

The Tree

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“ A fugitive addict loses track of her child when she leaves him behind alone. Fear meets hope. Anger meets love. Loss meets meaning. One night, one city, four lives changed forever and bound together by the unblinking gaze of this innocent child. ”



Synopsis

A night like no other in a dangerous neighborhood in Cape Town. A mother leaves her child by himself at night as she searches for a way to earn money to buy his medicine. The child, now lost, wanders the city streets alone. A policeman and his girlfriend drift apart. A nurse yearns for motherhood. The policeman must confront his black sheep brother, who uses the lost child's mother to fulfill his darkest sexual fantasies. When the lost child is rescued from the streets and brought to the nurse, she suddenly knows what to do. One city, many intertwined lives - changed in a single night.

Credits

Director: Louw Venter / **Genre:** Drama / **Original title:** Stam / **English title:** The Tree / **Country of production:** South Africa, The Netherlands / **Year of production:** 2020 / **Length:** 72 / **Color:** Color / **Shooting format:** 2k / **Screening format:** 2K Flat (2.35:1) 1998x1080; 5.1, un-encrypted) / **Original language:** Afrikaans, English, Shona / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Inge Beckmann, Gideon Lombard, Tarryn Wyngaard, Niza Jay, Neil Heyns / **Scriptwriter:** Louw Venter / **Director of photography:** Pierre de Villiers / **Production designer:** Chris Rautenbach / **Editor:** Matthew Swanepoel / **Sound design:** Warnier Team lead by Nardi van Dijk / **Sound mixing:** Antoine Cox / **Music:** Guy Buttery / **Producers:** Elias Ribeiro, Cait Pansegrouw / **Production company:** Urucu Media / **Co-production company:** Halal / **Supported by:** NFVF (National Film and Video Foundation, South Africa); Department of Trade and Industry South Africa, M-Net, Netherlands Film Fund and the Netherlands Film Production Incentive

Festivals / Awards

Durban IFF, South Africa - **Best South African Feature**; Toffest IFF, Poland - Main Competition; Toffest, Poland; Africa FF, Belgium

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