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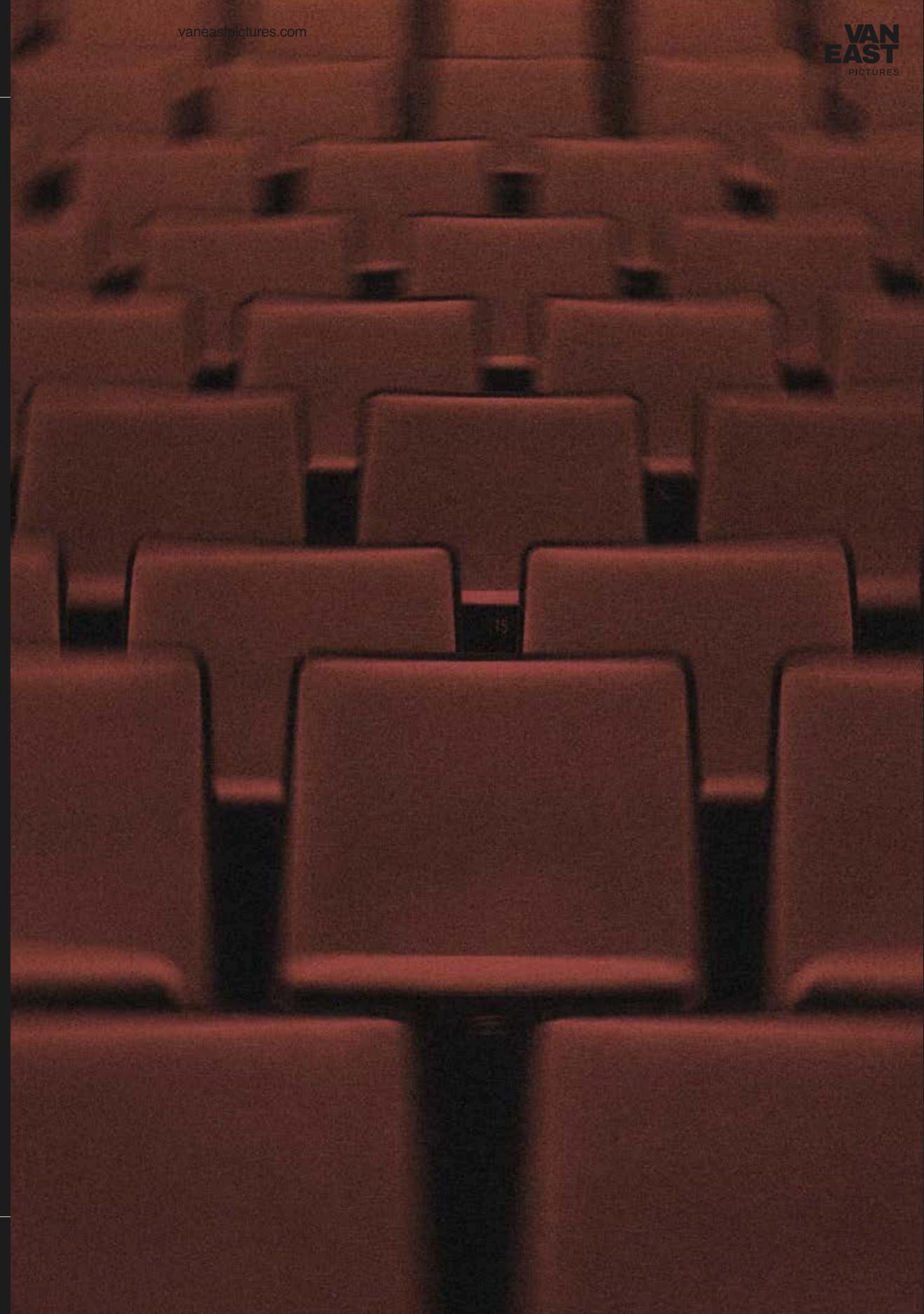
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# About us



## Next-gen sales, production, and financing. Delivering an elevated experience for filmmakers and distributors.

Vaneast was built on a fresh vision for independent film. In today's landscape, being effective means bridging sales, distribution, production, and financing—because you can't excel in one without understanding them all. We specialize in bold, commercial films with a strong emphasis on cast-driven projects. Founded by Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree and film executive Danielle Gasher, Vaneast bridges creative and commercial priorities with a modern, transparent approach.

