



in collaboration with **GEKON PRODUCTIONS**present

TAINTED SOULS (IL CONTAGIO)

A Film BY

MATTEO BOTRUGNO and DANIELE COLUCCINI

Based on the novel by Walter Siti *Il Contagio published by* Rizzoli Story and screenplay by Matteo Botrugno, Daniele Coluccini and Nuccio Siano starring

VINICIO MARCHIONI, ANNA FOGLIETTA, MAURIZIO TESEI, GIULIA BEVILACQUA

with the participation of

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Story and Screenplay MATTEO BOTRUGNO, DANIELE COLUCCINI, NUCCIO

SIANO

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Cinematography DAVIDE MANCA

Editor MARIO MARRONE a.m.c.

Set Design LAURA BONI

Costumes FRANCESCA DI GIULIANO

Sound ANDREA VIALI, PIERGIUSEPPE FANCELLU

Original Score PAOLO VIVALDI

Additional soundtrack ANDREA BOCCADORO Music published by NEW EMERGENCY

Casting MANUELA DE SANTIS

Produced by PAOLO BOGNA and SIMONE ISOLA for KIMERAFILM

Associated producers for KIMERAFILM SIMONA GIACCI, ERMANNO GUIDA

LAURA TOSTI

Procuduced by GUGLIELMO MARCHETTI for

NOTORIOUS PICTURES

In collaboration with FRANCESCO DAINOTTI for

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Cast

VINICIO MARCHIONI MARCELLO

ANNA FOGLIETTA CHIARA

MAURIZIO TESEI MAURO

GIULIA BEVILACQUA SIMONA

VINCENZO SALEMME WALTER

DANIELE PARISI ATTILIO

MICHELE BOTRUGNO BRUNO

ALESSANDRA COSTANZO VALERIA

LUCIANNA DE FALCO FLAMINIA

CARMEN GIARDINA LUCIA

FABIO GOMIERO RICHETTO

FLONJA KODHELI MARINA

And with **NUCCIO SIANO** CARMINE

Synopsis

The lives of the tenants of a lower-class apartment building in the outskirts intersect on a backdrop of crime, drug dealing, confused feelings and tainted relationships, in a lucid portrait of contemporary Rome.

Marcello, a bisexual former body builder married with Chiara, has an affair with the bourgeois professor Walter; the ambitious Mauro and cold-blooded dealer and his wife Simona get involved in the ambiguous business of the local boss Carmine to move up to the elegant and cruel circles of central Rome that profit from the public funds for the disadvantaged; Valeria and her son Attilio, Flaminia and her violent husband Bruno face the daily difficulties of their troubled lives.

The corrupted powers of urban speculation invade a suspended corner of the suburbs, contaminating the lives of a group of lost souls, revealing the desperate world of the slum and the pitiless scene of the city center as the hidden face of the same coin.

The directors Matteo Botrugno and Daniele Coluccini

Matteo Botrugno and **Daniele Coluccini** both obtained degrees in the history of film and film criticism, while at the same time pursuing their interest in music and actually working as film critics.

Chrysalis and Europa are the first two parts of a trilogy of short films rounded out by Sisifo. Since 2008 the duo has also directed music videos.

In 2010 they made their first feature film, *Et in terra pax*, which premiered at the Giornate degli Autori. The film was afterward selected in more than 70 international film festivals, including those in Tokyo and Moscow, and obtaining a great success of audience.

Italian film journalists awarded Et In Terra Pax with a Special Mention at the Silver Ribbon awards (Nastri d'Argento) as a "different and courageous artistic work".

In 2011 their screenplay "Rito di primavera – The Rite of Spring" participated in the New Cinema Network at the Rome Film Festival and five years later, was selected for the Sundance Mediterranean Screenwriters Workshop.

In 2015, they were the only European directors tapped for the Network of Asian Fantastic Films with their screenplay for the film "Quanto t'amo".

Their second feature, *Tainted Souls*, marks the duo's return to the Venice Days.

The Actors

VINICIO MARCHIONI

Filmography

- 2017 THE PLACE by P. Genovese
- 2016 SOCIALMENTE PERICOLOSI by F. Venditti
- 2016 GLADBECK by K. Riedhoff
- 2015 PECORE IN ERBA by A. Caviglia
- 2013 TUTTA COLPA DI FREUD by P.Genovese
- 2012 THE THIRD PERSON by P. Haggis
- 2012 VENUTO AL MONDO by S. Castellitto
- 2012 IL SUD E' NIENTE by F. Mollo
- 2012 PASSIONE SINISTRA by M. Ponti
- 2012 MIELE by V. Golino
- 2012 AMICHE DA MORIRE by G. Farina
- 2011 SULLA STRADA DI CASA by E. Corapi
- 2011 CAVALLI by M. Rho
- 2011 BOP CAMERON by W. Allen
- 2010 SCIALLA by F. Bruni
- 2009 FEISBUM! by A.A.V.V.
- 2009 20 SIGARETTE by A. Amadei

