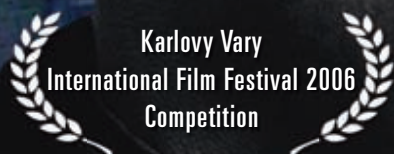


A new powerful drama from the director
of the award-winning Frozen Land



A Markus Selin production an Aku Louhimies film

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A feature film saluting Martin Scorsese's Taxi Driver

After wrapping the principal photography of his critically acclaimed and award-winning movie *Frozen Land*, director Aku Louhimies made a 90-minute feature *Frozen City*, based on the fate of one of the principal characters in TV series *Fragments* (2003), the taxi driver Veli-Matti (brilliantly played by Janne Virtanen).

Abandoned by his wife, the man who has lost his family is convicted of manslaughter – an act of violence which, hopelessly drunk at the time, he can not remember committing.

The storyline explores Veli-Matti's tragedy in great and moving depth and makes very real the rawest and most painful themes of a human life.

The series was a critical success because of its many-faceted storytelling and the sympathy it demonstrates for the human condition, brought to life by outstanding actors who improvised a great deal of their dialogue.

Fragments swept up all possible awards in the galas and competitions of the Finnish TV industry and Aku Louhimies was chosen the director of the year in 2004.



Director **Aku Louhimies**
Producer **Markus Selin**
Executive producer **Jukka Helle**
Screenwriters **Paavo Westerberg, Mikko Kouki**
Director of photography **Rauno Ronkainen**
Production designer **Sattva-Hanna Toiviainen**
Sound designer **Samu Heikkilä**
Editor **Samu Heikkilä**
Wardrobe designer **Nina Lindholm**
Make-up supervisor **Mari Vaalasranta**
Production **Solar Films Inc. Oy**
In corporation with **Channel Four Finland**
Cast **Janne Virtanen, Susanna Anteroineen, Aada Hämes, Santtu Nuutinen, Viivi Hämes**

Drama / Colour / 1.85:1 / Dolby Digital / 90 min

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

With low production costs we were able to create a creative freedom to make a film that would have been hard to finance otherwise.

Shot entirely on location in Helsinki Finland. The Police and the guards are all non-professionals in acting, performing their real duties.

Improvisation is used through the whole script especially in the scenes including children.

This film is very personal for all of us.

No animals were harmed.



DIRECTOR AKU LOUHIIMIES' (born 3.7.1968) debut feature film *Restless* (2000) was a major box office hit, just like his second feature *Lovers and Leavers* (2002).

His third feature *Frozen Land* (2005) has been a favorite of the audience and the critics from the start.

Three weeks after the premiere *Frozen Land* was the great winner of 28th Göteborg Film Festival with four awards in Nordic Competition.

Since Gothenburg it has been awarded at several international film festivals, including Moscow, Athens, Bergen and Leeds.

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