

MATTEO GARRONE





SYNOPSIS

In the outskirts suspended between metropolis and wilderness, where the only law seems to be that of the strongest, Marcello is a small and gentle man who divides his days between work in his modest grooming salon for dogs, love for his daughter Alida, and an ambiguous relationship of subjection with Simoncino, a former boxer who terrorizes the entire neighborhood. Determined to reaffirm his dignity after an umpteenth oppression, Marcello will imagine revenge with an unexpected outcome.



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As has often happened in my films, even at the origin of Dogman there is a visual suggestion, an image, a reversal of perspective: that of some dogs, closed in cages, who witness as witnesses to the explosion of human bestiality ... an image that dates back to over ten years ago, when for the first time I thought about shooting this film. But was it really "this" movie?

Difficult to say, because over time Dogman has changed along with me, becoming a film always new, always different. Some of the original ideas have come this far, but I don't think they've exhausted the deepest sense of the story that I wanted to tell: Dogman, for example, is not just a revenge film, even if revenge (but it would be better to call it redemption) plays an important role, just as it is not just a variation on the (eternal) theme of the struggle between the weak and the strong. It is instead a film that, though through an "extreme" story. makes us face something that concerns us all: the consequences of the choices we make daily to survive, those yes's we say that lead us to no longer being able to say no, the difference between who we are and who we think we are. In this deep questioning, in approaching the loss of the innocence of a man, I think it is a universal film, "ethical" and not moralistic: for this reason I really want to emphasize the distance from the news headlines that only freely inspired. Everything, beginning with the locations, the characters, their psychologies, has been transfigured. One last note, to underline the importance of the meeting with the leading actor of the film, Marcello Fonte. His sweetness and his ancient face that seems to come from an Italy that is disappearing, have contributed decisively to clarify within me how to deal with such dark subject matter, which for years had both attracted and rejected me, and the character that I wanted to share: a man who, in an attempt to redeem himself after a life of humiliation, deludes himself of having liberated not only himself, but also his own neighborhood and perhaps even the world. Which instead remains always the same, and almost indifferent.

CAST AND CREW

MAIN CAST

MARCELLO FONTE EDOARDO PESCE

NUNZIA SCHIANO ADAMO DIONISI FRANCESCO ACQUAROLI ALIDA BALDARI CALABRIA GIANLUCA GOBBI

MAIN CREDITS

director story and screenplay cinematography editing production design costumes music sound recording Marcello Simoncino

Simoncino's Mother Franco Francesco Alida Restaurateur

MATTEO GARRONE
UGO CHITI, MASSIMO GAUDIOSO, MATTEO GARRONE
NICOLAJ BRUEL
MARCO SPOLETINI
DIMITRI CAPUANI
MASSIMO CANTINI PARRINI
MICHELE BRAGA
MARICETTA LOMBARDO

sound design casting assistant directors production manager line producer producers

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Nationality Year Length MIRKO PERRI FRANCESCO VEDOVATI

CIRO SCOGNAMIGLIO, PAOLO TROTTA, ANDREA TAGLIAFERRI

GIAN LUCA CHIARETTI ALESSIO LAZZARESCHI

MATTEO GARRONE, JEAN LABADIE, JEREMY THOMAS, PAOLO DEL BROCCO

ARCHIMEDE & LE PACTE

RAI CINEMA EURIMAGES

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Italy/France 2018 102 minutes



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Born in Rome in 1968, Matteo Garrone graduated from the Liceo Artistico in 1986; after working as a camera assistant, he decided to devote himself full time to painting.