ANNA FOGLIETTA

Filmography

- 2016 CHE VUOI CHE SIA by E.Leo
- 2015 PERFETTI SCONOSCIUTI by P. Genovese
- 2014 NOI E LA GIULIA by E. Leo
- 2014 LA PRIMA VOLTA DI MIA FIGLIA by R. Rossi
- 2014 CONFUSI E FELICI by M. Bruno
- 2013 TUTTA COLPA DI FREUD by P. Genovese
- 2012 COLPI DI FULMINE by N. Parenti
- 2012 MAI STATI UNITI by C. Vanzina
- 2012 L'AMORE È IMPERFETTO by F. Muci
- 2011 LA NUOVA OSSESSIONE by L. Tornatore
- 2011 EX AMICI COME PRIMA! by C. Vanzina
- 2010 NESSUNO MI PUÒ GIUDICARE by M. Bruno
- 2009 IL VELO DI WALTZX by S. Stivaletti
- 2009 THE AMERICAN by A. Corbjin
- 2009 FEISBUM! by A.A.V.V.
- 2008 ARRIVANO I MOSTRI by E. Oldoini
- 2008 SOLO UN PADRE by L. Lucini

- 2007 SE CHIUDI GLI OCCHI by L. Romano
- 2006 TARTARUGHE EUCLIDE ERA UN BUGIARDO by V. Di Russo
- 2005 442 IL GIOCO PIÙ BELLO DEL MONDO by M.Carrillo, C.Cupellini, F.Lagi,

R.Johnson

2005 - SFIORATI by A. Orlando

MAURIZIO TESEI

Filmography

- 2014 LO CHIAMAVANO JEEG ROBOT by G. Mainetti
- 2014 SIGHTS OF DEATH by A. Capone
- 2013 ARANCE E MARTELLO by D. Bianchi
- 2011 ET IN TERRA PAX by M. Botrugno e D. Coluccini
- 2011 PAULINE DETECTIVE' by M. Fitoussi
- 2009 FANTASMI ITALIAN GHOST STORIES by registi vari
- 2007 L'ORA DI PUNTA by V. Marra
- 2005 4-4-2 IL GIOCO PIÙ BELLO DEL MONDO by M.Carrillo, C.Cupellini, F.Lagi,

R.Johnson

2004 - KISS ME LORENA by A. Izzo, G. Favilla

GIULIA BEVILACQUA

Filmography

- 2016 PER SEMPRE by P. Genovese
- 2016 TIRAMISU' by F. De Luigi
- 2015 NATALE COL BOSS by V. De Biasi
- 2014 TUTTA COLPA DI FREUD by P. Genovese
- 2011 100 METRI DAL PARADISO by R. Verzillo
- 2011 ALICE by R. De Paolis
- 2010 COME TROVARE L'UOMO GIUSTO NEL MODO SBAGLIATO by D.Cursi Masella
- e S. Allocca
- 2010 L'IMPORTANZA DI PIACERE AI GATTI by C. Nannuzzi
- 2010 UN OTTIMO LAVORO by D. Giarrusso
- 2009 FEISBUM! by A.A.V.V.
- 2007 UNA TRANQUILLA SERATA DI CAMPAGNA by A. Valori
- 2007 L'ORA DI PUNTA by V. Marra
- 2006 CARDIOFITNESS by F. Tagliavia
- 2005 ACHILLE E LA TARTARUGA by V. Attanasio
- 2002 NESSUNO TORNA INDIETRO by F. Giraldi
- 2002 IL LINGUAGGIO DELL'AMORE by S. Nicchiarelli
- 2002 MOZZARELLE IN CARROZZA by F. Lagi
- 2001 GEM by M. Popovic
- 2000 SYRIEN by S. Giordano

2000 - PROVINI PER UN MASSACRO by G. Chiesa

2000 - QUI PRO QUO by J. Bellavista

VINCENZO SALEMME

Filmography

2016 - SE MI LASCI NON VALI by V. Salemme

2014 - ...E FUORI NEVICA by V. Salemme

2013 - MAI STATI UNITI by C. Vanzina

2012 - LE 10 REGOLE PER FAR INNAMORARE by C. Bortone

2012 - BUONA GIORNATA dei fratelli Vanzina.

