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SYNOPSIS

It is 1914. As the Great War looms, the mighty Ottoman Empire is crumbling. Constantinople, the once vibrant, multicultural capital on the shores of the Bosporus, is about to be consumed by chaos.

Michael Boghosian (Oscar Isaac), arrives in the cosmopolitan hub as a medical student determined to bring modern medicine back to Siroun, his ancestral village in Southern Turkey where Turkish Muslims and Armenian Christians have lived side by side for centuries.

Photo-journalist Chris Myers (Christian Bale), has come here only partly to cover geopolitics. He is mesmerized by his love for Ana (Charlotte le Bon), an Armenian artist he has accompanied from Paris after the sudden death of her father.

When Michael meets Ana, their shared Armenian heritage sparks an attraction that explodes into a romantic rivalry between the two men. As the Turks form an alliance with Germany and the Empire turns violently against its own ethnic minorities, their conflicting passions must be deferred while they join forces to survive even as events threaten to overwhelm them.

Promises are made and promises are broken.

The one promise that must be kept is to live on and tell the story.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Terry George

The films I have loved and admired most were those that took audiences inside momentous human events - Films that immersed us in history in a visceral and unique way. The greatest non-fiction films such as *Schindler's List, The Killing Fields, Reds, The Battle of Algiers* and historical dramas such as *A Man for All Seasons, Dr. Zhivago* and *Apocalypse Now*.

Within the course of a few hours I experienced anger, fear, empathy, real sorrow and sometimes real joy. No other cinema genre could move me in that way. I left the theater overwhelmed. I had been guided through historic moments by characters I would not forget.

As a filmmaker, my challenge is to find stories and characters that allow me to take cinemagoers inside an event about which they had little or no knowledge, and show them that the human spirit can survive and triumph in the most adverse of circumstances. This was the motivation for me and my writing partner, director Jim Sheridan, with *In the Name of the Father* and *The Boxer*, and my challenge as a director with *Some Mother's Son* and *Hotel Rwanda*.

Almost three years ago I was lucky enough to be offered a script by Robin Swicord. The Promise is a love story set during the days of the Armenian Genocide, one of the greatest and least known catastrophes of the 20th century. This attempt to eradicate an entire nation has almost disappeared from the history books because of collective denial and political expediency. It is a story that I believe demands to be told in cinematic form. But how do you get audiences to experience such a horrific and foreign event? I looked to the great cinematic masters for inspiration - to David Lean who took us into the Russian Revolution in *Dr. Zhivago* and into the Irish War of Independence in *Ryan's Daughter*, and to Warren Beatty who also allowed us to experience the Russian Revolution through the eyes of John Reid in *Reds*. They both used romance to lure audiences into seats. They told great love stories that were inextricably woven into the story of these momentous events. As we fell in love with their



characters, we also learned of the hardships, the joy and the pain they experienced as part of history.

Co-writing and directing The Promise presented me with a truly unique opportunity. I have been able to work with amazingly talented people, Christian Bale, Oscar Isaac and Charlotte Le Bon, and many other great actors to tell a love story that I hope will not only captivate and move audiences, but will also take audiences inside the calamity that befell the Armenian people in 1915 and to allow them witness real historical events, experience joy, feel fear, witness courage, sorrow and redemption. Most importantly, I hope that The Promise will educate audiences about an event that deserves to be recognized, remembered and honored around the world. What greater opportunity could a film maker ask for?

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ABOUT THE CAST

OSCAR ISAAC (Michael Boghosian) gained critical acclaim, a Golden Globe nomination and an Independent Spirit Award for Best Male Lead for his portrayal of the title character in the Coen Brothers' *Inside Llewyn Davis*. The film premiered at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival where it won the Grand Prix award and also garnered Isaac the Toronto Film Critics Award for Best Actor. The film's soundtrack demonstrated his skills as a singer and performer.

After receiving rave reviews for his starring role opposite Catherine Keener in the HBO miniseries *Show Me A Hero*, Isaac went on to receive a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Miniseries or Television Film and a Critics' Choice Television Award nomination for Best Actor in a Movie or Miniseries.

In 2014, Isaac led J.C. Chandor's action-packed drama, *A Most Violent Year*, for which he earned the National Board of Review Award for Best Actor. The film itself won the National Board of Review Award for Best Film. The following year, he starred alongside Alicia Vikander and Domhnall Gleeson in *Ex Machina* written and directed by Alex Garland. This science fiction psychological thriller earned two Academy Award nominations and six BAFTA nominations and was named by The National Board of Review as one of the ten best independent films of the year.

Most recently, Isaac starred as the Resistance pilot, Poe Dameron, in the box office smash *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, the seventh installment in the main *Star Wars* film series. He is reprising the role in *Star Wars: Episode VIII* due for release in 2017.

Isaac will next be seen as the villain in the highly anticipated 20th Century Fox's *X-Men: Apocalypse* due for release on May 27, 2016. He also recently starred in *Mojave*, written and directed by William Monahan, *The Two Faces of January* from director Hossein Amini, *The Bourne Legacy*, the fourth installment of the Bourne franchise, directed by Tony Gilroy, *W.E.*,



directed by Madonna, Nicolas Winding Refn's *Drive* opposite Carey Mulligan, and as King John in Ridley Scott's *Robin Hood*.

Other past films include, the Anchor Bay ensemble feature 10 Years for which he wrote an original song that he performs in the film, Zak Snyder's Sucker Punch, Agora, directed by Alejandro Amenabar, Balibo for which he received an AFI Award for Best Supporting Actor; In Secret based on the Emile Zola novel, Ridley Scott's Body of Lies, Daniel Barnz's Won't Back Down, Steven Soderbergh's Che, Vadim Perelman's The Life Before Her Eyes, HBO's PU-239 and as Joseph in The Nativity Story.

Off-Broadway, Isaac appeared in Zoe Kazan's play *We Live Here* at the Manhattan Theatre Club, as Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet* and in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, the latter productions for the Public Theater's Shakespeare in the Park. He also appeared in *Beauty of the Father* at the Manhattan Theatre Club and in MCC Theater's *Grace*. Additional theatre credits include, *Arrivals and Departures*, *When It's Cocktail Time in Cuba* and *Spinning into Butter*.

Isaac studied performing arts at the Juilliard School and currently resides in New York City.

CHRISTIAN BALE (Chris Myers) earned his third Academy Award nomination for his supporting role in Adam McKay's *The Big Short*. He won the Oscar for his role in the David O. Russell drama *The Fighter* and was subsequently nominated for *American Hustle*. He made his film debut in Steven Spielberg's World War II epic *Empire of the Sun*.

Bale will soon be seen starring in Terrence Malick's *The Knght of Cups*. His other work to date includes *Henry V*, *The Portrait of a Lady*, *The Secret Agent*, *Metroland*, *Velvet Goldmine*, *All the Little Animals*, *American Psycho*, *Laurel Canyon*, *The Machinist*, *Batman Begins*, *The New World*, *The Prestige*, *Harsh Times*, *Rescue Dawn*, *3:10 to Yuma*, *I'm Not There*, *The Dark Knight*, *Public Enemies*, *Flowers of War*, *The Dark Knight Rises*, *Out of the Furnace* and *Exodus*.

Bale was born in Wales and grew up in England and the United States.



