

# PURGE

## FACTS

<b>Title</b>	PURGE
<b>Original title</b>	PUHDISTUS
<b>Genre</b>	Drama
<b>Director</b>	Antti Jokinen
<b>Screenwriters</b>	Marko Leino, Antti Jokinen, based on a book by Sofi Oksanen
<b>Cast</b>	Liisi Tandefelt, Laura Birn, Krista Kosonen, Peter Franzén, Tommi Korpela
<b>Producers</b>	Solar Films: Jukka Helle, Markus Selin, Taska Film: Kristian Taska, Maria Avdjushko
<b>Production company</b>	Solar Films Inc.
<b>Editor</b>	Kimmo Taavila
<b>Cinematographer</b>	Rauno Ronkainen
<b>Sound editor</b>	Kirka Sainio
<b>Duration</b>	125 min
<b>Year of production</b>	2011-2012
<b>Shot on</b>	Arri Alexa
<b>Sound</b>	Dolby Digital
<b>Format</b>	Digi, 35 mm film
<b>Screen ratio</b>	2.35:1
<b>Spoken languages</b>	Finnish
<b>Countries of origin</b>	Finland, Estonia
<b>Domestic release</b>	September 2012
<b>Budget</b>	EUR 2.6m

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## SYNOPSIS

Two women from two different eras linked by separate tales of deceit, desperation – and fear. Aliide has experienced the horrors of the Stalin era and the deportation of Estonians to Siberia, but she herself has to cope with the guilt of opportunism and even manslaughter. One night in 1992 she finds a young woman in the courtyard of her house; Zara who has just escaped from the claws of the Russian mafia who held her as a sex slave. Aliide and Zara engage in a complex arithmetic of suspicion and revelation to distill each other's motives. Gradually, their stories emerge, with the culmination of a tragic family drama of rivalry, lust, and loss.

PURGE was chosen as the official entry of Finland for the Academy Award® for Best Foreign Language Film.

## DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Born in Finland, Jokinen attended East Carolina University where he graduated at the top of his class, majoring in Film. Jokinen then moved to New York and worked for MTV and when returning to Finland, Jokinen co-founded Solar Films, which has grown into Finland's strongest and largest production houses. Moving back to the US, Jokinen quickly became one of the most requested music video directors worldwide, working with renowned artists such as Beyonce, Eminem and Celine Dion. In 2011 he directed the feature film THE RESIDENT, based on own screenplay and starring Hilary Swank and Jeffrey Dean Morgan. Jokinen is managed by Tom Lassally, 3Arts Entertainment.

