producers Elfar Adalsteins, Lilja Snorradóttir, Heather Millard, Olafur Darri Ólafsson Executive producers Sigurjón Sighvatsson, Snorri Thórisson Production companies Berserk Films, Pegasus Pictures

Shooting scheduled to begin July 2020 Contact Heather Millard (heather@compassfilms.is)

#### Untitled fear-of-flying project by Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurdsson

Sarah is a London-based career woman in her forties who suffers from an uncontrollable fear of flying. To save her newly established relationship, she must overcome her phobia and learn to let go - even if this means enduring an unexpected and wildly unpredictable flight to Iceland.

Director Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurdsson Screenwriters Halsteinn Gunnar Sigurdsson, Halldör Laxness Halldörsson Producer Grimar Jönsson Coproducers Ditte Milsted, Jacob Jarek, Sol Bondy, Mike Goodridge Production company, Netop Films Coproduction companies Profile Pictures, Den zwe Sime Cond Chare. One Two Films, Good Chaos

Shooting scheduled to begin January 2021 Contact Grímar Jónsson (grimar@netopfilms.com)

#### <u>Wolka</u> by Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson

Thirty-two-year-old Anna is released from a Polish prison after serving fifteen years for homicide. Finally free, Anna has only one goal, but to achieve it she must break parole, break the law, sacrifice everything, and head on an unforeseen journey to the remote island of Iceland.

Genre Drama Director Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson (Ploey, Undercurrent) Screenwriters Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson, Michal Godzie Producers Hilmar Sigurdsson, Kristín Thórhalla Thórisdóttir, Stanislaw Dziedzie Production company Sagafilm Coproduction company Film Produkcja

Shooting scheduled to begin autumn 2020 Contact Hilmar Sigurdsson (hilmar@sagafilm.is)

#### **TV** series

Blackport

by Björn Hlynur Haraldsson Gísli Örn Gardarsson

Colombia has cocaine. Africa has gold. Iceland has fish. These resources are owned by a handful of people in each country. The question of how this came to be in Iceland provides the foundation for this series, which is inspired by real events.

Genre Drama Directors Björn Hlynur Haraldsson (*The Homecoming*), Gisli Örn Gardarsson Screenwriters Mikael Torfason, Gisli Örn Gardarsson, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson Producers Nana Alfredsdóttir, Nina Dögg Filippusdóttir, Gisli Örn Gardarsson, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson Coproducers Jan De Clercq, Andrew Eaton, Justin Thomson Production companies Evrópa Kvikmyndir, Vesturport Coproduction companies RÜV, Lunanime, Turbine Studios, ARTE

Shooting scheduled to begin March 2020 Contact Nana Alfredsdóttir (nana@vesturport.com)

#### <u>Fractures</u> by Eva Sigurdardóttir

During a painful divorce, Kristin and her teenage daughter move back to her parents, who live in a tiny fishing village. Realistic and pragmatic Kristin soon finds herself far outside her comfort zone when her relationship with her psychic mother forces her to face the ghosts of her own past.

Director **Eva Sigurdardóttir** Screenwriters Kolbrún Anna Björnsdóttir, Valgerdur Thórsdóttir Producers Ambjörg Haflidadóttir, Hördur Rúnarsson, Baldvin Z, Andri Ómarsson, Andri Óttarsson, Eva Sigurdardóttir Production company Glassriver Coproduction company Askja Films

Shooting scheduled to begin September 2020 Contact Hördur Rúnarsson (hordur@glassriver.is



<u>Signals</u> by Óskar Jónasson

When a series of terrorist cyberattacks shakes Icelandic society to its core, intrepid reporter Salka tries to figure out who might be responsible, risking her life and her relationship with police detective Magnea.

This project is a participant in Co-Pro Series, an exclusive pitch event that is part of the Berlinale Series Market.

