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The Kid with a Bike (Le Gamin Au Velo)
Belgium/2011/87 mins/French/Colour/35mm

Director Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne
DOP Alain Marcoen
Editor Marie-Hélène Dozo
Music
Designer Igor Gabriel
Cast Cécile de France, Thomas Doret, Jérémie Renier

Synopsis

Cyril, almost 12, has only one plan: to find the father who left him temporarily in a children's home. He is unable to believe that he has been abandoned by his father. By chance he meets Samantha, who runs a hairdressing salon and agrees to let him stay with her at weekends. His selfish dad refuses to get involved, and so, egged on by his need for a father figure, Cyril comes under the spell of a local drug-dealer. Cyril doesn't recognize the love Samantha feels for him, a love he desperately needs to calm his rage.

About the director

Brothers **Jean-Pierre Dardenne** and **Luc Dardenne** are a Belgian filmmaking duo who write, produce and direct their films together. The Dardennes attracted international attention in the mid-1990s with *La Promesse*. *Rosetta* won the Palme d'Or at the 1999 Cannes Film Festival. All their films have participated in the Cannes main competition and won one of the major prizes. In 2002, Olivier Gourmet won Best Actor at Cannes for the Dardennes' *Le Fils (The Son)* In 2005, they won the Palme d'Or a second time for their film *L'Enfant (The Child)*, putting them in an elite club of only 6 with the likes of Francis Ford Coppola. Their film, *Le silence de Lorna (Lorna's Silence)*, won Best Screenplay at the 2008 Cannes. Their latest film *The Kid with a Bike* premiered In Competition at the 2011 Cannes.

Festival Participation

Festival de Cannes 2011 - In Competition - Grand Prix
Toronto International Film Festival 2011
New York International Film Festival 2011
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Busan International Film Festival 2011

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