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## UNDER THE TREE

by Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurdsson



When the next-door neighbors complain that a tree in Baldvin and Inga's backyard is casting a shadow over their sundeck, a typical spat between suburban neighbors begins to spiral unexpectedly and violently out of control.

Original title **Undir trénu**  
 Genre **Drama**  
 Director **Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurdsson** (*Either Way*, *Paris of the North*)  
 Screenwriters **Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurdsson**, **Huldar Breidfjörð** (*Paris of the North*)  
 Producers **Grimar Jónsson** (*Rams*), **Sindri Páll Kjartansson**, **Thor Sigurjónsson**  
 Coproducers **Klaudia Smieja**, **Beata Rzeznicek**, **Jacob Jarek**, **Ditte Milsted**  
 Director of photography **Monika Lenczewska**  
 Editor **Kristján Lodmjórd** (*Rams*, *Paris of the North*, *Either Way*)  
 Music **Daniel Bjarnason**  
 Cast **Steindí Jr.**, **Sigurður Sigurjónsson**, **Edda Björgvinsdóttir**, **Thorsteinn Bachmann**, **Selma Björnsdóttir**  
 Production company **Netop Films**  
 Coproduction company **Madants**, **Profile Pictures**, **One Two Films**  
 International sales **New Europe Film Sales** ([jan@neweuropemfilmsales.com](mailto:jan@neweuropemfilmsales.com))  
 Iceland/Poland/Denmark/Germany, 2017, 90 min., DCP

## SUMMER CHILDREN

by Guðrún Ragnarsdóttir



Siblings Eydís and Kári are only five and six years old when their parents' marriage breaks apart. Following the divorce they are sent temporarily to a children's home in the countryside. But when the stay turns out to be longer than they had expected, Eydís and Kári take matters into their own hands.

Original title **Sumarbörn**  
 Genre **Drama/Family**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Guðrún Ragnarsdóttir**  
 Producers **Anna María Karlsdóttir**, **Hrönn Kristinsdóttir**  
 Coproducer **Egil Óðegård**  
 Director of photography **Ásgrímur Gudbjartsson**  
 Editor **David Alexander Corno** (*Of Horses and Men*)  
 Music **Kira Kira**, **Hermigervill**  
 Cast **Kristjana Thors**, **Stefán Örn Eggertsson**, **Brynhildur Guðjónsdóttir**  
 Production company **Ljósband** ([amk@ljosband.is](mailto:amk@ljosband.is), [hronn@ljosband.is](http://hronn@ljosband.is))  
 Coproduction company **Filmhuset Fiction**  
 Iceland/Norway, 2017, 84 min., DCP

## RIFT

by Erlingur Óttar Thoroddsen



Months after they broke up, Gunnar receives a strange phone call from his ex-boyfriend, Einar. He finds Einar in a secluded cabin under a glacier, where they begin to deal with their past – and are haunted by their dead relationship.

Original title **Rökkur**  
 Genre **Mystery/Drama**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Erlingur Óttar Thoroddsen**  
 Producers **Baldvin Kári Sveinbjörnsson**, **Búi Baldvinsson**, **Erlingur Óttar Thoroddsen**  
 Coproducers **James Huntsman**, **Todd Slater**  
 Director of photography **John Wakayama Carey**  
 Editor **Erlingur Óttar Thoroddsen**  
 Music **Einar Sv. Tryggvason**  
 Cast **Björn Stefánsson**, **Sigurður Thór Óskarsson**  
 Production company **Myrkverf Productions**, **Hero Productions**  
 International sales **Blue Fox Entertainment** ([lisa@bluefoxentertainment.com](mailto:lisa@bluefoxentertainment.com))  
 Iceland, 2017, 109 min., DCP

## THE SWAN

by Ása Helga Hjörleifsdóttir



A wayward nine-year-old girl is sent to the countryside one summer to help out on a farm and mature, but she soon finds herself deeply entangled in a drama she can hardly grasp.