CHARLOTTE LE BON (Ana) was recently featured in the highwire drama *The Walk*, directed by Robert Zemeckis. Prior to that, she co-starred in Lasse Hallstrom's comedy-drama *The Hundred Foot Journey* with Helen Mirren.

Last year, Le Bon was nominated for a Cesar Award for her role in the biographical drama *Yves Saint Laurent*. Born in Montreal, the actress moved to Paris where began her film career, appearing in the French films *Le grand mechant loup*, *La marche* and Michel Gondry's *Mood Indigo*. She will soon be seen starring in the World War II drama, *Anthropoid*.

DANIEL GIMÉNEZ CACHO (Father Andreasian) was born in Madrid, Spain and studied acting, dance and singing in Italy, France and in Mexico where he eventually settled. He is best known internationally for the Alfonso Cuaron film *Y tu Mama Tambien*.

In the 1980's he began working as a theatre actor with such prestigious directors as Juan José Gurrola, Margules and John Malcovich. In 1985, he began directing theater, including works of Copi, Bergman, Hugo Hiriart, Javier Daulte and Shakespeare.

His cinema work includes more than forty-five feature films, including *Sólo con tu pareja* by Alfonso Cuarón (1990), *Crono*, by Guillermo del Toro (1993), *Midaq Alley* by Jorge Fons (1995), *Deep Crimson* by Arturo Ripstein (1996), *Celos*, by Vicente Aranda (1999), *Le prince du Pacifique* by Alain Corneau (2000), *Bad Education* by Pedro Almodóvar (2003), *Snow White* by Pablo Berger (2012) and *Zama* (2016) by Lucrecia Martel.

He has been awarded Best Actor (1993) and Best Actor Monologue (2005) by The Union of writers and Theatrical Critics of Mexico. He was also honored with five Silver Ariel Awards, three for Best Supporting Actor in 1993, 2004 and 2013, and two for Best Lead Actor in 1996 and 2003 for the films *Deep Crimson* and *Aro Tolbukhin*. He also won the Ondas Award for Best Lead Actor in 2001 for *No Shame* and received a Goya nomination for best actor in *Snow White*. He is a founding member of The Miracle Theatre. He debuted as a television director and producer of the series *Crónica de Castas* for the Mexican public television in 2014.



SHOHREH AGHDASHLOO (Marta) was an Academy Award nominee for *House of Sand and Fog* and won an Emmy Award for her role in the BBC/HBO mini-series *House of Saddam*.

Currently, Aghdashloo plays the lead character on the futuristic television series *The Expanse*, for the SyFy Channel. She most recently starred with Salma Hayek and Adrien Brody in the feature thriller *Septembers of Shiraz*. She also recently co-starred with Morgan Freeman and Clive Owen in the feature film *Last Knights*. Among her other recent films is the Jon Stewart directed drama *Rosewater*.

A diverse talent, Aghdashloo has moved between television, film, and theatre with equal success. In 2012, she portrayed the title character in Federico Garcia Lorca's final theatrical play *House of Bernarda Alba* in London at the Almeida Theater.

In 2009, she starred in the award-winning true story *The Stoning of Soraya M*. The previous year, she demonstrated her versatility by appearing in the romantic comedy *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*. Her earlier film credits include *The Nativity Story*, from 2006, directed by Catherine Hardwicke and starring Oscar Isaac, *The Lake House, X-Men: The Last Stand* and *American Dreamz*.

Born in Tehran in 1952 to an intellectual and creative family, Aghdashloo spent her twenties performing in various cutting-edge performance groups, including the acclaimed Drama Workshop of Tehran. Based upon her work there, Aghdashloo was cast by directors Abbas Kiarostami and Ali Hatami, two towering figures of the nascent Iranian New Wave, to play starring roles in 1977's *Gozaresh* and *Sute-Delan*.

In the late 1970's, Aghdashloo left Iran for London, where she earned a degree in International Relations. She put her journalist career on hold when a friend presented her with a play called *Rainbow* about the Iranian Revolution.

She currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband, the actor-playwright Houshang Touuzie.

ABEL FOLK (Harut) is an award winning actor-director who has starred in dozens of films, television programs and theatre productions in his native Spain.

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He has also been seen on international screens in films such Woody Allen's *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, John Malkovich's *The Dancer Upstairs* and three for for director Bryan Goeres, *Face of Terror*, *Art Heist* and *The Deal*.

On internal television, he has been featured in the Granada TV series *El Cid*, the miniseries *All in the Game* and the made-for-television movie *Sharpe's Gold* starring Sean Bean.

Folk directed the Spanish language features *Xtrems* and *Unknown Number*, and has produced and directed numerous Spanish theatrical productions.

ANDREW TARBET (Pastor Merril) recently appeared in Ridley Scott's *Exodus: Gods and Kings* as Moses' brother Aaron. He starred last year in the Spanish-produced thriller *The Evil That Men Do*.

Born in Buffalo, New York, Tarbet studied at the National Theatre School of Canada before beginning his professional acting career in 1993 as The Baron (maestro of ceremonies) in the Cirque du Soleil's *Saltimbanco*. Since then he has appeared in over to fifty films and TV shows including the Canadian comedy series *Naked Josh*, as well as features like George A. Romero's *Bruiser* and *Walking Tall* directed by Kevin Bray.

In 2005 Andrew moved to Barcelona where he was first introduced to Spanish audiences as Peter on the hit series *Infidels*. He has gone on to work in numerous other Spanish productions, including *Tengo Ganas De Ti* (with Maria Valverde), *Tasting Menu* and *The Evil That Men Do*. He has become a regular presence on the Barcelona stage with outstanding performances in *Things We Said Today*, *Llum De Guardia* (*Ghostlight*), *Res No Tornarà Ser Com Abans* (*Nothing Will BeThe Same*) and most recently as Frankie in *La Partida* (Patrick Marber's *Dealer's Choice*).

ANGELA SARAFYAN (Maral) was launched into the global spotlight in the role of vampire Tia in Summit Entertainment's *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2*.



She went on to star as Marion Cotillard's sister in the James Gray feature *Nightingale*. She most recently starred opposite Scott Eastwood in the action-adventure *Mercury Plains* and in the indie drama *1915*, about a theatre director conjuring ghosts from the Armenian Genocide.

On television, Sarafyan currently co-stars on the J.J. Abrams HBO series *Westworld* and has been a regular on Fox's *The Good Guys*.

Sarafyan was previously seen in Relativity Media's corporate espionage thriller, *Paranoia*, starring Liam Hemsworth, Gary Oldman and Harrison Ford. She starred in the comedy *Lost and Found In Armenia*, a bilingual film in which she played a young woman in Armenia who falls for the son of a U.S. senator (Jamie Kennedy). Sarafyan also joined the cast of the independent drama *Never*, written and directed by Brett Allen Smith, and starred in the comedy *American Animal*.

Among Sarafyan's other film credits are *A Good Old Fashioned Orgy* (2011), *Repo Chick* (2010), *The Informers* (2008) opposite Billy Bob Thornton and Mickey Rourke, *Kabluey* with Lisa Kudrow and Teri Garr (2007) and *On The Doll* (2007). Past TV credits include *Eastwick* (2009), *In Plain Sight* (2008), *The Mentalist* (2008), *Cold Case* (2007), *24* (2006), *The Shield* (2004), *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (2002), and *Judging Amy* (2000).

