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# MERCENAIRE

A FILM BY PIER-PHILIPPE CHEVIGNY



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TORONTO INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL 2024

H264 PRESENTS A LE FOYER FILMS PRODUCTION ÉMILE SCHNEIDER / JEAN-GUY BOUCHARD  
SANDRINE BISSON / MARC BEAUPRÉ / CARLOS GUERRA PRODUCED BY GENEVIÈVE GOSSELIN-G.  
IMAGES SIMRAN DEWAN PRODUCTION DESIGN SUZEL D. SMITH COSTUMES KELLY-ANNE BONIEUX  
MAKEUP MARIANNE PELLETIER SOUND JEAN-SÉBASTIEN BEAUDOIN-GAGNON / SIMON GERVAIS

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<b>WORKSHEET</b>	
Original Title	<b>Mercenaire</b>
English Title :	Mercenaire
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	
Completion Date	September 2024
Length (00:00:00) :	00:14:58
Country :	Canada
Shooting Location :	Hemmingford, Québec, Canada
Language :	French (Québec)
Available Subtitles :	English, International French
Genres	Social drama, Thriller
Keywords :	Social justice, prison, violence, slaughterhouses, animal cruelty

<b>CREDITS</b>	
Director, Screenwriter, Editor	Pier-Philippe Chevigny
Director of Photography	Simran Dewan
Production Design	Suzel D. Smith
Sound Design	Simon Gervais
Sound Mix	Hans Laîtres
Sound Recording :	Jean-Sébastien Beaudoin-Gagnon
Cast :	Marc-André Grondin, Émile Schneider, Jean-Guy Bouchard, Sandrine Bisson, Marc Beaupré

Logline	Hired at a slaughterhouse thanks to a social reinsertion program, an ex-convict struggles to find another job while repressing the violence that boils within him.
Synopsis	Recently released from prison for a murder committed in unclear circumstances, David (Marc-André Grondin) struggles to adapt to his new-found freedom. Reluctantly hired at a pig slaughterhouse thanks to a social reinsertion program, he desperately tries to find another job while struggling to adapt to his new work environment. When he witnesses the cruelty of his new colleagues, he must fight to repress the violence that boils within him.

Directed by Pier-Philippe Chevigny



Pier-Philippe Chevigny is a filmmaker from Montreal, Quebec. His films combine anxiety-inducing camerawork and suspenseful scripts based on contemporary social issues. His short films *Tala*, *Vétérane*, and *Rebel* were selected at over 200 festivals worldwide. In 2023, his first feature *Richelieu* was presented at Karlovy Vary, Tribeca, Palm Springs and Namur where it won the Bayard for Best First Feature. In 2024, he returned to the short film format with *Mercenaire*, a social drama that world premiered at TIFF. He is currently developing his follow-up feature.

### **Filmography**

**Tala.** 2014, 12 mins  
**La Visite.** 2015, 8 mins  
**Vétérane.** 2017, 15 mins  
**Rebel.** 2019, 15 mins  
**Bait.** 2020, 12 mins  
**Richelieu.** 2023, 89 mins  
**Mercenaire.** 2024, 15 mins

## FESTIVALS & AWARDS

Toronto International Film Festival 2024 (World Premiere)  
**TIFF Canada's Top Ten, 2025**

Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival, 2025  
**WINNER : Special Jury Award**

Festival international du film francophone de Namur 2024  
**WINNER : Marion Hansël Award**

Rendez-vous Québec Cinéma  
**WINNER : Best Narrative Short Film**

Festival du cinéma international en Abitibi-Témiscamingue 2024  
**WINNER : Vital Award**

Ramdam Festival 2025 (Belgium)  
**WINNER : Best Short Film**

Bref International Film Festival 2025 (Italy)  
**WINNER : Jury Mention**

Brooklyn Film Festival 2025 (US Premiere)  
Palm Springs International Shortsfest 2025 (West Coast Premiere)  
Busan International Short Film Festival 2025  
Curta Cinema Rio de Janeiro International Short Film Festival 2025  
Internationale Kurzfilmwoche Regensburg, Germany, 2025  
Festival Regard, 2025  
Filmoramax 2024  
Festival du nouveau cinéma, 2024  
Tehran International Short Film Festival, 2024  
Aesthetica Short Film Festival, 2024  
Corto Dorico Film Festival, Italy, 2024  
Psarokokalo International Short Film Festival, Greece, 2025  
Ennesimo Film Festival, Italy  
Festival internazionale Segni della Notte, Urbino (Italy)  
FILMETS Badalona Film Festival (Spain)  
Madrid Film Festival of the Americas (Spain)  
La Guarimba Film Festival (Italy)  
Le Cri du Court (France)

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