Original title **Svanurinn**  
 Genre **Drama**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Ása Helga Hjörleifsdóttir** (*Love Story*)  
 Based on a novel by **Gudbergur Bergsson**  
 Producers **Birgitta Björnsdóttir**, **Hlín Jóhannesdóttir**  
 Coproducers **Verena Gräfe-Höft**, **Anneli Ahven**  
 Director of photography **Martin Neumeyer**  
 Editors **Sebastian Thümler**, **Elisabet Ronaldsdóttir**  
 Cast **Grima Valsdóttir**, **Thor Kristjánsson**, **Blær Jóhannsdóttir**, **Ingvar E. Sigurdsson**, **Katla Margrét Thorgeirsdóttir**  
 Production companies **Vintage Pictures**, **Junafilm**, **Kopli Kinokompanii**  
 International sales **M-Appeal** ([films@m-appeal.com](mailto:films@m-appeal.com))  
 Iceland/Germany/Estonia, 2017, 95 min., DCP

## I REMEMBER YOU

by Óskar Thór Axelsson



Three young people from the city set out to restore a rundown building in a remote fjord. When a sinister supernatural entity appears, their innocent trip turns into their worst nightmare. Meanwhile, on the other side of the fjord, a psychiatrist investigating a suicide discovers that the case is connected to his own son, who vanished three years earlier.

Original title **Ég man þig**  
 Genre **Horror/Thriller**  
 Director **Óskar Thór Axelsson** (*Black's Game*)  
 Screenwriters **Óskar Thór Axelsson**, **Ottó Geir Borg**  
 Based on a novel by **Yrsa Sigurdardóttir**  
 Producers **Skúli Malmquist**, **Thor Sigurjónsson**, **Sigurjón Sigthvátsson**, **Chris Briggs**  
 Coproducer **Ruben Thorkildsen**  
 Director of photography **Jakob Ingimundarson**  
 Editor **Kristján Lodmjórd** (*Rams*, *Paris of the North*)  
 Cast **Jóhannes Haukur Jóhannesson** (*Atomic Blonde*, *Game of Thrones*), **Anna Gunnis Guðmundsdóttir**, **Thor Kristjánsson**, **Sara Dögg Ásgeirsdóttir**, **Agústa Eva Erlendsdóttir**  
 Production company **Zik Zak Filmworks**  
 Coproduction company **Ape & Björn**  
 International sales **TrustNordisk** ([info@trustnordisk.com](mailto:info@trustnordisk.com))  
 Iceland/Norway, 2017, 110 min., DCP

## WINTER BROTHERS

by Hlynur Pálmason



A brother odyssey set in a worker environment during a cold winter. We follow two brothers, their routines, habits, rituals and a violent feud that erupts between them and another family. A lack-of-love story, focusing on the younger brother, Emil, and his need for being loved and desired.

Original titles **Vinterbróðre/Vetrarbræður**  
 Genre **Drama**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Hlynur Pálmason** (*Seven Boats*)  
 Producers **Julie Waltersdorff Hansen**, **Hlynur Pálmason**  
 Coproducer **Anton Máni Svansson**  
 Director of photography **Maria von Hausswolff**  
 Editor **Julius Krebs Damsbo**  
 Music **Toke Odin**  
 Cast **Elliot Crosset Hove**, **Simon Sears**, **Victoria Carmen Sonne**, **Lars Mikkelsen**  
 Production company **Masterplan Pictures**  
 Coproduction company **Join Motion Pictures**  
 International sales **New Europe Film Sales** ([jan@neweuropemfilmsales.com](mailto:jan@neweuropemfilmsales.com))  
 Denmark/Iceland, 2017, 93 min., DCP

**AND BREATHE NORMALLY**

by Ísöld Uggaðóttir



An intimate bond forms between two women – an Icelandic mother and a refugee from Guinea-Bissau – whose lives briefly intersect in Iceland due to unforeseen circumstances.

