

SPIRAL

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TITLE OF FILM	Spiral
COUNTRY OF PRODUCTION	Canada
DATE OF COMPLETION	20th Feb 2024
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SHOOTING FORMAT	Alexa Mini, ARRI Raw, 2.39:1
SCREENING FORMAT	DCP and Pro Res available
RATIO	Standard 2.39:1
SOUND	Dolby Digital 5.1 Theatrical
DURATION	9 mins 52 seconds
GENRE	Psychological Crime Thriller
LANGUAGE	English
PRODUCTION COMPANY	Vancouver Film School, 198 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC V6B 1H2



LOGLINE

When psychologists use the groundbreaking hypnosis experiment Spiral on an amnesiac woman, the prime suspect to a murder, she unearths unsettling secrets that blur the line between reality and her surreal interpretation of her past.



SYNOPSIS

Zoe is found next to a dead body at her home and is arrested as the only person at the crime scene. She meets Dr. Jack, a crime psychologist, who suggests she undergo a hypnosis test called Spiral to recover her memories. During the hypnosis, Zoe uncovers repressed memories of her traumatic childhood, including her mother's suicide. Ultimately, she recalls killing a man named David, who claims not to be her father, and her husband, Michael. Zoe realizes that her untreated childhood trauma led to this tragic outcome.



DIRECTOR'S VISION

Since 2008, I have always aspired to become a director with a passion for crafting unique narratives. However, as I've matured, I've come to understand that while every story may have been told, it's the manner in which we tell them that truly sets them apart. As a result of this fascination, I embarked on a quest to identify the genre that best allows me to explore narrative structure, and I found that crime and mystery genres are particularly well-suited to this endeavor.

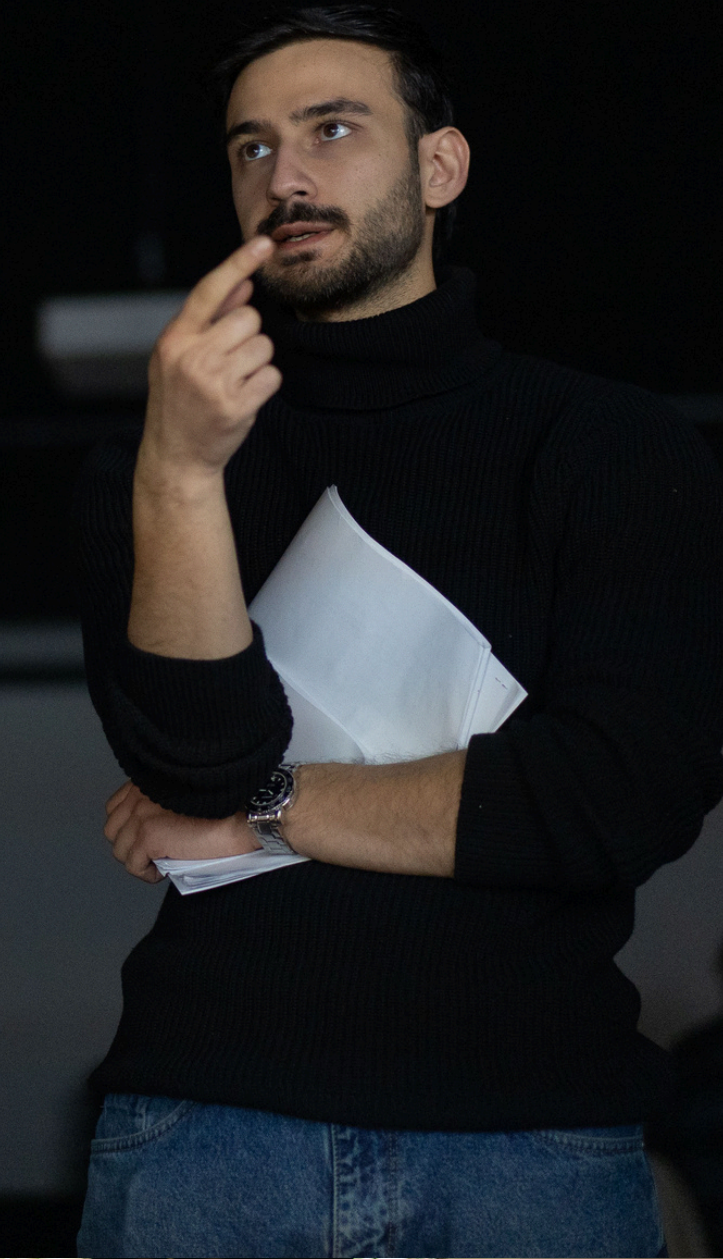
Ever since my childhood, I have been fascinated by mind games, just as I have been intrigued by the puzzle-like nature of narrative in movies, such as Christopher Nolan's films. I have always believed that in these films, the narrator should not be taken at face value. I am continually amazed at how deceptive the things we see and hear on screen can be. After each movie, I find great satisfaction in going to sleep, my mind buzzing with the intricate plotlines.