Danielle previously served as Vice President of Sales at Voltage Pictures and Head of Sales & Acquisitions at Gravititas Ventures, where she led international strategy and acquisitions across a globally successful slate. Vaneast closes the gap between traditional sales representation and the realities of the marketplace; bridging creative vision with commercial viability and aligning the needs of filmmakers, financiers, and distributors in today's evolving distribution ecosystem.



# Youngblood

A contemporary reimagining of the iconic sports drama, directed by Academy Award–nominated filmmaker Hubert Davis, following a gifted young hockey phenom as he battles relentless competition, identity, and pressure in pursuit of an NHL career.

Status	Completed	<b>New To Market</b>
Genre	Sports Drama (Remake)	
COO	Canada	
Cast	<b>Blair Underwood</b> <b>Ashton James</b> <b>Henri Picard</b>	<i>L.A. Law, Set It Off</i> <i>Boxcutter</i> <i>The Dishwasher</i>
Director	Hubert Davis	<i>Black Ice</i>
Producers	Andrew Rosen Anthony Leo Bill O'Dowd	<i>The Breadwinner</i> <i>The Breadwinner</i> <i>Justin Bieber's Believe, The Blue Angels</i>
Comps	<i>Creed</i> meets <i>The Way Back</i>	
US Release	Well Go USA (750 screens)	March 6, 2026

# Youngblood

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## Hockey Having a Cultural Moment

Recently, Heated Rivalry delivered 600M+ total viewing minutes, including 324M+ streaming minutes and 8–9M average viewers per episode across multiple international platforms, underscoring strong global appetite for hockey stories driven by emotional stakes.

# 600M



## Winter Olympics

Ice hockey remains a leading attraction in the global sporting landscape, with the Winter Olympics drawing over 2 billion viewers worldwide and Olympic hockey ranking among the most-watched events — including nearly 28 million U.S. viewers for past gold medal games — a visibility set to grow further with NHL players returning in 2026.

# 2B



## Sports Dramas Travel Globally

Sports dramas remain one of the most consistent and internationally successful genres across theatrical and streaming platforms, driven by universal themes of ambition, rivalry, and resilience, with recent successes including Creed, Hustle, and The Way Back underscoring their global appeal.

# Creed Hustle The Way Back



# Jacob Beats Up Nate

Award-winning author Jacob Mann has it all — a loving family, a thriving career, and a hometown Hall of Fame induction on the horizon. But when he reluctantly returns home, a name from his past resurfaces and reignites a buried grudge, turning what should be a celebration into a darkly funny, emotionally charged reckoning twenty years in the making.

Status	In Post-Production	<b>New Promo in Berlin</b>
Genre	Comedy	
COO	US	
Cast	<b>Justin Long</b> <b>Lamorne Morris</b>	<i>Barbarian, Live Free or Die Hard</i> <i>New Girl, Game Night</i>
Director	J. Lee	<i>aTypical Wednesday</i>
Producers	Lorelle Lynch Daniel de Boulay Bo Youngblood	<i>Woman of the Hour</i>
Comps	<i>Grown Ups meets You Again</i>	

# Jacob Beats Up Nate

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## Justin Long

Best known for *Barbarian*, *Live Free or Die Hard*, and *He's Just Not That Into You*, Long's live-action films have grossed over \$2 billion worldwide, and more than \$4 billion when including his work in the blockbuster *Alvin and the Chipmunks* franchise.

# \$2B

Box office across Justin Long films



## Lamorne Morris

An Emmy winner best known for *New Girl*, *Game Night*, and Hulu's *Woke*, Morris has built a career of critically acclaimed performances across film and television. His lead and supporting roles have generated more than \$300 million at the worldwide box office, and over \$1 billion when factoring in his appearance in *Jumanji: The Next Level*.

