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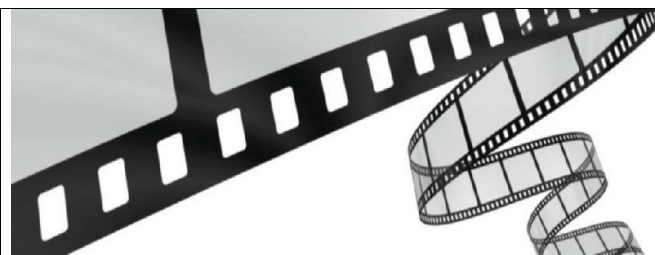
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Thursday 17th October: Anatomy of a Fall 2023 France 149 mins

Director: Justine Triet

Director & Writer: Justine Triet & Arthur Harhari

Cast:

Sandra Hüller (Sandra); Swann Arlaud (Maître Vincent Renzi); Milo Machado-Graner (Daniel)

Director Justine Triet finally became a name to be reckoned with in European cinema with this 2023 global hit, earning over 110 awards, including the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. To date it has taken over \$36 million against a modest budget of \$6 million, making it a commercial as well as critical success.

After directing strong female leads in such films as *Sybil* and *In Bed with Victoria*, Triet moves away from her usual muse of Virginie Efira to the formidable talents of German actress Sandra Hüller who plays the central role of Sandra.

Sandra finds herself accused of the murder of her husband in what initially seems to be a freak accident. As Sandra defends herself in court and to the public, various truths and harsh facts are revealed as the film reaches its dramatic conclusion. To add to the moral complexity, Sandra's son, Daniel, is visually impaired so his role as main, if not only witness, is vital yet leaves him in a dilemma as to what to say and what to do for the best.

The pacing, script and performances in this film are all exceptional, particularly Milo Machado-Graner as Daniel. Whilst Sandra is cold, we feel the weight of morality on Daniel's young shoulders. Special mention must also go to Snoop the border collie as Messi, the family dog, who plays a vital role in uncovering the (potential) truth behind the events leading up to the death. It is rare for an audience to access the start and end of a film through the eyes of a dog, but Triet, with Snoop's help, does this effortlessly. Snoop won the Palm Dog for his sterling work.

If you enjoyed the performance from Hüller, later in the season we will be screening *The Zone of Interest*, featuring another stellar turn from this superstar of European cinema.

Our next presentation will be *Driving Mum* on the 4th of November, starting at 8 pm. Before this screening there will be a short AGM for this season.