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THE COMMUNE

Thomas Vinterberg

A story about the clash between personal desires and solidarity/tolerance in a Danish commune in the 1970s.

Erik and Anna are an academic couple with a dream. Along with their daughter Freja, they set up a commune in Erik’s huge villa in the upmarket district of Copenhagen. With the family in the center of the story, we are invited into the dream of a real commune; we participate in the house meetings, dinners and parties. It is friendship, love and togetherness under one roof until an earth-shattering love affair puts the community and the commune to its greatest test yet.

111’ / DCP / colour

Genre: drama
Original title: KOLLEKTIVET
Prod: Zentropa Entertainment 19 (DK)
Co-prod: Topkapı Films (NL), Film I Väst (SE), Zentropa Int. (SE/NL)
Sc: Thomas Vinterberg, Tobias Lindholm
D.O.P.: Jesper Tøffner
Completed: November 2015
Language: Danish
Cast: Trine Dyrholm (IN A BETTER WORLD), Ulrich Thomsen (IN A BETTER WORLD), Lars Ranthe (THE HUNT), Fares Fares (ZERO DARK THIRTY).

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Thu Feb 18, 09:30 Haus der Berliner Festspiele
Thu Feb 18, 12:15 Friedrichstadt-Palast
Thu Feb 18, 17:30 Friedrichstadt-Palast
Sun Feb 21, 14:30 Friedrichstadt-Palast
After heroin addict Reda’s plan to escape the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain El-Helweh fails, he returns instead to marry his childhood sweetheart.

30’ / DCP / colour

Genre: short documentary
Original title: A MAN RETURNED
Prod: Nakba FilmWorks (UK)
Supported by a.o. Binger (NL), AFK (NL), DFI (DK)
Language: Arabic
Completed: January 2016

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Tue Feb 16, 16:00 CinemaxX 5
Wed Feb 17, 17:00 Colosseum 1
Fri Feb 19, 22:00 CinemaxX 3
Sun Feb 21, 17:00 Colosseum 1
INSIDE THE CHINESE CLOSET

Sophia Luvarà

Determined to do things the right way, we follow Chinese homosexuals Andy and Cherry in a desperate attempt to meet their parents’ expectations.

Desperate to please their parents, Andy goes on a hunt for a lesbian woman to marry and Cherry in search of a baby to adopt. Being homosexual makes it hard to conform to their families’ and society’s expectations, but both Andy and Cherry are determined to do things ‘the right way’. INSIDE THE CHINESE CLOSET follows Andy and Cherry in their search. Through these encounters the film lays bare the challenges that confront gay people in China today.
What does it take to express yourself? The surprising and moving story of Madonna’s most famous troupe of dancers.

In 1990, seven young male dancers - six gay, one straight - joined Madonna on her most controversial tour. On stage and in the iconic film TRUTH OR DARE they showed the world how to express yourself. Now, 25 years later, they reveal the truth about life during and after the tour. STRIKE A POSE is a dramatic tale about overcoming shame and finding the courage to be who you are.

Genre: documentary
Original title: STRIKE A POSE
Prod: CTM Docs (NL), The Other Room (NL)
Co-prod: Serendipity Films (BE)
Sc: Ester Gould, Reijer Zwaan
D.O.P.: Reinout Steenhuizen
Completed: January 2016
Language: English

Ester Gould:

Reijer Zwaan:
First feature length documentary.

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Tue Feb 16, 12:00 CineStar 7
Wed Feb 17, 17:45 Cubix 8
Fri Feb 19, 14:30 Colosseum 1
Sun Feb 21, 17:30 Cubix 7
ALL OF A SUDDEN

Asli Özge

After an accidental event, a young man starts to question the stability of his own life.

Due to the immense profound effect of an accidental event, Karsten gets confronted with his own weaknesses and fears and starts to question his presumably stable life.

115’ / DCP / colour

**Genre:** drama

**Original title:** AUF EINMAL

**Prod:** EEE Productions (DE)

**Co-prod:** Topkapi Films (NL), Haut et Court (FR), WDR-Arte (DE/FR)

**Sc:** Asli Özge

**D.O.P.:** Emre Erkmen

**Completed:** January 2016

**Language:** German

**Cast:** Sebastian Hülk (INGLORIOUS BASTARDS), Julia Jentsch (THE EDUKATORS), Hanns Zischler (MUNICH), Sascha Gersak (FIVE YEARS).