In 1996 he won the Sacher Festival with the short film Silhouette. The following year, with his own production company Archimede, he made his first feature film, Terra di Mezzo (Land in Between), which won the Special Jury Prize and the Cipputi Prize at the Torino Film Festival. In 1998 he shot the documentary Oreste Pipolo, a Wedding Photographer in Naples, and in the same year his second feature film, Ospiti (Guests) was presented at the Venice Film Festival. The film received a Special Mention at the Angers Festival, the Best Film Award at the Valencia Film Festival and the Kodak Award at the Messina Film Festival. His third feature film. Estate Romana (Roman Summer, 2000), was also shown at the Venice Film Festival. In 2002, with The Embalmer (L'Imbalsamatore), he participated in the Quinzaine des Réalisateurs of the 55th Cannes Film Festival. The film won the David di Donatello for Best Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor, the Silver Ribbon and the Golden Ciak for Best Editing, the Fellini Prize for Best Producer, Best Production Design, Best Photography. Best Screenplay and Best Distribution, and the Special Jury Prize at the Pasolini Awards. In 2004 his film Primo Amore (First Love) won the Silver Bear for Best Score at the 54th Berlinale. The film also won the David di Donatello and the Nastro d'Argento for Best Score. In 2008 he was for the first time in competition at the Cannes Film Festival with Gomorrah, which won the Grand Jury Prize. The film also won five European Film Awards (Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography), seven David di Donatello, two Silver Ribbons, the Silver Hugo for Best Screenplay at the Chicago Film Festival and received the nomination for Best Foreign Film at the Golden Globe, BAFTA and Césars. Also in 2008, he produced Pranzo di Ferragosto (Mid-August Lunch) by Gianni Di Gregorio, which won the Best First Feature Award at the Venice Film Festival. In 2012 and 2015 he returned to Cannes competition, respectively with Reality (for a second Grand Jury Prize, as well as three David di Donatello and three Nastri d'Argento) and Tale of Tales, winner of 7 David di Donatello. Dogman is his new film, in competition at the 71st Cannes Film Festival.



MARCELLO FONTE AS MARCELLO

CINEMA	2018 2017 2016 2015 2011 2002 2000	Dogman Io sono Tempesta L'intrusa Asino vola Corpo celeste Sette meno un minuto (cm) Gangs of New York Concorrenza sleale Terrazzi (mm) Rosa Rosae (cm) Apri gli occhi e sogna	Matteo Garrone Daniele Luchetti Leonardo Di Costanzo Marcello Fonte e Paolo Tripodi Alice Rohrwacher Lorella Morlotti Martin Scorsese Ettore Scola Stefano Reali C. Comani e C. Bondi Rosario Errico
ELEVISION	2016 2003	La mafia uccide solo d'estate Diritto di difesa Don Matteo Una storia qualunque	Luca Ribuoli Gianfrancesco Lazotti Enrico Oldoini Alberto Simone
THEATER	2015/17 2012 2001 1999 1997/98	Tempo binario Benzina Artisti Suonati Omaggio ai sentimenti Spettacoli con la compagnia	Valentina Esposito Daniele Falleri Giovanni Albanese Marisa Conte

Arconte in Calabria

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EUUARUU PESCE AS SIMONCINO

CINEMA	2018 2017 2016	Dogman Non sono un assassino Incline al benessere (cm) Cuori puri La verità, vi spiego, sull'amore Niente di serio Fortunata	Matteo Garrone Andrea Zaccariello Marco Bocci Roberto De Paolis Max Croci Laszlo Barbo Sergio Castellitto
	2015	Tommaso Il Ministro Varicella (cm) Assolo In bici senza sella	Kim Rossi Stuart Giorgio Amato Fulvio Risuleo Laura Morante AA.VV.
	2014	Se Dio vuole	Edoardo Falcone
	2013	Amori elementari	Sergio Basso
	2012	W l'Italia Il terzo tempo	Massimiliano Bruno Enrico Maria Artale
	2011	Alice (cm)	Roberto De Paolis
	2010	AmeriQua	Marco Bellone
	2009	20 sigarette	Aureliano Amadei
	2006	Ricotta mia (cm)	Carlo Lizzani

TELEVISION	2018 2016 2014 2013 2012 2011	Il Cacciatore C'era una volta Studio Uno I Cesaroni 6 Non è mai troppo tardi Un matrimonio Squadra Antimafia 5 Sarò sempre tuo padre Ultimo 4 – L'occhio del falco Romanzo criminale – Il stagione	Stefano Lodovichi Riccardo Donna Francesco Pavolini Giacomo Campiotti Pupi Avati Beniamino Catena Ludovico Gasparini Michele Soavi Stefano Sollima
	2009 2008 2007	Anna e i cinque 2 Due imbroglioni e mezzo Romanzo Criminale – La serie Intelligence Piper Un Medico in Famiglia 5 La Squadra 8	Franco Amurri Franco Amurri Stefano Sollima Alexis Sweet Francesco Vicario Isabella Leoni Donatella Maiorca
THEATER	2005 2005/2007 2006 2011 2012 2013/2015 2013	Quartetto per Viola Lezione da Tiffany Pericle Killer Joe Vento e pioggia – Soluzione finale I was born in TBC Hately Spregevole	C. Carafòli C. Carafòli Riccardo Reim M. Farau P. La Bella E. Pesce F. Cerlino, E. Tatangelo G. Galli





