

# Solitaire

**A non-competing film at the Courmayeur Noir In Festival 2008**



## **Solitaire The project**

*Solitaire* is an independent production realized by Francesco Campanini-Cinematographic Productions and Videos. It is the sequel of *Nel Cuore Della Notte*, low-budget noir realized in 2002 and released on DVD by Storm Movie in 2005. The attention gained by the first film (which participated in the 2002 edition of the Courmayeur Noir In Festival) pushed the young director, Francesco Campanini, already editor and producer associated with *Nel Cuore Della Notte*, to purchase its copyrights. Thus was born *Solitaire*, metropolitan noir bringing back the character Leo Piazza, “melvillian” gangster played by Luca Magri.

“I wanted to continue to tell the story of the criminal world and universe – says Campanini – and to bring them in front of a larger audience, thanks to a more compelling story and a higher budget in respect to the preceding film.” *Solitaire*, after its presentation in the preview at the Courmayeur Noir in Festival 2008, will be released in cinemas in its national territory, before coming ashore a market that is not only Italian.

## **Solitaire The Synopsis**

A 3 million Lire robbery. A crime that finishes in bloodshed. Only one survivor. Hunted down by destiny and by ruthless gangsters, Leo Piazza finds himself with a suitcase that burns. Obligated to hide himself, no time remains: the killers want him dead to recover the plunder, the rendering of accounts draws nearer...

“Nocturnal anti-hero and silent-type, Piazza moves like a zombie, a walking dead, in a metropolitan noir, directoral debut by Campanini” (Andrea Villani – Author of the novel “La Notte Ha Sempre Ragione” – Todaro Publishing)

## **Solitaire The Director**

### **FRANCESCO CAMPANINI**

1976, Parma

Francesco Campanini debuts as director and producer with *Solitaire*, after having overseen editing and production of *Nel Cuore della Notte* (2002). Previously he worked as assistant on several films and television shows such as *Voglio Una Donnaaa!* (1997), *Cronaca Nera* (1998), *Ias* (2000), *Giovani* (2003) and *Cielo e Terra* (2005). He edited the documentary *Parmigianino e il Manierismo Europeo* (2003) for RaiSat, the children’s program *Acquanauti* (2006) for RaiSat Ragazzi, the theatrical show *Marat Sade* (2006) for Rai Cinema and the film *Project K* (2007) for Eagle Pictures. As director he worked on the animated short *The Scarecrow* (2006), winner of several festivals and competitions.

## Solitaire The Cast

### **Luca Magri**

1977, Parma

Luca Magri returns to fill the shoes of Leo Piazza after *Nel Cuore Della Notte* (2002). In films, he has played important roles in movies such as *Giovani* (2003), *Cielo e Terra* (2005), *La Maschera D'Acqua* (2007) and *Fly Light* (2008).

#### **Filmography**

Fly Light (2008)

La Maschera D'Acqua (2007)

La Storia Di B. (2005)

Cielo E Terra (2005)

Nel Cuore Della Notte (2002)

Giovani (2002)

Zwei Kinogesichter (1998)

Voglio Una Donnaaa! (1997)

#### **Television**

Capri (2008)

Don Zeno (2008)

Cronaca Nera (1998)

Trenta Righe Per Un Delitto (1998)

### **Massimo Vanni**

1947, Rome

Works in the realm of cinema since 1972. Among the most appreciated of Italian cinema of the 1970's and 1980's, the years in which he was directed by Enzo G. Castellari, Sergio and Bruno Corbucci, Lucio Fulci, Umberto Lenzi, Martin Scorsese and Renzo Martinelli.

In addition to actor, he has worked as a stuntman and weapons coach. He has worked on over 100 films for cinema and television.

## **Filmography**

Bastardi (2008)  
Il Ritorno Del Mondezza (2005)  
Piazza Delle Cinque Lune (2003)  
Gangs Of New York (2002)  
Senso '45 (2002)  
Vajont – La Diga Del Disonore (2001)  
M.D.C. –Maschera Di Cera (1997)  
Zombie 3 (1988)  
After Death – Oltre La Morte (1988)  
Io E Mia Sorella (1987)  
Rats – Notte Di Terrore (1984)  
Delitto In Formula Uno (1984)  
Fuga Dal Bronx (1983)  
1990: I Guerrieri Del Bronx (1982)  
I Nuovi Barbari (1982)  
Delitto Al Ristorante Cinese (1981)  
L'Ultimo Squalo (1981)  
Il Giorno Del Cobra (1980)  
L'Ultimo Cacciatore (1980)  
Assassinio Sul Tevere (1979)  
Quel Maledetto Treno Blindato (1978)  
Squadra Antimafia (1978)  
Squadra Antitruffa (1977)  
La Via Della Droga (1977)  
La Banda Del Trucido (1977)  
Squadra Antifurto (1976)  
Le Avventure E Gli Amori Di Scaramouche (1976)  
Cipolla Colt (1976)  
Keoma (1976)  
Il Grande Racket (1976)  
Italia A Mano Armata (1976)  
Pasqualino Settebellezze (1975)  
Roma Violenta (1975)  
Peccato Veniale (1974)  
Il Cittadino si ribella (1974)  
La Polizia Incrimina, La Legge Assolve (1973)  
Ettore Lo Fusto (1972)