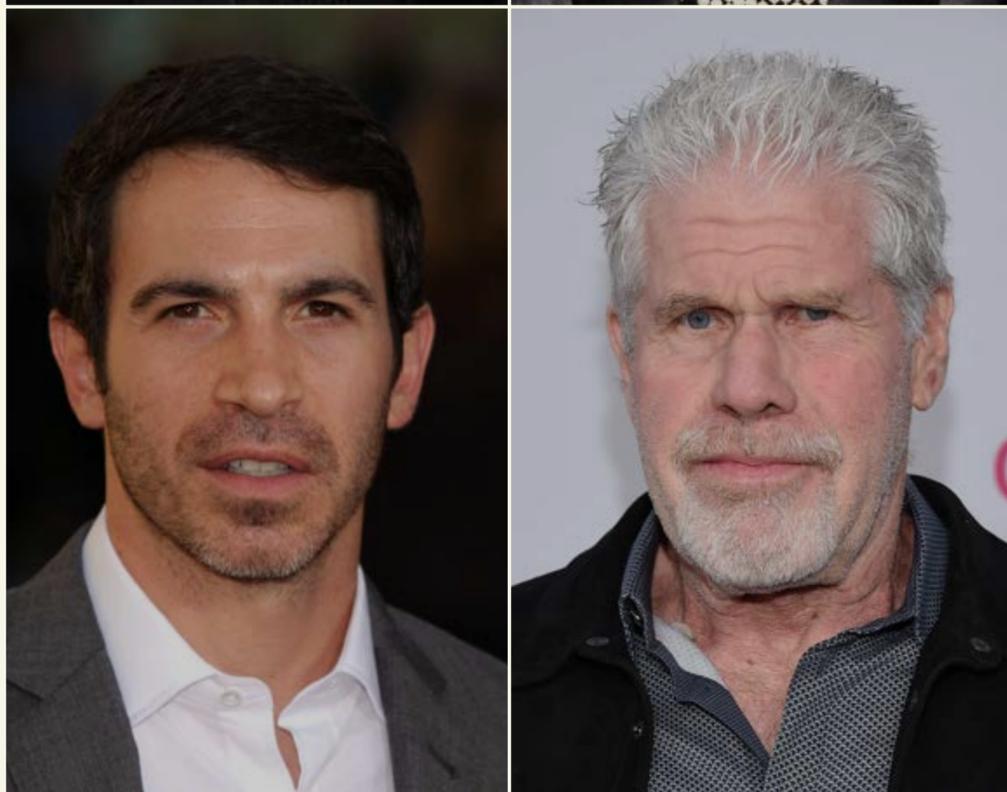
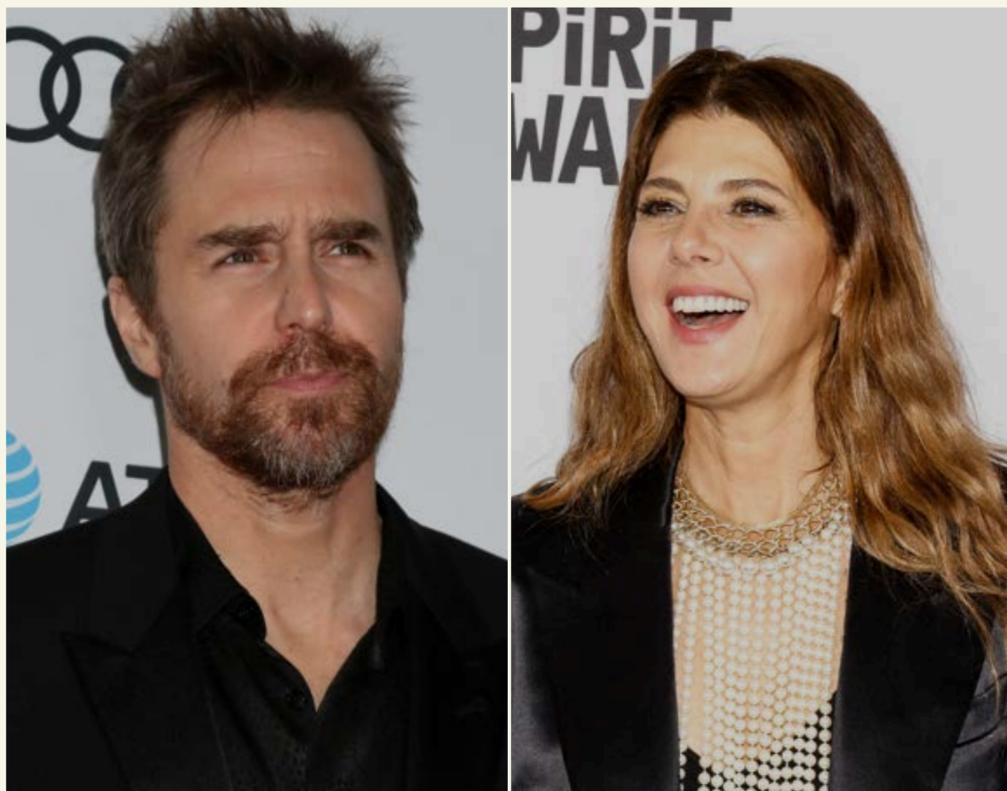
# \$300M

