

The Kiss, Oscar-Winning Filmmaker Bille August's Romantic Drama, Begins Streaming/VOD Premiere Run



Los Angeles, California May 22, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - Following its successful nationwide theatrical release, *The Kiss*, the acclaimed Danish feature film directed by Academy Award winner Bille August, has begun its streaming/VOD premiere on a variety of platforms including Amazon Prime, Apple TV, Roku, Fandango Now, Comcast, and the Kino Lorber Collection.

"We're delighted to bring *The Kiss* to new audiences, especially in light of the enthusiastic reception the film received from audiences and critics during its theatrical run," stated Paul D. Hancock, president of World Wide Motion Pictures Corporation. Additional presentation streaming services will follow throughout the year. The film is also available in other non-theatrical markets including CSTV for universities/colleges, library systems, cruise lines and rail.

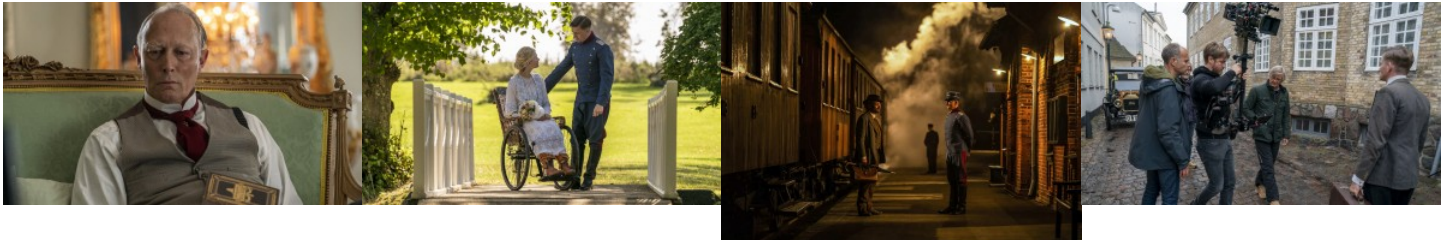
A poignant, intense romantic drama, *The Kiss* is the latest work by August, the acclaimed filmmaker whose *Pelle the Conqueror* (1987) starring Max Von Sydow, won the Academy Award, Palme d'Or and Golden Globe, and whose international successes also include *The House of the Spirits* starring Jeremy Irons, Meryl Streep and Glenn Close (1993) and *Les Misérables* starring Liam Neeson and Uma Thurman (1998).

Based on the classic German novel *Beware of Pity* by Stefan Zweig, who also inspired *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, *The Kiss* stars an award-winning international cast including Danish actors Clara Rosager, Esben Smed, and Lars Mikkelsen who recently starred in the Netflix production of *Frankenstein* and previously starred in the most recent *Star Wars* installment *Ahsoka*.

The Kiss has garnered awards and accolades from critics and festivals around the world, including the Audience Awards at The Roberts Awards in Denmark, Grand Prix at the Warsaw International Festival, Best Director at the Barcelona Film Festival, and Official Selection at the Goteborg Film Festival in Sweden, European Film Festival in Lebanon, Film by the Sea International Film Festival, and Bari International Film Festival in Italy. Audiences enthusiastically applauded the film at U.S. festivals including Sun and Stars International Film Festival (Palm Beach, FL), Sedona International Film Festival (Sedona, AZ) and Cinema World Fest (Los Angeles, CA).

Set against the backdrop of 1913 Denmark at the start of World War I, *The Kiss* follows the journey of a noble cavalry officer, hoping to complete his military training with distinction. After helping the local baron out of a tough situation one day with his automobile, he is invited to join him and his family for dinner at their castle, where he meets the Baron's beautiful wheelchair bound daughter. The two begin spending more and more time together as she slowly falls in love and he struggles with being able to discern if his feelings for her are genuine or merely out of pity, all while the ominous threat of the first World War looms over them.

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