ARMIN AMIRI (Captain Ali) is best known for his supporting roles in Darren Aronofsky's
The Wrestler starring Mickey Rourke and Terry George's Reservation Road opposite Joaquin
Phoenix, Mark Ruffalo and Jennifer Connelly. He was last seen in the Wayne Blair film
Septembers Of Shiraz opposite Salma Hayek, Adrien Brody and Shohreh Aghdashloo.

fter a childhood spent in Iran and Istanbul, Amiri sought political asylum in Vienna, Austria. After four years, he moved to San Francisco and studied at ACT conservatory then moved to New York to pursue acting. His first break came after he auditioned, and was cast, by George Hickenlooper in the critically-acclaimed role of Ondine in *Factory Girl*.

Amiri's other film credits include *Passion Play* starring Mickey Rourke, Megan Fox and Bill Murray, and *Affluenza*. On television, he has guest-starred in the daytime dramas *One Life to Live* and *All My Children*. On stage, he has appeared in the Film Academy productions of



Frankie & Johnny and A View From the Bridge, as well as the Los Angeles Playhouse production of Glengarry Glen Ross, among others.

MARWAN KENZARI (Emre Ogan) is an award-winning Dutch actor whose performance in the crime drama *Wolf* earned him the Golden Calf for Best Actor at the Netherlands Film Festival in 2013. The International Film Festival Berlin selected Kenzari as a Shooting Star 2014, while Variety introduced him as an 'International Talent to Watch' in February 2014.

In 2009, Kenzari graduated from the prestigious Theatre Academy Maastricht, one of the finest drama academies in Europe. Soon after he joined the Amsterdam Theatre Group to work with internationally acclaimed director Ivo van Hove. He was seen there in plays such as *Angels In America, Opening Night, Roman Tragedies* and *The Russians*, which also took him New York, Moscow, Vienna and London.

Kenzari made his screen debut in 2009, in *Maite Was Here* by European Film Award-winning director Boudewijn Koole. In the same year he starred in *The Last Days Of Emma Blank*, by director Alex van Warmerdam.

A year later, he landed a role in *Loft*, which was awarded The Best Dutch Crime Drama of the last decade in 2013. In the same year, *Wolf* director Jim Taihuttu cast him in the award-winning European feature *Rabat*.

In 2014 Kenzari played lead roles in the Dutch romantic comedy *Street Of Hearts* and the kidnapping drama *Reckless*, and a supporting role in the courtroom drama Accused, which made the short list for the Best Foreign Language Oscar in 2015.

Kenzari will soon be seen starring in *Collide* with Anthony Hopkins and Ben Kingsley, and in the remake of *Ben Hur* by director Timur Bekmambetov, and *What Happened To Monday* with Noomi Rapace.

IGAL NAOR (Mesrob) is a veteran of stage, screen and television who studied theatre at Tel Aviv University. He will soon be seen in the Simon West thriller *Stratton* and most recently starred in the comedy *The Infidel*.

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Among his other feature film credits are 300: Rise of an Empire, The Green Zone, Rendition and Steven Spielberg's Munich.

On television, Naor co-starred in the award-winning mini-series *The Honourable Woman*. He also appeared in the HBO/BBC mini-series *House of Saddam*.

Naor has been a regular presence on stage in his native Israel, appearing in productions of *A View from the Bridge, Tartauffe* and *Mother Courage*, among many others.

GAREN BOYAJIAN (Eric Boghosian) made his feature film debut in Atom Egoyan's Ararat. He subsequently appeared in several other independent features, including *The Cross Road* for which he won the Best Actor Award at the 2008 Monaco International Film Festival.

Boyajian is a Canadian of Armenian descent who currently resides in Los Angeles.

KVORK MALIKYAN (Vartan Boghosian) is a veteran of stage, screen and television who most recently appeared in Ridley Scott's *Exodus: Gods and Kings*. Other recent big screen appearances include, *Taken 2* and *The Cut*.

Malikyan is a British Armenian who studied with the Royal Shakespeare Company and has performed regularly on some of Britain's most prestigious stages, including Shakespeare's Globe and the Royal National Theatre.

On television, he has been featured in the BSkyB series *Strike Back*, the BBC production *Silent Witness*, the drama series *Casualty* and the U.K. series *House of Cards*.

He made a memorable appearance in Steven Spielberg's *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* and previously had supporting roles in *Pascali's Island, Ishtar, Half Moon Street* and *Midnight Express*.

NUMAN ACAR (Mustafa) is an actor-producer-director and founder of the German-Turkish production company Acar Entertainment. He received a SAG nomination for his work in the ensemble cast of the hit television series *Homeland*.

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On the big screen, Acar has recently been seen in *The Cut, Point Break* and *Rosewater*. In 2014, he wrote, directed, produced and starred in the German-language feature *Verggrabene Stimmen*. He also starred in and produced the 2009 thriller *The Basement*, directed by Robert Franke.

He will soon be seen in the epic U.S./China production *The Great Wall* starring Matt Damon.

ROMAN MITICHYAN (Serg) was born in the Republic of Armenia and studied martial arts in Russia. He moved to the United States where he represented the U.S. team in the Mixed Martial Arts World Championship in 2002, winning a bronze medal, and won a first place medal for his adopted country in 2006.

His mother encouraged his early interest in theatre and he moved to Los Angeles in 2000 to pursue an acting career while continuing his career in martial arts until 2013. He retired from the UFC organization with a record of fifteen wins and three losses and took up acting fulltime.

Among his feature film credits as an actor and stuntman are the Academy Award-winning *Argo, Furious 7, John Wick* and Peter Berg's *The Kingdom*. Most recently, he had a role in the Bruce Willis thriller *Extraction*.

JEAN RENO (Admiral Fournet) is one of France's most revered and respected actors, having gained international recognition with pivotal roles in films such as Brian DePalma's *Mission: Impossible* opposite Tom Cruise, Roland Emmerich's *Godzilla*, John Frankenheimer's *Ronin* opposite Robert DeNiro and Ron Howard's *The DaVinci Code* opposite Tom Hanks. He is probably best known for starring opposite Natalie Portman in Luc Besson's *The Professional*.

Reno is also known for his comedic work in films such as *The Pink Panther* and *The Pink Panther* and *The Pink Panther* 2 with Steve Martin, and *Couples Retreat* alongside Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau.

He will next be seen on the big screen in *The Last Face*. The film, which also stars Charlize Theron, Jared Harris and Javier Bardem, was directed and produced by Sean Penn. Also in 2016, he reprises his role as a bumbling medieval knight in the much anticipated *Les*

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Visiteurs 3: la Terreur, a prequel to the comedy franchise *Les Visiteurs,* which broke all box office records when it opened in 1993.

Reno's other recent film credits include the independent film *Hector and the Search for Happiness* with Simon Pegg, Rosamund Pike and Stellan Skarsgard, the Christian Camargo film, *Days and Nights* and *Armored* with Matt Dillon and Laurence Fishburne.

In 2012, Reno appeared in Summit Entertainment's *Alex Cross*, based on the best-selling James Patterson series of books. He also starred in Fox Searchlight's *Margaret* with Mark Ruffalo, Matt Damon, and Anna Paquin, directed by Kenneth Longergan.

In France, Reno recently starred in the television series *Jo,* as well as the features *The Chef* and *The Round Up*.