Original title **Andið edlilega**  
 Genre **Drama**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Ísöld Uggaðóttir**  
 Producer **Skúli Malmquist**  
 Coproducers **Diana Elbaum, Annika Hellström, Lilja Ósk Snorradóttir, Inga Lind Karlsdóttir**  
 Director of photography **Ita Zbronicc-Zajt**  
 Editor **Frédérique Broos**  
 Cast **Babetida Sadjó, Kristín Thóra Haraldsdóttir**  
 Production company **Zik Zak Filmworks**  
 Coproduction companies **Entre Chien et Loup, Cinenic Film, Skot, Pegasus**  
 International sales **Match Factory (thania.dimitrakopoulou@matchfactory.de)**  
 Iceland/Belgium/Sweden, 2018, 100 min., DCP

**ALMA**

by Kristín Jóhannesdóttir



After having witnessed her father's brutal murder, three-year-old Alma and her mother fled their war-torn homeland and settled in Iceland. Now, 25 years later, Alma is serving time in a psych ward for murdering her boyfriend, a crime she can't remember. But when she discovers the boyfriend is still alive, Alma decides to escape and kill him after all.

Original title **Alma**  
 Genre **Drama**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Kristín Jóhannesdóttir (As in Heaven)**  
 Producer **Guðrún Edda Thórhannesdóttir**  
 Coproducers **Anna G. Magnúsdóttir, Ilann Girard, Jim Stark, Lilja Ósk Snorradóttir**  
 Director of photography **Ita Zbronicc-Zajt**  
 Editor **Máni Hrafnsson**  
 Cast **Emmanuelle Riva (Amour), Snæfríður Ingvarsdóttir, Snorri Engilbertsson, Kristbjörg Kjeld (Mamma Gógo), Hilmir Snaer Guðnason**  
 Production designer **László Rajk (The Man from London, Son of Saul)**  
 Production company **Duo Productions (duo@sinnet.is)**  
 Coproduction companies **Little Big Productions, Arsam International, J. Stark Films, Pegasus Pictures, Berserk Films**  
 Iceland/Sweden/France/USA, 2018, 90 min., DCP

**PLOEY**

by Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson



A plover chick has still not learned to fly when his family migrates in the fall. He must survive the Arctic winter, vicious enemies and himself in order to be reunited with his beloved the following spring.

Original title **Lói – þú flygur aldrei einn**  
 Genre **Animation/Family/Adventure**  
 Director **Árni Ólafur Ásgeirsson (Brim)**  
 Codirectors **Gunnar Karlsson, Ives Agemans**  
 Story by **Fridrik Erlingsson**  
 Editor **Jón Stefánsson**  
 Music **Atli Órvarsson (Rams, Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters, Vantage Point)**  
 English cast **Jamie Oram, Harriet Perring, Iain Stuart Robertson, Richard Cotton, Þórunn Erna Clausen, Thomas Arnold**  
 Producers **Hilmar Sigurðsson, Ives Agemans**  
 Production company **GunHil**  
 Coproduction company **Cyborn**  
 International sales **ARRI Worldsales (MHemming@arri.de, JPahl@arri.de)**  
 Iceland/Belgium, 2017, 85 min., DCP

**MIHKEL**

by Ari Alexander Ergis Magnússon



Mihkel and Vera dream of moving to Iceland, a land of relative opportunity and equality. Events take an unexpected turn, however, and Mihkel ends up being betrayed by his oldest friend, Igor. An epic and biblical tragedy based on real events.