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**Fri Feb 12, 12:30 CinemaxX 7**

**Sat Feb 13, 14:00 Cubix 9**

**Sun Feb 14, 09:30 CinemaxX 8 (EFM)**

**Thu Feb 18, 21:30 Zoo Palast 1**

**Fri Feb 19, 12:30 CinemaxX 7**
The wife of successful businessman Petar disappears. He is assured she will return, but maybe she is just the first domino to collapse within Petar’s perfect world.

Petar, a charismatic and handsome manager that works in high-end construction business, is returning from a trip. His wife Mina is picking him up at the airport and, upon their arrival home, she disappears without a trace. During the following week, Petar gradually starts hiding from everyone that she is gone. In a whirlwind of events, he tries to maintain the picture-perfect image of himself but his fears are pouring out and the more he tries to suppress them, the harder they hit back.
Mete Gümürhan

The struggles and triumphs of 26 teenagers who dream of being international wrestling champions, while facing the usual challenges of adolescence in Turkey.

Muhammed, Beytullah and Baran live in rural villages surrounding Amasya, a picturesque Anatolian city situated in a narrow mountain valley. They live together with 23 other teenagers, all aged 10-18 and from poor families, in the Wrestling Training Centre. The film focuses on the struggles, friendships and triumphs of these potential (inter)national champions, all living in a male dominated environment that contrasts greatly with contemporary Turkey.
Behind every door is a new adventure.

Most things seem very strange when Siv (7) for the first time sleeps over at her new friend Cerisia’s. With the help of two talkative and funny badger friends, who appear in the middle of the night, she has some wonderful adventures that help her embrace differences and find herself.

Genre: children’s, family
Original title: SIV SOVER VILSE
Prod: Snowcloud Films (SE)
Co-prod: Viking Film (NL)
Sc: Lena Hanno Clyne and Thobias Hoffmén
D.O.P.: Gabriel Mrktchian
Completed: December 2015
Language: Swedish
Cast: Astrid Lövgren, Lilly Brown, Barry Atsma (ACCUSED, STRICKEN), Annemarie Prins (CODE BLUE).

Catti Edfeldt

Lena Hanno Clyne
Second feature film.

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World premiere
Opening Film
Generation

Fri Feb 12, 10:00 CinemaxX 10 (EFM)
Fri Feb 12, 15:30 Haus der Kulturen der Welt
Sat Feb 13, 14:00 CinemaxX 3
Sun Feb 14, 15:30 Filmtheater am Friedrichshain
Fri Feb 19, 09:30 Zoo Palast 1
**JONAS AND THE SEA**

Martlies van der Wel

An animated short film about a man who casts aside everything in pursuit of his dream. A dream we all share: the quest to find a place we can call home, even if it's underwater.

**GENRE:** animation, action/adventure  
**Original title:** ZEEZUCHT  
**Prod:** Halal  
**Sc:** Ruben Picavet, Marlies van der Wel  
**Language:** no dialogue  
**Completed:** August 2015

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**Thu Feb 18, 11:30 CinemaxX 3**  
**Fri Feb 19, 15:30 Filmtheater am Friedrichshain**  
**Sun Feb 21, 14:30 CinemaxX 1**

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**NINNOC**

Niki Padidar

Why do you have to do what everyone else does, and why look the same? Ninnoc struggles when she is in a group because she doesn't want to adapt to the ways of others. But nor does she want to be left out…

**GENRE:** documentary  
**Original title:** NINNOC  
**Prod:** Zuidenwind Filmproductions  
**Language:** Dutch  
**Completed:** June 2015

**Niki Padidar:**  
First short documentary.

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**Tue Feb 16, 15:00 CinemaxX 1**  
**Thu Feb 18, 15:30 Filmtheater am Friedrichshain**  
**Fri Feb 19, 17:30 CinemaxX 1**
Teenager Sam starts working at Spoetnik, a clandestine fries stall named after its speciality. Right across the street is a brothel with an alluring girl who evidently needs Sam’s help…

**SKATEKEET**

Edward Cook

A documentary about Keet, a ten-year-old girl, whose skateboarding skills have stood out in a skate-world dominated by boys.

**SPOETNIK**

Noël Loozen

Teenager Sam starts working at Spoetnik, a clandestine fries stall named after its speciality. Right across the street is a brothel with an alluring girl who evidently needs Sam’s help…
‘Going out and risking everything like this is really important’ - René Redzepi.