In the winter of 2006, Reno directed his first opera, Puccini's *Manon Lescaut*, for the Teatro Regio in Turin, Italy. That year, Reno was seen on the big screen with James Franco in Tony Bill's World War I epic *Flyboys* for MGM and was heard in the DreamWorks' animated feature *Flushed Away* as Le Frog.

Among his other films are *Jet Lag* with Juliette Binoche, *L'Empire de Loups (Empire of the Wolves)* based on a best-selling French novel by Jean-Christophe Grange, and Roberto Benigni's *The Tiger and the Snow*.

He has also enjoyed a long, successful collaboration with director Luc Besson. In addition to *The Professional*, he starred in Besson's *Le Dernier Combat*, *Subway* opposite Christopher Lambert and Isabelle Adjani, *The Big Blue* opposite Roseanna Arquette and the hit thriller *La Femme Nikita* opposite Anne Parillaud.

Born in Casablanca to Spanish parents, Reno pursued his dream of acting in France after military service in Germany. Settling in Paris, Reno joined stage director Didier Flamand in a traveling theater company that took him around the country. His screen debut was in the French film *Claire de Femme*, directed by Costa Gavras. Other international film credits include Richard Berry's *22 Bullets*, Francis Verber's *Le Jaguar*, Christian Le Jale's Loulou Graffiti, Jean-Marie Poire's *L'Operaton Corned Beef.*, Eric Duret's *L'Homme Au Masque D'Or*, Marco Ferreri's *I Love You*, Betrand Blier's *Notre Histoire*,



and Jacques Monnet's Signes Exterieurs de Richesse.

His other American film credits include Paul Weiland's *For Roseanna* in which he costarred opposite Mercedes Ruehl, Lawrence Kasdan's *French Kiss* with Kevin Kline and Meg Ryan, and John McTiernan's *Rollerball*.

Reno, who spoke only his native Spanish for the first eleven years of his life, also speaks fluent French, Italian, English and a fair amount of Japanese. He lives in New York City with his wife and children.

TOM HOLLANDER (Garin) will soon be seen in Andy Serkis' *Jungle Book: Origins* and is currently co-starring in the BBC series *The Night Manager* with Tom Hiddleston and Hugh Laurie, and is the title character in Julian Fellows' *Doctor Thorne* for ITV.

Among his most recent film credits are *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation* starring Tom Cruise, Justin Chadwick's *Tulip Fever* and *The Riot Club*. His other recent feature credits include, *Muppets Most Wanted, The Invisible Woman* directed by Ralph Fiennes, Richard Curtis' *About Time* and Joe Wright's *Hanna* and *The Soloist*. He is perhaps best known on the big screen for his role as Cutler Beckett in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* films.

Hollander made his film debut in Terry George's directorial debut, *Some Mother's Son*. He subsequently appeared in *Gosford Park, Enigma, Stage Beauty, The Libertine, Pride & Prejudice, A Good Year, Elizabeth: The Golden Age, Valkyrie* and *In the Loop*.

Hollander began his acting career with The National Youth Theatre and made his first television appearance at the age of fourteen, starring in the BBC drama *John Diamond*. He attended Cambridge University with his childhood friend Sam Mendes and appeared in several of Mendes' early stage productions, including *The Cherry Orchard* with Judi Dench and the Toronto production of *Kean* with Derek Jacobi.

Hollander's prolific work on television includes the role of Dylan Thomas in the feature A Poet in New York and the title character in the hit BBC comedy series Rev. He also starred as John Ruskin in the series Desperate Romantics and played King George III in the award-winning mini-series John Adams.



JAMES CROMWELL (Ambassador Morganthau) earned an *Academy Award* nomination for Best Supporting Actor for his role Farmer Hoggett in the box office hit *Babe*. He reprised the role in the hit sequel Babe: Pig in the City.

Cromwell's other memorable motion picture work includes the Academy Award-winning *The Artist, The Longest Yard, I, Robot,* Frank Darabont's *The Green Mile*, Stephen Frears' Oscarnominated *The Queen*, *Secretariat, Spiderman III* and *LA Confidential*, among many others.

In 2012, Cromwell starred in the Samuel Goldwyn production *Still Mine* opposite Genevieve Bujold, winning a Genie Award as the Best Actor Award at the 2013 Canadian Film Awards and the Best Actor Award at the Seattle International Film Festival for his performance. In 2014, he starred opposite Kate Beckinsale in *Trials of Cate McCollough* directed by Karen Moncrieff.

Cromwell won a 2013 Emmy Award for his role opposite Jessica Lange and Lily Rabe on American Horror Story: Asylum. He followed that in 2014 playing tough-as-nails defense attorney Warren Daniels on Season one of the TNT/Steven Bochco series Murder in the First opposite Richard Schiff, Taye Diggs, and Tom Felton. He was also a recurring character IN the HBO series Boardwalk Empire, starred on the ABC series Betrayal and appeared on the Fox series 24 as Phillip Bauer, father of main character Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland).

He earned multiple Emmy nominations for his work on the HBO original series *Six Feet Under*, the HBO movie *RKO 281* and the NBC drama *ER*. His body of work encompasses dozens of miniseries and MOWs, including TNT's *A Slight Case of Murder*, HBO's *Angels in America*, *West Wing, Picket Fences, Home Improvement*, *L.A. Law* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. He recently starred opposite Lee Pace in a season-long arc on AMC's series *Halt & Catch Fire* and will next been seen in the HBO miniseries *The Young Pope* opposite Jude Law and Diane Keaton.

Among Cromwell's numerous stage performances are the Centennial Los Angeles production of Waiting for Godot. He has appeared in many of the country's most distinguished theatres, including the South Coast Repertory, the Goodman Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum, the American Shakespeare Festival, Center Stage, the Long Wharf Theatre and the Old Globe in

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such plays as *Hamlet, The Iceman Cometh, Devil's Disciple, All's Well That Ends Well, Beckett* and *Othello.* He also played A. E. Houseman in the American premiere of Tom

Stoppard's *The Invention of Love* at A.C.T. in San Francisco.

Cromwell has directed at resident theatres across the country and was the founder and artistic director of his own company, Stage West, in Springfield, Mass. He most recently starred as Rupert Murdoch in David Williamson's *Rupert* at Theatre Royal in Sydney, Australia.

Born in Los Angeles, Cromwell grew up in New York and Waterford, Connecticut, and studied at Carnegie Mellon University. His father, John Cromwell, an acclaimed actor and director, was one of the first presidents of the Screen Directors Guild. His mother, Kay Johnson, was a stage and film actress.

ALICIA BORRACHERO (Lena) is one of Madrid's leading actresses. She earned her B.A. in theatre arts at Nazareth College of Rochester in New York and her M.F.A. in acting at the Estudio Corazza for the Actor in Madrid.

Borrachero's international film credits include *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, Love in The Time of Cholera* directed by Mike Newel and Peter Yates' *Don Quixote*. Her performance in *Vidas Pequeñas* (*Small Lives*) brought her a Best Supporting Actress nomination from the Spanish Actor's Guild.

She has an extensive career in television, where she has performed many leading roles and acquired a number of awards in series such as *Periodistas* (*Journalists*), the HBO acquired *Crematorio* (*Crematorium*), *Isabel*, *Bajo Sospecha* (*Under Suspicion*), *Hospital Central* and *De Repente*, *Ios Gómez* (*Suddenly*, *the Gómez Family*), among others. She has also starred in various TV movies, such as *Niños Robados* (*Stolen Children*), *La Conspiración* (*The Conspiracy*) and *Shooting Elizabeth*.