Box office across Lamorne Morris films

# 6M+

Weekly *New Girl* viewers on FOX





# Hellhound

When a zombie outbreak hits small-town New York, a washed-up veterinarian must team up with his ex-wife and her new cop boyfriend to stop President Potus and his right-hand man General Graves from destroying NYC. It's a battle of zombies, power, and unresolved feelings—and the fate of millions rests in the hands of a guy who's already given up.

Status	Pre-production	
Genre	Action / Comedy	
COO	US	
Cast	<b>Marisa Tomei</b> <b>Sam Rockwell</b> <b>Ron Perlman</b> <b>Chris Messina</b> <b>Ivan Martin</b>	<i>My Cousin Vinny, Spider-Man: Homecoming</i> <i>3 Billboards, Vice, Iron Man 2, White Lotus</i> <i>Hellboy, Sons of Anarchy</i> <i>Air, Birds of Prey</i> <i>Billions, To Kill A Wolf</i>
Director	Zach Golden	<i>High Heat</i>
Producers	Bo Youngblood John Ierardi	<i>F Valentine's Day</i> <i>F Valentine's Day</i>
Comps	<i>Shaun of the Dead meets Cocaine Bear</i>	

# Hellhound

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## Blockbuster cast

Best known for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*, *My Cousin Vinny*, *Argo*, and *Hellboy*, the filmographies of Sam Rockwell, Marisa Tomei, Chris Messina, and Ron Perlman span studio tentpoles and acclaimed indies alike—amassing over \$13 billion worldwide across leading and supporting roles.

# \$13B



## Award-winning ensemble

Together, the cast boasts two Academy Award wins, five nominations, two Golden Globe wins, and six additional nominations, plus multiple Emmy nods and Critics' Choice honors. Each brings proven critical and commercial weight across drama, comedy, and genre filmmaking.

# 7 X Oscars

# 8 X Golden Globes

# 7 X Emmys



# Little Lorraine

In the wake of a deadly mining explosion, a desperate family man is lured into a lucrative but dangerous scheme — running drugs under the cover of a lobster boat. As the operation spirals into an international cocaine ring, the crew is hunted by law enforcement and trapped in a deadly web of greed and betrayal. What began as a lifeline quickly turns into a fight for survival in this tense, high-stakes thriller.



Status	Completed	
Genre	Crime Thriller	
COO	Canada	
Cast	<b>Stephen Amell</b> <b>J Balvin</b> <b>Sean Astin</b> <b>Rhys Darby</b> <b>Stephen McHattie</b>	<i>Code 8, Arrow</i> Multi-Latin Grammy Award winner <i>Lord of the Rings</i> franchise <i>Our Flag Means Death</i> <i>Watchmen, A History of Violence</i>
Director	Andy Hines	Grammy-nominated music video director
Producers	James Van Der Woerd Tim Doiron Michael Volpe	<i>Simulant, Wander</i> <i>Simulant, Wander</i> <i>The Lighthouse</i>
Comps	<i>Hell or High Water</i> meets <i>Blow</i>	

# Little Lorraine

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## Social Media Reach

The total cast boasts a combined social media following of over 200 million followers.

# 208M

## J Balvin

One of the most streamed artists in the world, J Balvin transcends music with global influence across fashion, film, and culture. His reach guarantees visibility far beyond traditional marketing.