In January 2015, Noma, recognized as the World’s Best Restaurant, and led by its charismatic chef René Redzepi, moved its entire team from Denmark to Japan. Known for its one-of-a-kind cooking and for distilling the Danish landscape and “time and place” onto a plate, can Redzepi and team apply their philosophy to an entirely foreign experience, using ingredients that they’ve never seen before, all whilst under the intense pressure and scrutiny that comes with running the world’s best restaurant?
Are we addicted to meat? Director Marijn Frank explores the dilemma between her love for meat and the rational arguments against meat products.

Like many others, director Marijn Frank feels a dilemma between her lust for meat and her aspiration to be a better and wiser human being. She visits a therapist, a butcher, vegetarians, an addiction expert and a chef with a love for meat, among others. Will she manage to shed her addiction or will she accept life as a carnivore?
At a centuries-old Dutch estate, a gardener and an 85-year-old pruning master work passionately and painstakingly on perfecting the fruit trees and crops. An ode to the garden and gardeners. Sowing, potting, thinning, pruning and finally reaping. Accompanied by beautiful lute music by Jozef van Wissem.

98’ / DCP / colour

Genre: documentary
Original title: PORTRET VAN EEN TUIN
Prod: Rose Is a Rose Is a Film
Sc: Rosie Stapel
D.O.P.: Rosie Stapel
Completed: December 2014
Language: Dutch

Rosie Stapel:
First feature length documentary.

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Wed Feb 17, 17:00 Martin Gropius Bau

International premiere
**AVRUPA**

Sacha Polak

How are two young soldiers dealing with the difficulties and tension of a military mission, and how is a mother dealing with the soldier who is coming back?

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**INVITE ME TO WAR**

Shariff Korver

How are two young soldiers dealing with the difficulties and tension of a military mission, and how is a mother dealing with the soldier who is coming back?
In the far north of Italy lies the valley of the ice cream makers: about a dozen villages where, for generations, the people have specialised in making ice cream. Giuseppe Talamini claims it was even invented here. Every spring his family sets off for the ice cream parlour in Rotterdam only to return to the mountains again in winter.

Giovanni Talamini decides to break with this tradition by pursuing a literary career. But then one day his younger brother Luca approaches him with a highly unusual request. Now Giovanni faces a dilemma: serve the family’s interest one last time or choose his own path in life, once and for all.
The top grossing Dutch comedy of 2015, this feel-good adventure stars the hugely popular Dutch comedian Jandino playing 5 different zany characters.

Robertico Florentina (Jandino Asporaat) is a charming crook who runs a scam on the tropical island of Curaçao. Bon Bini Bungalows, his real estate agency, lures tourists to rent houses without the owner’s consent. When Robertico by mistake rents out the lush beach property of a dangerous criminal to a young group, he is confronted with a death threat from the local mob and has to flee the island. His mother sends him to Holland to stay with his unconventional aunty Judeska (Jandino Asporaat) who becomes an even bigger challenge than the mob back on the island.
CLEAN HANDS

Tjebbo Penning

A mother on the run. Two children to protect. A husband to escape from.

Sylvia has turned a blind eye for too long to husband Eddie’s flourishing drug business. When his dealing takes a (deadly) turn for the worse, however, her need to protect the lives and futures of her young children compel her to flee. But Eddie will stop at nothing to keep his wife inside the ‘family’.

109’ / DCP / colour

Genre: crime drama
Original title: SCHONE HAN DEN
Prod: Phanta Film (NL)
Co-prod: Eyeworks Film & TV Drama (BE), Mulholland Pictures (NL)
Sc: Carl Joos
D.O.P.: Danny Elsen
Completed: summer 2015
Language: Dutch
Cast: Thekla Reuten (ATLANTIC., THE DINNER), Jeroen van Koningsbrugge (THE SURPRISE, A CHRISTMOOSE STORY).

Tjebbo Penning:
a.o. GREAT KILLS ROAD (2009, feature) Awards
a.o: Best Director and Best Drama NYC Downtown FF, MY 9/11 (2006, short doc) Awards a.o: 3rd prize Short Doc Athens Ohio FF.

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Mon Feb 15, 13:00 CinemaxX 13
HISTORY’S FUTURE

Fiona Tan

Part fiction, part documentary, part speculative essay on the contemporary world.