2011 - LEZIONI DI CIOCCOLATO 2 by A. M. Federici

2011 - EX – Amici come prima by C. Vanzina

2011 - BACIATI DALLA FORTUNA by P. Costella

2010 - A NATALE MI SPOSO by P. Costella

2010 - LA VITA È UNA COSA MERAVIGLIOSA by C. Vanzina

2009 - BAARIA by G. Tornatore

2009 - EX by F. Brizzi

2008 - NO PROBLEM by V. Salemme

2007 - SMS - SOTTO MENTITE SPOGLIE by V. Salemme

2006 - OLÈ dei fratelli Vanzina

2006 - BACIAMI PICCINA by R. Cimpanelli

2005 - COSE DA PAZZI by V. Salemme

2003 - HO VISTO LE STELLE by V. Salemme

2002 - VOLESSE IL CIELO by V. Salemme

2000 - FACCIA DI PICASSO by M. Ceccherini

2000 - A RUOTA LIBERA by V. Salemme

1999 - AMORE A PRIMA VISTA by V. Salemme

1998 - L'AMICO DEL CUORE by V. Salemme

1993 - IL TUFFO by M. Martella.

1992 - MORTE DI UN MATEMATICO NAPOLETANO by M. Martone

1989 - C'È POSTO PER TUTTI by G. Planta.

1985 - LA MESSA È FINITA by N. Moretti

1984 - BIANCA by N. Moretti

1981 - SOGNI D'ORO by N. Moretti

NUCCIO SIANO

Filmography

2007 - HOTEL MEINA by C. Lizzani

2005 - ANTONIO GUERRIERO DI DIO by A. Bellucco E S. Cecca

2004 - OCEAN'S TWELVE by S. Soderbergh

2003 - UNDERCOVER by V. Giacobbo

- 2002 UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN by A.Wells
- 2001 THE WHOLE SHEBANG by G. Zaloom
- 2001 CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN by J. Madden
- 2000 ITALIAN SOLDIERS by F. Cabras
- 2000 TOBIA AL CAFFE' by G. Mingozzi
- 1999 LE DUE COMPLICI by E.Piovano
- 1996 DENTRO IL CUORE by M.Perlini
- 1993 ZUPPA DI PESCE by F.Infascelli
- 1992 IL VENTRE DI MARIA by M.Perlini

The Producers

KIMERAFILM

KIMERAFILM is an Italian company set up in 2009. "Tainted Souls" is the company's first feature produced after the extraordinary success of "Don't Be Bad" by Claudio Caligari, presented at the 72nd Venice Film Festival and designated as Italian representative to the 2015 Academy Award in the category Best Foreign Film.

Mission of KimeraFilm is to give visibility to quality independent project and directors balancing at the best the artistic and the commercial approach to the film business.

KimeraFilm credits include both narrative and documentary films: beside the already mentioned "Don't be Bad" Kimera also produced the debut feature by Matteo Botrugno and Daniele Coluccini, "Et in terra pax" which premiered at the Venice Days in 2010 and participated to more than 70 international film festival around the world.

Among the documentaries can be mentioned Bertolucci on Bertolucci by Luca Guadagnino and Walter Fasano (2014) winner of a Special Mention at the Silver Ribbon awards and "Alfredo Bini, ospite inatteso" by Simone Isola, which premiered at the Venice Film Festival in 2016 and won the Silver Ribbon in the same year as best documentary about cinema.

NOTORIOUS PICTURES

Founded by Guglielmo Marchetti, NOTORIOUS PICTURES SPA starts its activity in 2012 as distribution company acquiring all rights for Italy of some of the most successful box office titles of latest years such as "Olympus Has Fallen" by Antoine Fuqua (starring Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman), "Belle & Sebastien" by Nicolas Vanier (7M euros at Italian box office), "The Beauty and the Beast" by Christophe Gans, "Selma" by Ava DuVernay (Oscar for best song) and quickly establishing as one of the most important independent distribution in Italy.

In 2014 the company enters the stock market AIM and starting from 2015 begins its production activity. Notorious first production title is "The Trouth About Love Is..." by director Max Croci and starring Ambra Angiolini, Carolina Crescentini, Massimo Poggio, Giuliana De Sio, successfully released in March 2017.

Notorious is now developing the Italian remake of the French success from "Plan de table" as an international co-production with UK. The script will be curated by Dean Craig who has in his credits Frank Oz's "Funeral Party" among others.

Future goals of Notorious are to improve the film production slate and develop as well TV projects.

GEKON PRODUCTIONS

Founded in 2015, Gekon Productions is a Francesco Dainotti's production company. Mission of the company is to discover debuting directors and promote young authors with a specific attention to artistic innovation trying to bring new voices to the wider audience possible.

Among the company's credits, there are "Ultima fermata" (2015) first feature by Giambattista Assanti, starring Luca Lionello and Claudia Cardinale who was for this film nominated as Best Actress at David di Donatello (Italian Academy Awards) in 2016.

Upcoming projects in Gekon's lineup are Alessandro Di Ronza debut film "Il principe delle pezze", documentary about the history of costume design in Italian cinema and the feature "Confinati a Ponza" first film by Francesco Maria Cordella, intimate portrait of Pietro Nenni and Benito Mussolini.