# 25B

YouTube official channel views

# 70M

Monthly Spotify Listeners

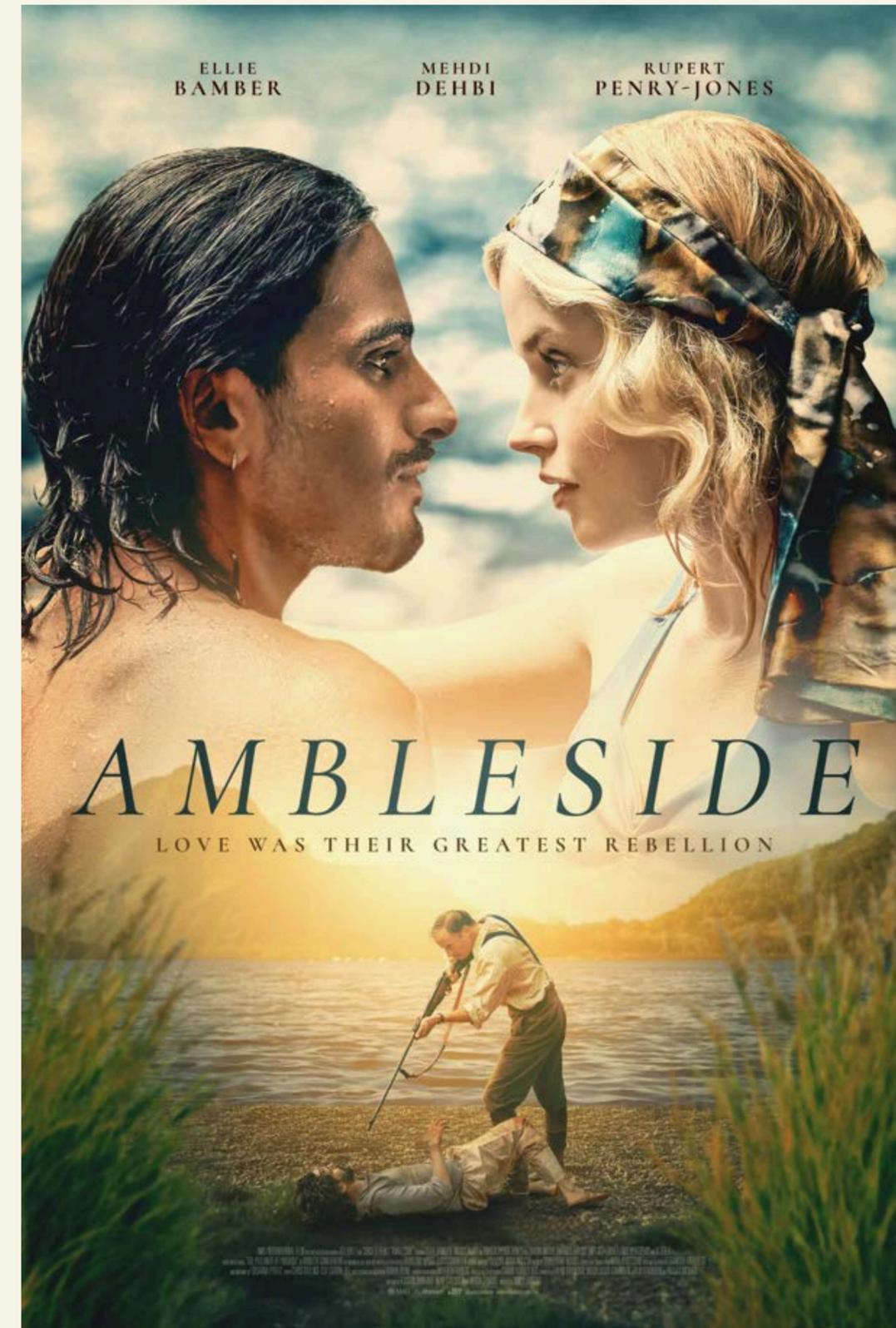
# 10B+

Global audio streams



# Ambleside

In 1925, 18-year-old Lucy Gladwell is sent from England to live with her controlling uncle on the lush island of Mauritius. When she falls for Krishna, a charismatic local laborer, their forbidden romance ignites across rigid divides of class. As pressure mounts and time runs out, Lucy must choose between duty and the only love she's ever known — a choice that could cost her everything.



Status	Completed
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Genre	Romance
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COO	UK
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Cast	<b>Ellie Bamber</b> <i>Moss &amp; Freud, Animal Friends</i> <b>Rhona Mitra</b> <i>Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, Doomsday</i> <b>Rupert Penry-Jones</b> <i>The Batman (Warners Bros 2022), MI-5</i> <b>JJ Feild</b> <i>Captain America: The First Avenger, Austenland</i> <b>Mehdi Dehbi</b> <i>Messiah, A Most Wanted Man</i>
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Director	<b>Mitch Jenkins</b> <i>A Million Days, The Show</i>
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Producers	Paula Crickard Alan Govinden Maria Jesus Govinden Julia Govinden
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Comps	<i>The English Patient, A United Kingdom</i>
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# Ambleside

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## Global reach

The *Ambleside* ensemble boasts a combined worldwide box office of over \$2.8 billion, reflecting a proven cast with both critical acclaim and global commercial appeal across studio features and prestige dramas.