Director Óskar Jónasson Screenwriters Óskar Jónasson, Margrét Örnólfsdóttir, Sjón, Jóhann Ævar Grímsson Producers Anna Vigdís Gisladóttir, Tinna Proppé, Hilmar Sigurdsson, Kjartan Thor Thordarson Production company Sagafilm

Shooting scheduled to begin 2020 Contact Kjartan Thor Thordarson (kjartan@sagafilm.is)



<u>Sisterhood</u> by Silja Hauksdóttir

A thirteen-year-old girl vanishes without a trace at the turn of the millennium. Twenty years later her body is discovered and three friends have to face the horrors of their past.

Director Silja Hauksdóttir Screenwriters Jóhann Ævar Grimsson, Björg Magnúsdóttir Producers Tinna Proppé, Anna Vigdis Gisladóttir, Hilmar Sigurdsson, Kjartan Thor Thordarson Production company Sagafilm

Genre **Drama/Crime** Iceland 2021, 6×50', HD

Contact Elaine Harris (elaine.harris@nbcuni.com)

#### **Documentaries**



<u>Acting Out</u> by Ásthildur Kjartansdóttir

Based on a theatrical therapeutic experiment, Edna Lupita uses her skills as an actress and a theater director to investigate her own life story, striving to connect her past to her present, her mental illness, and her suicidal thoughts. What will she discover?

Director Ásthildur Kjartansdóttir Screenwriters Ásthildur Kjartansdóttir, Anna Thóra Steinthörsdóttir Producers Ásthildur Kjartansdóttir, Anna Thóra Steinthórsdóttir Production companies Rebella Filmworks, Klipp

lceland 2020, 72 min., DCP Contact Ásthildur Kjartansdóttir (astakja@internet.is)



<u>The Circus Director</u> by Titti Johnson Helgi Felixson

The is a film about the director of a circus who faced her fears and threw herself into the unknown. She brought contemporary circus to Sweden twenty years ago and has since built up one of the world's most successful contemporary circus companies.

Directors Titti Johnson, Helgi Felixson Screenwriter Titti Johnson Producer Helgi Felixson Coproducer Titti Johnson Production company Iris Film Coproduction company Felix Film

Iceland 2020, 86 min., DCP Contact Helgi Felixson (helgi@felixfilm.se)

**PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT** 



<u>Girls Rock Camps in Africa</u> by Alda Lóa Leifsdóttir

Three generations of women come together at a Girls Rock Camp in Togo, where they share their different musical backgrounds as they prepare a concert.

Director/Screenwriter **Alda Lóa Leifsdóttir** Producers **Alda Lóa Leifsdóttir, Gunnar Smári Egilsson** Production company **Nýr Kafli** 

iceiand 2020, 55 min., DCP Contact Alda Lóa Leifsdóttir (loaalda@gmail.com)

#### The Glass Ceiling MINORITY COPRODUCTION by Mari Sopella

In the advanced industrialized world, women still battle against unspoken rules and dynamics that favor men in the workplace. This film follows women from different occupations, statuses, and countries as they all strive to break through their personal glass ceilings.

Director/Screenwriter Mari Sopella Producer Julia Ton Coproducers Hlín Jóhannesdóttir, Femke Wolting, Alex Tondowski Coproduction companies Ursus Parvus, Submarino, Tondowski Films

Finland/Iceland 2020, 90 min., DCP

Contact Hlín Jóhannesdóttir (hlin@ursusparvus.com)



My Mother the State by leva Ozolina

Una was separated from her sister when she was adopted from an orphanage at the age of three. Since that day, Una dreamed of seeing her sister again, but for the next thirty years the sister only existed in Una's memories. Then, one day, she appeared for real.

Director/Screenwriter **Ieva Ozolina** Producer **Madara Melberga** Coproducers Lárus Jönson, Ada Benjaminsdóttir, Árni Thór Jónsson Production company FA Filma Coproduction company **Republik** 

Latvia/lceland 2020, 90 min., DCP Contact Lárus Jónsson (Ialli@republik.is)



<u>My Sólveig</u> by Clara Lemaire Anspach Karna Sigurdardóttir

The late Sólveig Anspach's career blurred boundaries between lceland and France, between fiction and documentary, between her life and her art. In this intimate portrait, Sólveig's daughter, Clara, remembers her mother, her friends and family, and her work.