Losing his memory after a mugging, a man known only as ‘MP’ (Missing Person) leaves his home and sets out on a journey, in search not only of his memory but also, perhaps, for a new identity. MP finds himself confronted by a world in which there are no longer any certainties; an era of crisis on many levels.

95’ / DCP / colour

Genre: art film
Original title: HISTORY’S FUTURE
Prod: Family Affair Films (NL)
Co-prod: Rohfilm (DE), Vico Film (IE), Antithesis Films (NL)
Sc: Fiona Tan, Jonathan Romney
D.O.P.: Vladas Naudzius
Completed: October 2015
Language: a.o. English/French/German
Cast: Mark O’Halloran (CALVARY), Denis Lavant (HOLY MOTORS), Anne Consigny (THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY), Johanna ter Steege (COOL KIDS DON’T CRY).

Fiona Tan:
First feature film.
a.o. KINGDOM OF SHADOWS (2000, doc).

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Thu Feb 11, 15:30 CineStar 2
Sat Feb 13, 09:15 Arsenal 2
INSIDE THE MIND OF FAVELA FUNK

Elise Roodenburg & Fleur Beemster

Set in Rio de Janeiro’s most notorious favelas, the underprivileged youth share their perspective on the extremely popular, pornographic favela funk music.

A film about the popular ‘favela funk’, pornographic music from Rio de Janeiro’s deprived neighbourhoods. The documentary is shot from the perspective of the favela youth and aims to discover the relationship between the favela funk lyrics and their personal, daily (love) lives, dominated by a lawless subculture of drug gangs, violence and sex. The film is an insight into current Brazilian underground music and reveals a search for faith, hope and love.

70’ / DCP / colour

Genre: documentary
Original title: INSIDE THE MIND OF FAVELA FUNK
Prod: Elise Roodenburg, Fleur Beemster
Sc: Elise Roodenburg
D.O.P.: Fleur Beemster
Completed: November 2015
Language: Portuguese

Elise Roodenburg & Fleur Beemster:
First feature length documentary.

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Fri Feb 12, 11:30 CinemaxX 12
OUT OF LOVE

Paloma Aguilera Valdebenito

A love story in the extreme.

OUT OF LOVE encapsulates the sweltering and devastating dynamics of love in the turbulent relationship between Varya and Nikolai, where genuine love and hope contend with destruction and despair.

89' / DCP / colour

Genre: drama
Original title: OUT OF LOVE
Prod: Topkapi Films
Co-prod: NTR
Sc: Paloma Aguilera Valdebenito
D.O.P.: Jasper Wolf
Completed: November 2015
Language: English/Dutch
Cast: Naomi Velissariou, Danil Vorobyev (EASTERN BOYS).

Paloma Aguilera Valdebenito:
First feature film.

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Two kids make a ‘how to video’ to stop their parents from splitting up.

Winnie (12) and Sim (12) meet when their parents Rik and Tosca fall in love. They quickly form a blended family. The kids get on really well together and are looking forward to the upcoming wedding. When irritations and bickering start to take over between Rik and Tosca, they decide to help out by making an ‘instruction video’ for their parents with useful relationship tips. How difficult can it be just to be happy with one another?

Mark de Cloe

Genre: children’s, drama
Original title: RABARBER
Dir: Mark de Cloe
Prod: NL Film & TV (NL)
Co-prod: KRO (NL), NCRV (NL)
Sc: Maarten Lebens
D.O.P.: Jan Moeskops
Completed: January 2014
Language: Dutch
Cast: Thor Braun, Nina Wyss, Korneel Evers, Fockeline Ouwerkerk.

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Tue Feb 16, 15:10 CinemaxX 12
SCREAM WEEK

Martijn Heijne

What was supposed to be the holiday of the year ends in a nightmare...

Six friends come to the Sneekweek festival to sail and go wild for a week. Once they arrive at their giant villa, the party can start. But along with the partying and sailing, a secret surfaces from their past. A couple of years ago something went wrong in the balloting of their dorm. And the tension gets to breaking point when it appears that none of the students actually arranged the villa...

110’ / DCP / colour

Genre: comedy, thriller
Original title: SNEEKWEEK
Prod: Farmhouse Film (NL)
Co-prod: Marmalade Films (BE)
Sc: Alex van Galen
D.O.P.: Maarten van Keller
Completed: January 2016
Language: Dutch

Martijn Heijne:
First feature film.
LOVE HURTS (2013, TV series).

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Mon Feb 15, 19:30 CinemaxX 2
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