

Edinburgh International Film Festival – another film announced

To close the new Midnight Madness strand of this year's Edinburgh International Film Festival the organisers have announced they will screen Coralie Target's thrilling body horror *The Substance*.

This is the film which Demi Moore stars in alongside Margaret Qualley and Dennis Quaid. It is a spine-tingling body horror doubling as a ruthless satire. It is described as "brilliant, shocking and savagely entertaining".

The Midnight Madness strand will run throughout the Festival in August. EIFF will show a preview screening of Chris Nash's audacious arthouse slasher, *In A Violent Nature*, on Thursday 11 July at the Cameo Cinema.

EIFF has also announced its Opening Night film, Nora Fingscheidt's (*System Crasher*) adaptation of Amy Liptrot's best-selling memoir, *The Outrun*, starring Saoirse Ronan (*Ladybird*, *Brooklyn*).

Alongside this, EIFF's short film competition will be called *The Thelma Schoonmaker Prize for Short Filmmaking Excellence*. Thelma Schoonmaker is celebrated for her iconic work as an editor on landmark moments in cinema history, collaborating on such films as *Killers of the Flower Moon* and

Goodfellas.

The 77th edition of the Festival honours the film festival's history, showcasing the very best talent in filmmaking in a format rooted in a local Scottish context whilst embracing the international diversity of creative expression. The Film Festival encourages general audiences, film fans and industry professionals to make the trip this summer to Edinburgh.

EIFF Director, Paul Ridd said: "Having experienced the legendary Midnight Madness premiere of Coralie Fargeat's ferocious debut *Revenge* at Toronto a few years back, I am truly honoured that our first ever Midnight Madness strand at EIFF will close out with her wildly entertaining second film *The Substance*. Hard to describe this masterpiece, but if we said that it somehow fuses David Cronenberg, Brian Yuzna and *Sunset Boulevard* into a completely unique, sensory attack on hypocrisy and sexism, then that would only go half-way to describing the wild thrills that await the willing and the eager. Bring it on."

From August 15 to August 21 2024, the 77th edition of EIFF will take place at unique venues in Edinburgh, including Summerhall and the historic Cameo cinema, allowing audiences to seamlessly experience the best of the Fringe along with the world-class programme of cinema at EIFF.

The EIFF programme launches on Wednesday 10 July at 5pm, with tickets on sale at 12 noon on Thursday 11 July.

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