Directors/Screenwriters Clara Lemaire Anspach, Karna Sigurdardóttir Producer Skülf Fr. Malmquist Coproducer Arnar Benjamin Kristjánsson Production company Zik Zak Filmworks Iceland 2020, 60 min., HD

Contact Arnar Benjamín Kristjánsson (arnar@zikzak.is)



Out of the Darkness by Titti Johnson Helgi Felixson

Why do we feel the need to carry the weight of our existence by ourselves? Why do we hide our troubled thoughts and vulnerabilities, and pretend that we're okay? This film explores the taboos about suicide and shines a light on the feelings of guilt and shame that thoughts of suicide give rise to.

Directors Titti Johnson, Helgi Felixson Screenwriter Titti Johnson Producer Helgi Felixson Production company Iris Film Coproduction company Felix Film

lceland 2020, 80 min., HD Contact **Helgi Felixson (helgi@felixfilm.se**)



<u>Raise the Bar</u> by Gudjón Ragnarsson

A girls' basketball team aims to break down cultural barriers. Their training program is intense and controversial, and they are led by an overqualified and unusual coach who constantly raises the bar. The team achieves remarkable results and the girls are becoming strong, independent, and are ready to change the world. But is the world ready?

Director/Screenwriter **Gudjón Ragnarsson** Producer **Margrét Jónasdóttir** Production company **Sagafilm** 

Iceland 2020, 90 min., DCP

Contact CAT & Docs (maelle@catndocs.com)

#### lceland's 25% reimbursement scheme

Iceland currently offers a 25% reimbursement of eligible costs incurred in the production of film and TV projects in Iceland. The scheme makes it easier and more cost-effective for foreign productions to benefit from Iceland's amazing variety of scenery within easy reach from both North America and Europe, reliable production services, and skilled crews.

The Disney blockbuster *Frozen 2* is just one example of a recent production that found inspiration from Iceland's breathtaking landscapes. With the help of Film in Iceland, Iceland's film commission, producers of the film traveled to Iceland in search of new scenic backdrops, which also ended up influencing new story ideas.

For more information about the 25% reimbursement scheme or shooting in Iceland, visit www.filminiceland.com or www.icelandicfilmcentre.is.

Here are just some of the projects that have recently benefited from the 25% reimbursement scheme:

#### Eurovision

Starring Will Ferrell Producer Netflix Icelandic service provider Truenorth Line producer Leifur B. Dagfinnsson Unit production manager Ásta Hrönn Stefánsdóttir Art director Ölafur Jönasson

#### **Foundation**

Producers Skydance Television, Apple TV+ leelandic service provider Truenorth Line producer Leitur B. Dagfinnsson Unit production manager Karl Sigurdarson Art director Gunnar Pálsson SFX supervisor Eddi Ketilsson

#### Good Morning, Midnight

Star, Director George Clooney Producer Netflix Icelandic service provider Truenorth Line producer Leifur B. Daglinnsson Unit production manager Birna Paulina Einarsdóttir Art director Gunnar Pálsson SFX supervisor Eddi Ketilsson

#### **His Dark Materials**

Producer BBC One, HBO leelandic service provider Truenorth Line producer Leifur B. Dagfinnsson Unit production manager Karl Sigurdarsson

#### Star Trek: Discovery

Producer CBS All Access Icelandic service provider RVK Studios Line producer Magniás Vidar Sigurdsson Unit production managers Hjörtur Grétarsson, Sindri Páll Kjartansson Local SFX manager Haukur Karlsson Local an manager Hauldur (Daddi) Bjarnason Local art director Atli Geir Grétarsson

#### Succession

Producer HBO leelandic service provider Pegasus Pictures Production supervisor Lilja Ösk Storradóttir Production manager Elli Cassata Line producer Brynhildur Birgisádítir Set decorator Gunnar Pálsson

#### The Tomorrow War

Producer Skydance (Paramount) Icelandic service provider Truenorth Line producers Leifur B. Dagfinnsson, Hjörtur Grétarsson Unit production manager Elin Mjöll Thórhallsdóttir SFX supervisor Haukur Karlsson





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