Original title **Halastjarnan**  
 Genre **Drama**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Ari Alexander Ergis Magnússon**  
 Producers **Fridrik Thór Fridriksson, Kristinn Thórdarson, Leifur B. Dagfinnsson, Ari Alexander Ergis Magnússon**  
 Coproducers **Evelin Soosaar-Penttila, Egil Óðegård**  
 Director of photography **Tómas Órn Tómasson**  
 Editor **David Alexander Corno (Of Horses and Men)**  
 Cast **Atli Rafn Sigurðarson, Kaspar Velberg, Tómas Lemarquis, Paaru Oja**  
 Production companies **Truenorth, Horizon Productions, Aumingja Island**  
 Coproduction companies **Amrion, Filmhuset Fiction**  
 International sales **Level K (niklas@levelk.dk)**  
 Iceland/Estonia/Norway, 2018, 98 min., DCP

**THE GREAT FOOTBALL ADVENTURE**

by Bragi Þór Hinriksson



Each summer, kids from all over Iceland gather on a small island to participate in a week-long football tournament. Ten-year-old Jón travels to the tournament with his team and will have to grow up faster than he expected, both on and off the pitch.

Original title **Víti í Vestmannaeyjum**  
 Genre **Family**  
 Director **Bragi Þór Hinriksson**  
 Screenwriters **Jóhann Ævar Grímsson, Gunnar Helgason, Ottó Geir Borg**  
 Producers **Þórhallur Gunnarsson, Anna Vigdís Gísladóttir, Kjartan Thór Thórdarson, Hilmar Sigurðsson**  
 Director of photography **Ágúst Jakobsson**  
 Editor **Gudni Halldórsson**  
 Music **Ragnhildur Gísladóttir**  
 Cast **Lúkas Emil Johansen, Viktor Benóny Benediktsson, Isey Hreidarsdóttir, Róbert Luu, Jóhann Jóhannsson, Óli Gunnar Gunnarsson, Ilmur Kristjánsdóttir, Gunnar Hansson, Sigurður Sigurjónsson**  
 Production company **SagaFilm**  
 International sales **Level K (tine.klint@levelk.dk)**  
 Iceland, 2018, 1×95' and 6×25', HD

**VULTURES**

by Börkur Sigthorsson



In an attempt to fix his financial problems, Erik recruits his brother, Atli, to help him import a shipment of cocaine into Iceland. Erik thinks he's got things all figured out, until the young Polish "mule" they've hired is unable to pass the drugs through her system.

Original title **Vargur**  
 Genre **Drama/Thriller**  
 Director/Screenwriter **Börkur Sigthorsson (Trapped)**  
 Producers **Baltasar Kormákur, Agnes Johansen**  
 Director of photography **Bergsteinn Björgúlfsson (Trapped, Of Horses and Men)**  
 Editor **Elisabet Rolandsdóttir (Atomic Blonde, John Wick)**  
 Music **Ben Frost**  
 Cast **Gísli Örn Gardarsson, Baltasar Breki Samper, Anna Próchniak, Marijana Jankovic**  
 Production company **RVK Studios**  
 International sales **West End Films (eve@westendfilms.com, lucie@westendfilms.com)**  
 Iceland, 2018, 90 min., DCP

## WOMAN AT WAR

by Benedikt Erlingsson



Halla, an independent woman in her late 40s, declares war on the local aluminium industry. She'll risk anything to protect the Icelandic highlands – until an orphan unexpectedly enters her life.

Original title *Kona fer í stríð*  
Genre **Action**  
Director **Benedikt Erlingsson** (*Of Horses and Men*)  
Screenwriters **Benedikt Erlingsson, Ólafur Egill Egilsson**  
Producers **Marianne Slot, Benedikt Erlingsson, Carine Leblanc**  
Coproducers **Serge Lavrenyuk, Bergsteinn Björgúlfsson, Birgitta Björnsdóttir**  
Director of photography **Bergsteinn Björgúlfsson** (*Trapped, Of Horses and Men*)  
Editor **David Alexander Corno** (*Of Horses and Men*)  
Music **David Thór Jónsson** (*Of Horses and Men*)  
Cast **Hallgríma Geirhardsdóttir, David Thór Jónsson, Magnús Trygvason Eliassen, Ómar Guðjónsson, Jóhann Sigurðsson**  
Production companies **Slot Machine, Gulldröngurinn**  
Coproduction companies **Solar Media Entertainment, Kéggull, Vintage Pictures**  
International sales **Beta Cinema** ([thorsten.ritter@betacinema.com](mailto:thorsten.ritter@betacinema.com))  
Iceland/France/Ukraine, 2018, 100 min., DCP

TV series

## LIFE AFTER DEATH

by Vera Sölvadóttir



When grief-stricken pop star Össi refuses to take part in finals of the Eurovision Song Contest because of his mother's funeral, the whole nation lets out a collective gasp. To secure Iceland's participation, everybody scrambles to hasten the funeral so that Össi will be able to compete.