# \$2.8B



## Ellie Bamber

Bamber continues her rapid rise with starring roles in the upcoming biopic *Moss & Freud*, where she portrays Kate Moss opposite Derek Jacobi, and the upcoming studio feature *Animal Friends* alongside Ryan Reynolds, Jason Momoa, and Aubrey Plaza. Known for her versatility and striking screen presence, she bridges prestige and mainstream effortlessly.

# Moss & Freud Animal Friends





# The Cure

**A 16-year-old adopted girl with a mysterious illness discovers her biotech billionaire parents are harvesting her blood for sinister reasons. As the twisted experiments escalate, she must fight to escape before she's drained of everything that makes her human.**

Status	Completed
Genre	Horror
COO	US
Cast	<b>David Dastmalchian</b> <i>Late Night with the Devil</i> <b>Ashley Greene</b> <i>Twilight</i> <b>Sydney Taylor</b> <i>Marked Men</i> <b>Samantha Cochran</b>
Director	<b>Nancy Leopardi</b> <i>Nanny Cam, Lethal Seduction</i>
Producers	<b>Bo Youngblood</b> <i>F Valentine's Day</i> <b>John Ierardi</b> <i>F Valentine's Day</i>
Comps	<i>Run meets The Invisible Man</i>
US Release	Vertical Entertainment <span style="float: right;">April 2026</span>

# The Cure

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## David Dastmalchian

Has appeared in global hits like *Oppenheimer*, *The Suicide Squad*, and *Dune*. His acclaimed lead turn in *Late Night with the Devil* and upcoming *Street Fighter* role cement his rising star power.

# \$4B

Box office across David Dastmalchian's films



## Ashley Greene

From *The Twilight Saga* to a new wave of elevated thrillers, Greene brings both star recognition and a loyal worldwide audience.

# \$3B

Box office across Ashley Greene's films



# The Confession

A musician and her son move back to her childhood home where she discovers a recording of her deceased father confessing to the murder of an evil force. As her son exhibits unsettling behavior, she becomes desperate to stop the evil. The Confession is based on the terrifying folktale of The Pied Piper.

Status	Completed	
Genre	Horror	
COO	US	
Cast	<b>Italia Ricci</b> <b>Scott Mechlowicz</b> <b>Terence Rosemore</b>	<i>Designated Survivor</i> <i>Euro Trip, Demonic</i> <i>Superman (2025)</i>
Director	Will Canon	<i>Brotherhood, Demonic</i>
Producers	Will Canon Rosanna Eden-Ellis	<i>Demonic</i> <i>Demonic</i>
Comps	<i>The Babadook</i>	
US Release	Quiver Distribution	January 16, 2026



# The Confession

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## Festival premiere

The Confession premiered to positive reviews at FrightFest London 2025, praised for its suspenseful direction and standout lead performance by Italia Ricci.