A few of her theatre credits include, *August: Osage County* (Spanish National Theatre), *Miss Julie* for which she won Best Leading Actress COPE Award, *Much Ado About Nothing* and Lorca's *Comedy Without a Title* for which she earned a nomination as Best Supporting Actress from Spanish Actor's Guild.



She is currently filming the TV drama *The Embassy*, and will soon star on stage in *Land of Fire*, under the direction of the acclaimed Argentinian director, Claudio Tolcachir.

MILENE MAYER GUTIERREZ (Yeva) makes her film debut in *The Promise*.

She was born in Madrid, Spain on August 15, 2005. Her father is Brazilian and her mother Spanish. She has studied acting with Yael Belicha who served as an acting coach on *The Promise*. She also studies Spanish guitar.

Gutierrez has appeared in the TV series "Anclados".

She is in the fifth grade and lives in Madrid with her parents and seven-year-old brother, Eric.

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ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

Academy Award-winning screenwriter-director **TERRY GEORGE** earned BAFTA and Oscar nominations for writing *In the Name of the Father* with Jim Sheridan. He also received BAFTA and Academy Award nominations for his screenplay *Hotel Rwanda*, which he also directed. He won the Academy Award for Best Short Film, *The Shore*, sharing the honor with his daughter Oorlagh.

George made his feature directorial debut from his own script entitled *Some Mother's*Son, starring Helen Mirren and Fiona Flannigan. He also wrote screenplays for Jim Sheridan's

The Boxer and the Bruce Willis vehicle Hart's War before writing and directing Hotel Rwanda,

which earned Oscar nominations for stars Don Cheadle and Sophie Okonedo, in addition to Best

Original Screenplay for George.

Screenwriter **ROBIN SWICORD** earned an Academy Award nomination for her contribution to the adaptation of *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*. It also brought her Golden Globe and Writers Guild of America nominations.

Swicord's other major screenwriting credits include Rob Marshall's lavish drama *Memoirs of a Geisha*. She has also written and produced *Practical Magic, Matilda, The Perez Family* and *Little Women*. Swicord made her feature-directorial debut with *The Jane Austen Book Club,* for which she also wrote the screenplay adaptation. She most recently wrote and directed the feature film *Wakefield*, an adaptation of E.L. Doctorow's short story starring Bryan Cranston and Jennifer Garner which is having its international debut at the Toronto International Film Festival, after premiering at Telluride.



Producer **ERIC ESRAILIAN** is the co-manager and lead producer for Survival Pictures. Survival Pictures was established in 2012 by the late legendary businessman and humanitarian Kirk Kerkorian – who appointed his mentees Esrailian and Anthony Mandekic as co-managers. With a mission of creating unique content with social impact, Esrailian and his team at Survival Pictures developed and produced *The Promise* with Mike Medavoy and Phoenix Pictures.

Esrailian attended the University of California, Berkeley and graduated with a major in integrative biology and a minor in English. He subsequently graduated from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine and completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Southern California. He completed his gastroenterology fellowship at UCLA where he also obtained a master of public health degree from the Jonathan and Karin Fielding School of Public Health with an emphasis in health services. He is a graduate of the Executive Program in Management from UCLA Anderson School of Management, and he served on the Medical Board of California from 2010 to 2011 after being appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

He is also a physician on the faculty of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. In addition to being the Co-Chief of the Division of Digestive Diseases, Esrailian is closely involved in growth strategy and strategic planning efforts for UCLA Health. He is also actively working in behalf of the entire university and the Chancellor's office to facilitate community engagement with a number of other deans, schools, and departments within the campus and its Los Angeles community partners. In 2012, the School of Medicine awarded him the Lincy Foundation Chair in Clinical Gastroenterology.

Esrailian serves on several charitable boards including the Fulfillment Fund, the Fulfillment Fund Las Vegas, the Hammer Museum, the XPRIZE Foundation, and The Center for Early Education.



Inspired by his mentors at Survival Pictures, and by his training in medicine and public health, he has worked to create a bridge between the arts and social impact - particularly for populations and risk and in the area of human rights. In addition to his work with the public programs at the Hammer Museum, he is on the Executive Board of the UCLA School of Theater, Film, and Television, and he is involved with the development of the Skoll Center for Social Impact Entertainment -- with the goal of working to develop new programs to impact student and faculty experiences and their future careers in entertainment and the arts. Over the years, he has also become closely engaged with efforts to provide healthcare and social services to members of the entertainment industry. In 2016, he was asked to join the inaugural Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF) Foundation Board of Governors by Chairman Jeffrey Katzenberg.

Producer **MIKE MEDAVOY** has been involved with over 300 feature films, of which 17 have been nominated and 7 have won Best Picture Oscars, as well as numerous international film festival awards. Medavoy was senior vice president of production for United Artists during its heyday in the 1970s where he was part of the team responsible for *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Rocky*, and *Annie Hall*, which won Best Picture Oscars in 1975, 1976 and 1977, respectively. Other notable films he made at U.A. included *Apocalypse Now, Raging Bull, Network* and *Coming Home*.

In 1978, Medavoy co-founded Orion Pictures where, during his tenure, *Platoon, Amadeus, Robocop, Hannah and Her Sisters, Caddyshack, Arthur, The Terminator, Dances With Wolves* and *Silence of the Lambs* were released. In 1990, after twelve successful years at Orion,

Medavoy became chairman of TriStar Pictures, where he oversaw such critically-acclaimed box

office hits as *Philadelphia, Terminator 2: Judgment Day, Sleepless in Seattle, Cliffhanger, The Fisher King, Legends of the Fall* and Steven Spielberg's *Hook*.

As chairman and co-founder of Phoenix Pictures, Medavoy has brought to the screen

The People vs. Larry Flint, The Mirror Has Two Faces, U-Turn, The Thin Red Line, Basic, Holes, All
the King's Men, Zodiac and Miss Potter, among others. The Thin Red Line and The People vs.



Larry Flint each received Oscar nominations. More recently, Phoenix Pictures has released Martin Scorsese's Shutter Island, Darren Aronofsky's Black Swan, and Shanghai, starring John Cusack and Gong Li. Black Swan was nominated for multiple Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and brought an Oscar to its lead actress Natalie Portman. Medavoy also recently worked as executive producer on the documentary The Wildest Dreams and the feature The 33, about the 33 miners trapped in a Chilean mine.

Producer **WILLIAM HORBERG is** president of Wonderful Films which most recently produced the romantic comedy *Crash Pad* starring Thomas Haden Church and Domhnall Gleeson, directed by Kevin Tent. He also recently produced the Gospel-themed musical *Black Nativity* directed by Kasi Lemmons, starring Forest Whitaker, Angela Bassett and Jennifer Hudson.

His other recent productions include *Disconnect* starring Jason Bateman, Hope Davis, Alexander Skarsgard and Andrea Riseborough, and *Therese Raquin*, starring Elizabeth Olsen, Oscar Isaac and Jessica Lange. Horberg was also a producer on *The Necessary Death of Charlie Countryman* starring Shia LaBeouf and Evan Rachel Wood, and *Death at a Funeral* starring Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence and Tracy Morgan. As president of production for Sidney Kimmel Entertainment, he served as executive producer on Paul Greengrass' *United 93*, as well as *Breach, Talk to Me, Married Life, Lars and the Real Girl* and Charlie Kaufman's *Synecdoche*.

