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The Island (The Island)

Bulgaria, Sweden/2011/108 mins/French, English, Bulgarian/Colour/35mm

Director Kamen Kalev

DOP Julian Atanassov

Editor Assa Mosberg, Mikkel E.G. Nielsen, Kamen Kalev

Music Jean-Paul Wall

Designer Sebastian Orgambide

Cast Thure Lindhardt, Laetitia Casta, Boyka Velkova, Russi Chanev, Mihail Mutafov, Luben Dilov-Son

Synopsis

Sophie and Daneel, both in their early thirties, are a close and passionate couple living in Paris. Sophie initiates a surprise journey to Bulgaria. Daneel explicitly refuses to go, but Sophie insists and finally convinces him to leave. When they arrive, Sophie discovers that Daneel was born there...

After a few hours spent on the crowded beaches, Daneel leads Sophie to an almost abandoned island lost in the Black Sea. Once there, Daneel discovers pregnancy tests in Sophie's luggage. The heat and the strange few inhabitants soon alter their own behaviours, and the island slowly reveals hidden fears that question their love. To get through it all, they have to take a leap into the unknown...

About the director

Kamen Kalev graduated from Femis Film School in Paris in 2002, and has directed numerous shorts and commercials. In 2009, his first feature, *Eastern Plays*, was selected in Cannes' Quinzaine des Realisateurs. Among his recognitions are the awards for directing and the Jury Award from Bratislava International Film Festival, Best Film and Best Director from Tokyo International Film Festival (along with Christo Christov's Best Actor Award for his part in *Eastern Plays*, Best Film from Warsaw Film Festival, as well as a nomination for LUX 2009 by the European Parliament. *The Island* is his second feature.

Festival Participation

Cannes 2011- Director's Fortnight

Sarajevo Film festival, 2011

Festival du Nouveau Cinéma, Montreal 2011

Haifa International Film Festival, 2011

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