In *Spiral*, a project I embarked on in the crime and mystery genre, the genre that best lends itself to this style, my aim was to provide the audience with a complex mind game rather than just presenting a piece of art. The challenge was to engage the viewers in a cerebral experience, weaving a web of intrigue and surprises that would leave them questioning the very essence of the story.



DIRECTOR: UTKU BANCI

Ever since he was a child, Utku has been captivated by the magic of cinema and has nurtured a deep passion for the art of storytelling through film. He graduated from Architecture and Design in Turkey. During his time studying Architecture and Design, he dedicated a significant amount of time to honing his skills in filmmaking, screenwriting, and editing. However, upon discovering his true passion for cinema, he decided to pursue further education at Vancouver Film School. As a dedicated student at Vancouver Film School, he has had the opportunity to immerse himself in the world of filmmaking and pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a movie director. Spiral is his VFS Finals directorial debut.



KEY CAST



KAREN MURPHY

Karen Murphy is an Irish actor living in Vancouver B.C. She holds a Masters Degree in Film Production and Direction, and currently works both behind and in front of the camera. Karen Murphy is known for her acting roles in *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* (2022), *Hard Knocks Hostel* (2014) and *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* (2016).



ROBERT STRATFORD

Robert Stratford is a Canadian actor. In 2017 he had the opportunity to work with Academy Award Winning Director Robert David Port on the feature film *Peace*. Prior to his role in *Peace*, he completed his first commercial for BC Dairy, "Put Your Adult On Pause". He has performed in several short films and was named "Best Senior Male Actor" for his role as Sam in *Tanager Park* at the BC Student Film Festival 2015.



MILANIA KERR

Milania Kerr is a young actor & model from Vancouver. She's been walking the runways in fashion week since she was 6 and has filmed multiple commercials. Milania gained attention for her role as young Emma in *Whistle*, where she received multiple nominations for her performance, including a Leo nomination. She also earned a Win for best new actor at the Cannes Indi Film festival! She started martial arts when she was five years old and earned her black belt!



PRODUCER: RAM RAJAGOPALAN

Ram Rajagopalan is an emerging filmmaker based out of Vancouver. His stories have made it to the top 40s at prestigious local film festivals like Crazy 8s and Run N Gun. A recent alumni of Vancouver Film School, he has produced three noteworthy shorts - Spiral, Mannequin and Oh My Cow) of which the last two he also directed. He has worked on other roles like 1st AD, Script Supervisor, DOP in different student film projects while at VFS.

Prior to filmmaking Ram spent close to two decades in the technology industry leading product and software teams for Amazon and BlackBerry. He is passionate about building creative teams. The zest for visual storytelling made him take a few part time courses in Toronto (Metropolitan University, and The Second City) a few years back. He eventually decided to pursue filmmaking full time. He loves telling stories that are inspired by real life experiences.



PRODUCTION CREDITS

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Vancouver Film School

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Sam Huggins

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Valentina Ferreira Peña

Colorist
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Rodrigo Herrera Anzures

CAST

Zoe
Karen Murphy

Dr. Jack
Robert Stratford

Child Zoe
Milania Kerr

Detective Adam
Loic Freynet

David
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VANCOUVER FILM SCHOOL PRESENTS

DIRECTED BY **UTKU BANGI** PRODUCED BY **RAMGOPAL RAJAGOPALAN** EDITED BY **SOPHIA SANDHU** MUSIC BY **SAM HUGGINS**
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY **TEGAN DOBRICH** PRODUCTION DESIGNER **SEAN MARENYCH** FIRST ASSISTANT DIRECTOR **DREW MCGIRR**
WRITTEN BY **MARCO SCONZA** STORY BY **UTKU BANGI** **TEGAN DOBRICH**

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