Horberg was an executive producer on Focus Features' *Milk*, starring Academy Award winner Sean Penn and directed by Gus Van Sant. He was also the producer of Marc Forster's *The Kite Runner*. Prior to forming Wonderful Films, he was partnered for eleven years with Academy Award-winning filmmakers Sydney Pollack and Anthony Minghella in Mirage Enterprises. During Horberg's tenure at Mirage, he produced such films as Minghella's *Cold Mountain*, for which Renée Zellweger won an Academy Award and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, starring Matt Damon and Academy Award nominee Jude Law. He also produced Phillip Noyce's *The Quiet American*, Tom Tykwer's *Heaven*, *Sliding Doors* starring Gwyneth Paltrow, and Steven Zaillian's *Searching for Bobby Fischer*.



Horberg was formerly a Senior Vice President of Production at Paramount Pictures.

Executive producer **RALPH WINTER** was producer of *X-Men Origins: Wolverine,* and its predecessors, *X-Men: The Last Stand, X-Men 2* and *X-Men*. He also produced *Fantastic Four* and *4: Rise of the Silver Surfer.*

Winter began his career on the second *Star Trek* movie, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn*, and continued working his way up the production ladder, as associate producer on *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*, then executive producer on *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* and *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*. He earned his first full producer credit on *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country*.

Among Winter's other producing credits are *Planet of the Apes, Inspector Gadget, Hocus Pocus, The Giver* and most recently *Captive*, starring David Oyelowo and Kate Mara.

Producer **DENISE O'DELL** is head of Babieka Films, based in Madrid. She most recently produced *Exodus: Gods and Kings* for Ridley Scott and was line producer on Scott's crime drama *The Counselor*.

Her other recent producing credits include, the documentary *Flamenco: A Way of Life*, the thriller *Panzer Chocolate*, the indie *Mr. Nice*, the romantic comedy *My Life in Ruins*, *Deception* starring Ewan McGregor and Hugh Jackman, the documentary *Pepin Bello*, Milos Foreman's *Goya's Ghosts* and the hit sequel *Basic Instinct 2* starring Sharon Stone.

Among her earlier films are *Minotaur* with Tom Hardy, Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven*, the comedy adventure *Sahara* starring Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz, the Oscar Wilde adaptation *A Good Woman*, Goya Award-winner *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, Paul McGuigan's *The Reckoning* and *Sexy Beast* with Oscar nominee Ben Kingsley.

The daughter of veteran producer-assistant director Denis O'Dell, who was instrumental in the Beatles early film career with *A Hard Day's Night*, she moved from the U.K. to Spain in her early twenties and worked her way up from production coordinator on Richard Lester's *Cuba* starring Sean Connery. She served as production supervisor on Elaine May's *Ishtar* and

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production manager on the James Bond film *The Living Daylights*, as well as *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

Line producer **MARK ALBELA** most recently served as a producer on Ridley Scott's *Exodus: Gods and Kings* and line producer on the Spanish portion of Brad Bird's *Tomorrowland*.

In 2014, Albela and producer Denise O'Dell formed Babieka Films, a full service production company based in Spain. They recently produced the indies *Nameless* and sci-fi thriller *Cold Skin*. The company also a hand in the Spanish portion of *Muppets Most Wanted* and *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*.

Albela's other producing credits include, Ridley Scott's *The Counselor* and *Kingdom of Heaven*, the Sacha Baron Cohen comedy *The Dictator*, the documentary *Flamenco: A Way of Life*, the thriller *Panzer Chocolate*, the indie *Mr. Nice*, the romantic comedy *My Life in Ruins*, *Deception* starring Ewan McGregor and Hugh Jackman, the documentary *Pepin Bello*, Milos Foreman's *Goya's Ghosts*, the hit sequel *Basic Instinct 2* starring Sharon Stone, and *Minotaur* with Tom Hardy. He also had producing credits on *Sahara* starring Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, *The Reckoning* and *Sexy Beast* with Ben Kingsley.

Co-producer **EDWARD MCGURN** currently serves as Vice President of Production at Mike Medavoy's Phoenix Pictures. Together, he and Medavoy produced THE 33, the dramatic retelling of the Copiapo mining disaster, which Warner Bros released in November 2015.

McGurn is currently executive producing Antoine Fuqua's upcoming documentary on Suge Knight and the rise of Death Row Records for Showtime.

Prior to joining Phoenix, he worked as a line producer, first and second assistant director for filmmakers like David Ayer, Wim Wenders, and Werner Herzog. McGurn produced over 40 commercials and music videos for clients including L'Oreal, Nike, Hyundai, LG, Johnny Walker and Korean Airlines. He also served as a director in the French Army Film Division as part of his mandatory military service, directing training videos for French special forces and documentary

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films.

McGurn was born in Paris, France, and is a graduate of Yale University.

Associate producer IAN BEDFORD began working in the entertainment industry as an actor, appearing in on stage in over 50 productions around the country including at the Mark Taper Forum, Shakespeare Theatre (Washington DC), The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse and Shakespeare Santa Cruz. He has either acted in or directed over half of Shakespeare's plays.

On screen he has appeared on *Nurse Jackie* and *How to Get Away with Murder*, among others. Ian is a member of the adjunct faculty at Temple University where he teaches theatre history and acting.

Bedford received his M.F.A. from the University of California, San Diego and his B.A. from Yale University.

Associate producer **CARLA GARAPEDIAN** is the director of the film *Screamers*, featuring System of a Down, which had its theatrical release in the U.S. and Canada in 2006-2007. The film, exploring the recurring problem of genocide in the 20th century, has been translated into thirteen languages and screened around world. She earned her Ph.D. in international relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science before working as a director, producer and correspondent based in London. She is the only American to anchor BBC World News, and has been a correspondent for NBC and CNBC in London.

Garapedian made her name as an international documentary director with films about Afghanistan, Chechnya, North Korea, and Iran. She has investigated dangerous nuclear reactors in Eastern Europe and military coups in Africa. The Los Angeles Times described her work with the headline "Documenting Truth in Dangerous Places."

Since 2011 she has led the Armenian Film Foundation's project to digitize a rare collection of Armenian genocide survivor interviews filmed by the late J. Michael Hagopian. This archive is now included in the Visual History Archive at Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation at



USC. She is the founder of the Pomegranate Foundation, which includes the Rwanda Library, another rare collection of genocide interviews. Carla is a member of Directors UK and, since 1987, The Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Cinematographer **JAVIER AGUIRRESAROBE** earned a BAFTA nomination for his work on the apocalyptic adventure *The Road*. He has also received eleven Goya nominations for Best Cinematography and has won the award six times for *The Sea Inside, Soldiers of Salamina, The Others, The Dog in a Manger, Antarctica* and Beltenebros.

His recent credits include, the historical drama *The Finest Hours, The Healers,* the adaptation of R.L. Stine's *Goosebumps* and the 2015 remake of *Poltergeist*.

Aguirresarobe has worked twice with Woody Allen, on *Blue Jasmine* and *Vicky*Cristina Barcelona, and has been the director of photography on two of the hugely successful

Twilight Saga films, The Twilight Saga: Eclipse and The Twilight Saga: New Moon.

Among his other international features are, *Goya's Ghosts* for Milos Forman, Chris Weitz's *A Better Life*, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* with Robert DeNiro and Pedro Almodovar's *Talk to Her*.