# FRIGHTFEST



# QUIVER

DISTRIBUTION

## US release

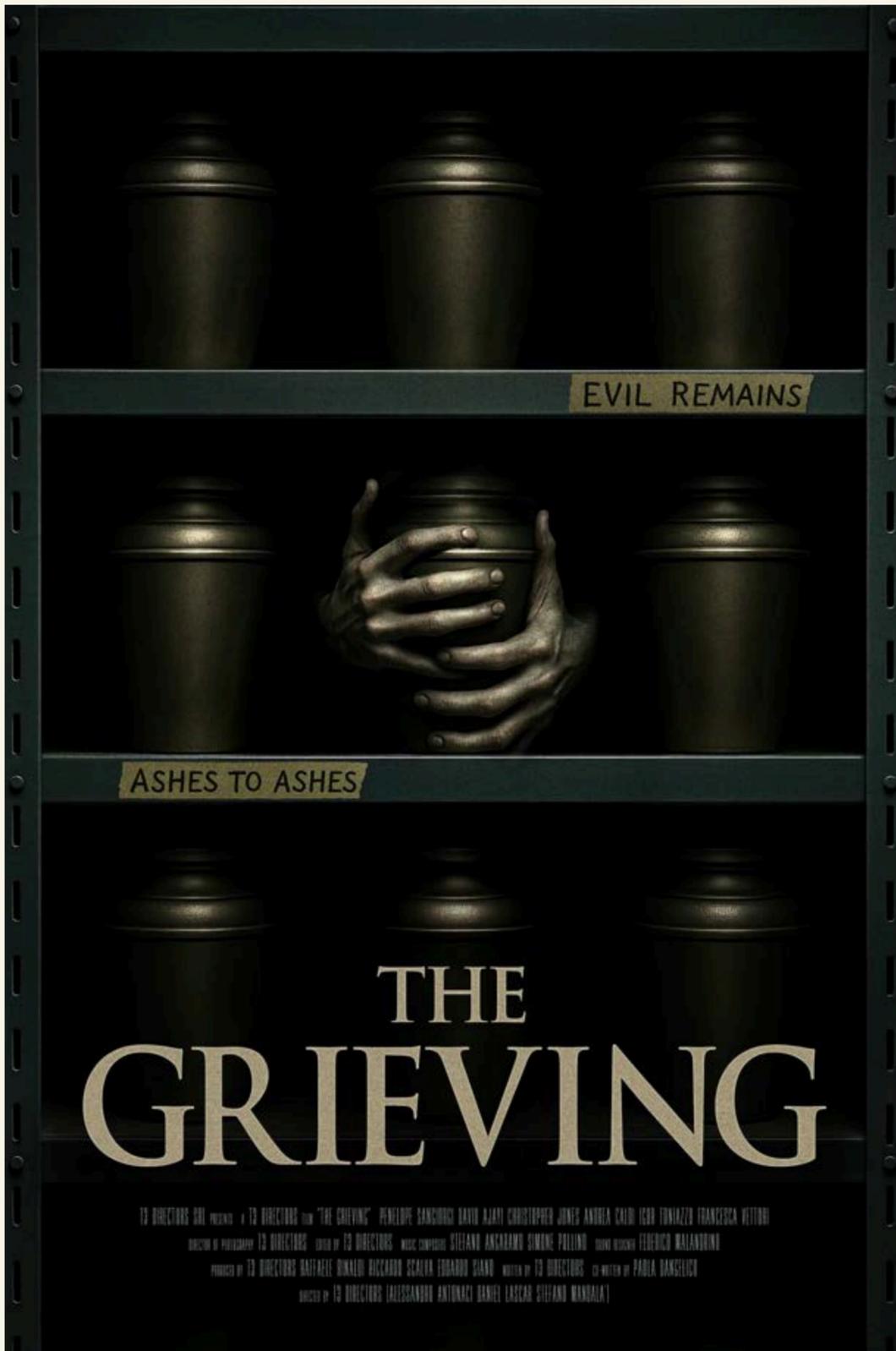
Quiver Distribution, which also handled Will Canon's 2010 SXSW Audience Award Winner Brotherhood, released the film in the US and Canada on January 16, 2025. There are no more holdbacks on the film.



# The Grieving

Mia, a mourning daughter, attempts to lay her father to rest, only to uncover the dangerous demons he was battling. As she struggles to make sense of a world without him, grief gives way to a chilling truth.

Status	Completed	
Genre	Horror	
COO	Italy	
Cast	<b>Penelope Sangiorgi</b>	<i>Sound of Silence</i>
Directors	Alessandro Antonaci Daniel Lascar Alessandro Antonaci	<i>Sound of Silence</i> <i>Sound of Silence</i> <i>Sound of Silence</i>
Producers	Raffaele Rinaldi Riccardo Scalva	<i>Sound of Silence</i> <i>Sound of Silence</i>
Comps	<i>Talk To Me</i>	
US Release	Gravitas Ventures	October 24, 2025



# The Grieving

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## Directing team

The T3 Directors are recognized genre filmmakers celebrated for their elevated production value and meticulous sound design. Their previous features include *Sound of Silence* and *You Die*, both acclaimed for their atmospheric tension and visual style.



# What We Hide

After their mother's sudden death, two sisters go to extreme lengths to avoid being torn apart by the foster system—but as suspicion grows, they are forced to confront how far they will go to stay together.