## **Francesco Siciliano**

1968, Rome

Francesco Siciliano was born in Rome. He was known for his participation in *Io Ballo da sola* (1996) by Bernardo Bertolucci where he interpreted the role of Michele Lisca. Afterwards he acted for Ettore Scola in *La Cena* (1998) and in the films of

Mimmo Calopresti. He is also very active in theater (having worked with Walter Le Moli and Gigi Dall'Aglio) and on television (*Gente Di Mare*, *Caravaggio*).

#### **Filmography**

Celluloide (1996)  
Io Ballo Da Sola (1996)  
Cresceranno I Carciofi A Mimongo (1996)  
Pasolini, Un Delitto Italiano (1995)  
La Scorta (1993)  
Il Grande Cocomero (1993)

#### **Television**

L'Ispettore Coliandro (2008)  
Gente Di Mare (2007)  
Caravaggio (2007)  
La Piovra 10 (2001)  
Abramo (1994)

## **Francesco Barilli**

1943, Parma

Director and actor from Parma, he made his debut in cinema in the leading role in *Prima della rivoluzione* (1965) by Bernardo Bertolucci. Afterwards he worked with directors of the caliber of Mauro Bolognini and Carlos Saura. He worked as director of *Il Profumo Della Signora In Nero*, horror cult film, in 1974.

Afterwards *Pensione Paura* (1977), *La Domenica Specialmente* (1990) and the two RAI television shows *Giorni Da Leone 1 e 2*.

#### **Director**

“Giorni Da Leone 2” (2006) Film TV  
“Giorni Da Leone” (2002) Film TV  
La Domenica Specialmente (1991)  
Pensione Paura (1977)  
Il Profumo Della Signora In Nero (1974)

#### **Actor**

Io, Don Giovanni (2008)  
Avvocati (1997) Serie TV  
Uomini Senza Donne (1996)  
La Famiglia Ricordi (1995) Film TV

Sabato Italiano (1991)  
Prima Della Rivoluzione (1965)

## **Giancarla Malusardi**

1968, Lodi

Actress from Lodi, coming from the worlds of theater and commercials, it is her debut film. On stage she has worked with Walter Le Moli and Dario Fo, among others.

**Solitaire The Screenplay Writers**

## **Luca Magri, Lucrezia Le Moli**

The screenplay was written by the actor, Luca Magri, and by Lucrezia Le Moli.

Lucrezia Le Moli was co-screenplay writer of *Nel Cuore Della Notte* (2002) and director and screenplay writer of *La Maschera D'Acqua* (2006) for Rai Cinema and of the documentary *Antigone* (2007) also for Rai Cinema.

## **Solitaire The Credits**

### **Artistic Cast**

LUCA MAGRI	Leo Piazza
FRANCESCO SICILIANO	Santoro
FRANCESCO BARILLI	Mirco Cassiani
MASSIMO VANNI	Moriero
GIANCARLA MALUSARDI	Saeda
ADRIANO GUARESCHI	Athos Molenda
SARA ALZETTA	Anna
OTTAVIANO DELL'ACQUA	Riccardo
PAOLO ROSSINI	Baga
ANDREA ZANNONI	Max
ALESSANDRA VARACCA	Linda
MASSIMO PITTARELLO	Pasquale
CRISTIAN RADICCHI	Vincenzino
PAOLO FRANCIOSI	Domenico

### **Technical Cast**

Director: FRANCESCO CAMPANINI

Producer: FRANCESCO CAMPANINI – Cinematographic Productions and Videos

Executive Co-producers: GIORGIO VARACCA, ILARIA LORENZONI,  
GABRIELE GORRERI, LUCREZIA LE MOLI

Director of Production: LIVIA BARBIERI

Set Design: FABRIZIO FERRARI

Costumes: JOHANNA MUNCK

Sound: NICOLA D'ACQUARO

Photography: RAOUL TORRESI

Music: LELIO PADOVANI

Editing: NATALIE CRISTIANI, BUONO PELLEGRINI

Executive Producer: LUCA MAGRI

Subject: FRANCESCO CAMPANINI, FEDERICO SONCINI

Original Characters: PRIMO GIROLDINI

Screenplay: LUCREZIA LE MOLI, LUCA MAGRI

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