As a boy, Aguirresarobe recalls his fascination with light and color, frequently waking up before dawn to watch the sunrise. He began making short films in his early twenties in Spain and shot his first Spanish language feature, *Que hace una chica como tu en un sitio come este?* for award-winning director Fernando Colomo in 1979.

Aguiresarobe lives in San Sebastian, Spain.

Production Designer **BENJAMIN FERNANDEZ** is the winner of two Goya Awards, for his work on *Alatriste* and *The Others*, and was nominated twice more for *The Sea Inside* and *Carmen*.

Fernandez began his career as a storyboard artist on Nicholas Ray's *King of* Kings in 1961, then apprenticed under multi-Academy Award winning production designer John Box on



David Lean's *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Doctor Zhivago*. He also worked with Box on Franklin J. Schaffner's *Nicholas and Alexandra* and George Cukor's *Travels with My Aunt*.

He began a long collaboration with Ridley Scott as an art director on the director's box office smash *Alien*. He was supervising art director on Scott's *1492: Conquest of Paradise, Gladiator* and most recently, *Exodus: Gods and Kings*.

Fernandez's other credits as art director include, *Dune, Conan the Barbarian, Tai Pan, Rambo III, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Days of Thunder* and *The Dictator.*

As production designer, he worked on Tony Scott's *True Romance, Enemy of the State* and *Man on Fire,* as well as *DragonHeart, Daylight, Kull the Conqueror* and *Altamira,* among others.

Costume Designer **PIERRE-YVES GAYRAUD** has won two German Film Awards for his work on *Cloud Atlas* and *Perfume: The Story of a Murderer* and received two French Cesar Award nominations for *Beauty and the Beast* and *Indochine*.

His designs will soon be seen in Tom Tykwer's *A Hologram for a King* and he recently designed costumes for Julie Delpy's *Lolo* and Lasse Hallstrom's *The Hundred-Foot Journey*.

Gayraud's other feature film credits include, *The Three Musketeers, Albert Nobbs, The Bourne Identity* and segments of *Paris, je t'aime*.

Editor **STEVEN ROSENBLUM** has received three Academy Award nominations, for Edward Zwick's *Glory* and *Blood Diamond*, and Mel Gibson's *Braveheart*. He most recently edited the Sundance Film Festival award winner *The Birth of a Nation*.

Rosenblum is a three-time winner of the ACE Eddie Award for his work on *Glory,*Braveheart and the television series *Thirtysomething*. A graduate of the American Film Institute,
he was the 2011 winner of their prestigious Franklin J. Schaffner Award.

Rosenblum's other recent film credits include, Edward Zwick's *Pawn Sacrifice*, *Love and Other Drugs* and *Defiance*, M. Night Shyamalan's *After Earth*, and *Notorious* directed by George Tillman Jr. Among his earlier film credits are Zwick's *Legends of the Fall*, *Courage Under Fire*,



The Seige and The Last Samurai, as well as Jack the Bear and Dangerous Beauty for Marshall Herskovitz. He also edited X-Men, Pearl Harbor, The Four Feathers and Failure to Launch, among others.

CHRIS CORNELL - "Original Song - The Promise"

Chris Cornell is a modern innovator who transcends genre. He was the chief architect of the 90s grunge movement and remains one of the best rock voices of all time. Achieving multiplatinum success with three legendary bands - selling over 30 million records worldwide - he has forged his own unique identity over three decades as a Grammy award-winning, Golden Globe nominated singer, songwriter, guitarist, composer and lyricist.

His career began with Seattle trailblazers Soundgarden, whose wild soundscapes combined visceral punk attitude with artistic depth. Powerfully original, they were the first of their generation of Seattle bands to sign to a major label in 1989 and their work continued to evolve over the course of seven groundbreaking albums. Soundgarden made a historic return to the live stage in 2010 and have since toured the world, releasing the all-new studio album, KING ANIMAL, to widespread acclaim.

Cornell has continually redefined his sound and vision. In 1990, side project Temple of the Dog saw him experiment with a more soulful style alongside the future members of Pearl Jam. Later in the decade, his critically acclaimed solo album EUPHORIA MORNING combined lush melody and instrumentation with lyrics which spoke of alienation and despair. And as the millennium turned, he joined with three other musical pioneers from Rage Against the Machine to create supergroup Audioslave. The multi-platinum band released three albums and toured stadiums around the world, becoming the first American rock group to perform a massive free concert in Castro's Cuba. Cornell has also collaborated with many different artists, most recently the Zac Brown Band on their single "Heavy Is The Head", which peaked at #1 on rock radio in the US.

His soundtrack work has spanned both big budget and independent cinema. He was the first male American artist to write and perform the theme song for a James Bond movie ("You



Know My Name" for *Casino Royale*). He wrote the end title song "Live to Rise" for *The Avengers*, the third highest grossing film of all time. He duetted with Joy Williams on his song "Misery Chain" which appeared on the soundtrack of the Oscar-winning *12 Years A Slave* and his song "The Keeper" from Marc Forster's *Machine Gun Preacher* was nominated for a Golden Globe in 2012.

Cornell's recent solo acoustic 'Songbook' tour attracted sellout crowds and critical acclaim worldwide. Jim Farber of the New York Daily News observed, "sometimes you don't recognize the full power of a voice until you strip everything away from it." The tour's reinterpretations of classic Cornell songs are featured on his 2011 live album of the same name.

Cornell has also become involved in philanthropy, using music to support causes that help foster change. The Chris and Vicky Cornell Foundation is currently raising funds and partnering with charitable organizations to mobilize support for children facing tough challenges, including homelessness, poverty, abuse and neglect.

He has recently released HIGHER TRUTH, his fifth solo album to date, which reflects an expressive intimacy similar to that of SONGBOOK, while also displaying his evolution and growth as a master craftsman songwriter.

Serj Tankian - Executive Music Consultant

A singer, poet, songwriter, visual artist, activist, and composer; Serj Tankian has always created music as an outlet to express his thoughts and feelings with a level of passion and consciousness that few in today's world of music can rival. An Armenian born in Lebanon and re-rooted in Los Angeles, Serj was introduced to the melding of cultures, ideas and ideals from a very young age. The principles learned from this integration and adaptation have led to his understanding of the oneness of all things and have since maneuvered and transfigured into the music and art that he lives to create.

Early in his career, Serj found an outlet as the rabble–rousing lead singer and songwriter of the largely successful rock band System of a Down, a band that has reached into the hearts and minds of millions of people relaying multiple messages of love, awareness and activism.



System of a Down has 5 studio album releases, three of which debuted at number one on the Billboard 200, and has also been nominated for four Grammy Awards and snagged one in 2006 for 'Best Hard Rock Performance' for their song "B.Y.O.B." Despite this success, Serj never grew complacent with his art, always striving to open up new channels of sound and arrangement to articulate his artistic expressions.

Tankian has released 5 albums of his own solo material, beginning with 2007's chart-topping hard rock album Elect The Dead. His sophomore solo album Imperfect Harmonies was released in 2010, followed by Harakiri in 2012. 2013 saw two distinct releases from Serj, with the first being the critically acclaimed Orca Symphony No. 1, released in June of that year, followed up with the very unique Jazz-iz Christ one month later.