Status	Completed	
Genre	Thriller	
COO	US	
Cast	<b>McKenna Grace</b> <b>Dacre Montgomery</b> <b>Jesse Williams</b>	<i>Anniversary, Five Nights at Freddy's 2</i> <i>Elvis, Stranger Things</i> <i>Your Place or Mine, Grey's Anatomy</i>
Director	Dan Kay	<i>Pay The Ghost, I.T.</i>
Producers	Joseph Restaino Jeff Hoffman	<i>Pig, Amber Alert</i> <i>Lansky</i>
Comp	<i>Winter's Bone</i>	
US Release	Gravitas Ventures	August 29, 2025

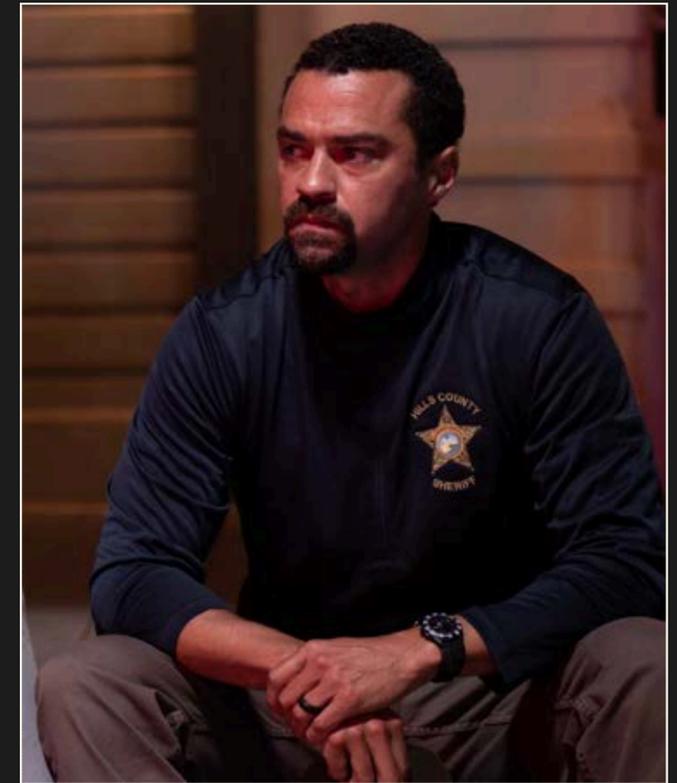
# What We Hide

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## Social Media Reach

The total cast boasts a combined social media following of over 23 million followers.

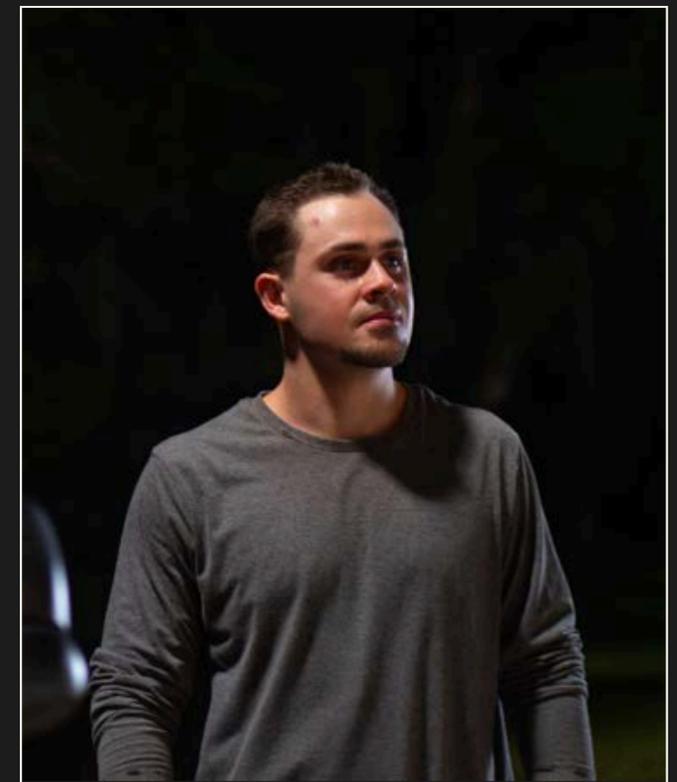
# 23M



## McKenna Grace

Grace is a rising studio darling with leading and supporting roles in five new and upcoming studio films.

### Regretting You Five Nights at Freddy's 2 Anniversary Scream VII Hunger Games





# Get in touch

**To learn more about Vaneast's slate of films, availability, and upcoming projects, please reach out to our team. If you are attending EFM, we'd love to connect. Please schedule a meeting or visit us at the Berlin Marriott Hotel, Booth #1010 on the 10th floor.**

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