Original title *Líf eftir dauðann*  
Genre **Comedy/Drama**  
Director **Vera Sölvadóttir**  
Screenwriters **Linda Vilhjálmssdóttir, Vera Sölvadóttir**  
Producers **Thórhallur Gunnarsson, Anna Vigdís Gísladóttir, Kjartan Thór Thórdarson, Hilmar Sigurðsson**  
Coproducer **Gudrún Edda Thórhannesdóttir**  
Director of photography **Bergsteinn Björgúlfsson** (*Trapped, Of Horses and Men*)  
Editors **Gudni Halldórsson, Gunnar B. Guðbjörnsson**  
Music **Jóhann Vignir Vilbergsson**  
Cast **Björn Jörundur Friðbjörnsson**  
Production company **SagaFilm**  
Coproduction company **Duo Productions**  
International sales **SagaFilm Nordic** ([kjartan@sagafilm.is](mailto:kjartan@sagafilm.is))  
Iceland, 2017, 2x30' and 1x60', HD

## PROMISES

by Bragi Thór Hinriksson



Hanna's and Baldur's lives are turned upside down when their parents decide to get divorced. They are suddenly faced with a situation they cannot control and emotions they cannot comprehend.

Original title *Loförð*  
Genre **Drama**  
Director **Bragi Thór Hinriksson**  
Screenwriter **Gudjón David Karlsson**  
Producer **Bragi Thór Hinriksson**  
Director of photography **Ivar Kristján Ávarsson**  
Editors **Bragi Thór Hinriksson, Karl Ágúst Guðmundsson, Eggert Baldvinsson**  
Cast **Andrea Birna Guðmundsdóttir, Lúkas Emil Johansen**  
Production company **Hreyfimyndasmíðjan**  
Coproduction company **RÚV**  
Iceland, 2017, 4 episodes (25', 27', 28', 40'), DCP

## STELLA BLÓMKVIST

by Óskar Thór Axelsson



Stella, a ruthless and cunning lawyer, takes on mysterious and often dangerous murder cases and only loves rules when she's breaking them. Based on the bestselling series of books that have won acclaim in both Germany and Iceland.

Original title *Stella Blómkvist*  
Genre **Drama/Crime**  
Director **Óskar Thór Axelsson** (*Black's Game*)  
Screenwriters **Jóhann Evar Grimsson, Nanna Kristín Magnúsdóttir, Andri Óttarsson**  
Producers **Thórhallur Gunnarsson, Anna Vigdís Gísladóttir, Kjartan Thór Thórdarson, Hilmar Sigurðsson**  
Director of photography **Árni Filippusson** (*Either Way*)  
Editors **Gudni Halldórsson, Gunnar B. Guðbjörnsson**  
Music **Helgi Sæmundur Guðmundsson**  
Cast **Heida Reed** (*Poldark*), **Kristín Thóra Haraldsdóttir, Thorsteinn Guðmundsson, Sara Dögg Ásgeirsdóttir, Jóhannes Haukur Jóhannesson** (*Atomic Blonde, Game of Thrones*), **Steinunn Ólína Thorsteinsdóttir**  
Production company **SagaFilm**  
International sales **Red Arrow** ([Lisa.Fidyka@redarrowinternational.tv](mailto:Lisa.Fidyka@redarrowinternational.tv))  
Iceland, 2017, 6x45' and 3x90', Apple ProRes