Over the past couple years, his time spent in the recording studio has been focused on creating musical scores and compositions for film and video game projects. His most recent credits include recording a modern version of Armenian folk song "Sari Siroun Yar" along with the Authentic Light Orchestra for upcoming film "The Promise", directed by Terry George, starring Christian Bale and Oscar Isaac. He was also brought on by Survival Pictures, the producers of the film, to serve as an Executive Music Consultant. Additionally, he has composed the full musical score for independent films '1915' and 'The Last Inhabitant', an original composition for Ilya Naishuller's "Hardcore Henry" and video game musical scores for 'Midnight Star' and it's sequel "Renegade", which were created by one of the chief creators of the famed 'Halo' game franchise.

Serj Tankian's resume also includes the formation of a record label, Serjical Strike Records (established in 2001) which has released albums by 8 critically acclaimed artists, including Fair To Midland, Buckethead and Death By Stereo.

Along with fellow musician Tom Morello (Rage Against The Machine, Audioslave), Serj co-founded the non-profit organization Axis Of Justice in 2002, which strives to bring together musicians, fans of music and grassroots political organizations to fight for social justice. He has also dabbled with the world of broadcasting as co-host of the Axis Of Justice Radio Network, which can be heard via Sirius Satellite Radio and KPFK in Los Angeles. With a mission of



spreading diversity and understanding through music, poetry and activism, Serj Tankian will continue to surprise and enlighten those who listen to his music and hear his words.

In recent years, Tankian has split his time between holding a mic and paintbrush, having feverishly created over 40 pieces of art since 2013. His journey into the world of fine art began with his Disarming Time Musical Paintings that were exhibited at Project Gallery in Los Angeles. Since then, he has had multiple exhibitions at galleries in both the United States as well as New Zealand. Most recently, his artwork was exhibited at the grand opening of New Museum Los Gatos in Northern California as part of a group exhibit that ran through September of 2015.



"THE PROMISE"

Directed by TERRY GEORGE

Written by
TERRY GEORGE and ROBIN SWICORD
(This credit is NOT final)

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MIKE MEDAVOY, p.g.a.
WILLIAM HORBERG, p.g.a.

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Visual Effects Supervisor

MARK RUSSELL

Co-Producer
EDWARD MCGURN

Casting by AVY KAUFMAN

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JOHN HUBBARD and ROS HUBBARD

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CAMILLA-VALENTINE ISOLA
OSCAR ISAAC



CHARLOTTE LE BON

CHRISTIAN BALE

DANIEL GIMÉNEZ-CACHO

SHOHREH AGHDASHLOO

MARWAN KENZARI

ANGELA SARAFYAN

RADE SERBEDZIJA

TOM HOLLANDER

IGAL NAOR

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CAST

Michael Boghosian OSCAR ISAAC

Ana Khesarian CHARLOTTE LE BON

Chris Myers CHRISTIAN BALE

Reverend Dikran Antreassian DANIEL GIMÉNEZ-CACHO

Marta Boghosian SHOHREH AGHDASHLOO

Emre Ogan MARWAN KENZARI

Maral ANGELA SARAFYAN

Stepan RADE SHERBEDGIA

Garin TOM HOLLANDER

Mustafa NUMAN ACAR

Mesrob IGAL NAOR

Yeva MILENE MAYER

Faruk Pasha TAMER HASSAN

Lena ALICIA BORRACHERO

Harut ABEL FOLK

Admiral Fournet JEAN RENO

Ambassador Morgenthau JAMES CROMWELL

Vartan Boghosian KEVORK MALIKYAN

Tamar LUCÍA ZORRILLA

Van ROMAN MITICHYAN



Aaron Village Elder CARLOS MIRANDA

Captain Ali ARMIN AMIRI

Ismet Ogan STEWART SCUDAMORE

Pastor Merril ANDREW TARBET

Dr. Nazim AHARON IPALÉ

Armenian Priest FATHER MASIS KOUYOUMDJIAN

Komitas FATHER SHNORHK SARGSYAN

Turkish Car Driver ALI EL AZIZ

Talaat Pasha AARON NEIL

General Zyniker AMES CHANOS

Ahmet the Student ANTHONY ROTSA

Angry Mob Man #1 PAUL PORTELLI

Angry Mob Man #2 JEAN MARC VALENTE

Armenian Soldier JULIÁN VILLAGRÁN

Armenian Laborer JUANAN MORENO

Burly Nightwatchman MARCO KHAN

Ferry Porter STEPHEN BUHAGIAR

Gulhane Party Guest NACHO ALDEGUER

Injured Armenian JUAN PORTILLO

Old Peasant Man SIMON ANDREU

Old Peasant Woman MARIONA CASANOVAS

Prison Officer In Charge MARIO TARDON

Railway Sergeant PAU COLERA

Senior Conscription Officer PEDRO REYES

Conscription Officer DAVID LIFSCHITZ

Armenian Hotel Manager MARIO OPINATO

Turkish Merchant in Bazaar RICK ZINGALE

University Lecturer NICOLAS LORI



Surgeon CARLOS OLALLA

Constantinople Night Watchman JOE DEPASQUALE

Cattle Car Old Man VIC TABLIAN

Pera Belly Dancer MARTA NAVARRO

Turkish Little Girl ENYA DUNNE

Turkish Boy Patient AZZDINE BENAJI

Turkish Telegraph Officer ALAIN HERNANDEZ

Turkish Officer at Party #1 SAID TAIBI

Turkish Officer at Party #2 DAVID FERNÁNDEZ FABU

German Aide-De-Camp MARKUS OBERHAUSER

German Officer at Party ALEX VAN DER MEEBERG

Ahmet Companion #1 AYOUB EL HILALI

Ahmet Companion #2 JONAS BERAMI

Turkish Intelligence Officer LUIS CALLEJO

Fearful Armenian Woman GAYANE ASILBEKYAN

Deputy Governor Mazhar OSMAN SOYKUT

Harut's Wife MARIETTE MATOOSIAN

Morgenthau's Aide JONATHAN PYATT

Wedding Violinist ARA MALIKIAN

Funeral Priest FATHER AREN SHAHEENIAN

Lookout Kid PAUL ROIG

Nightclub Dancer TERESA ABARCA

Armenian Boy at Betrothal #1 DEREK ESRAILIAN

Armenian Boy at Betrothal #2 ANDREW ESRAILIAN

Brad MICHAEL STAHL-DAVID

Maid of Honor CELINE DAYAN-BONILLA

Mother of the Groom SANDY DELL



Older Orphans

LOUIS BRANCO • JOHN RESSOSALFREDO MONTEZ STEFAN ALEXANDER • JASON CARUBIA •

CHRISTOPHE MORABITO • DZMITRY PATUK • RAFAEL REYES • ARIANA TIRELLI AMANDA

TENENZAPF • CHRISTINE DUKE • ESMERALDA FRIAS • CHRISTINA CARROLL • ALANA KYRIAK

Supervising Stunt Coordinator JORDI CASARES

Stunt Coordinator LEE MORRISON

Assistant Stunt Coordinator CÉSAR SOLAR

Stunt Rigger ÁLEX RODRÍGUEZ

Stunt Double (Mr. Isaac) BOBBY HOLLAND

Stunt Double (Ms. Le Bon) CATALINA FERNANDEZ

Stunt Doubles (Mr. Bale) PABLO VERDEJO

IAN VAN TEMPERLEY

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Traditional

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Traditional



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