

PIONEER

FACTS

Title PIONEER
Original title PIONÉR
Genre Thriller
Director Erik Skjoldbjærg
Screenwriters Hans Gunnarsson, Kathrine Valen Zeiner, Cathinka Nicolaysen, Nikolaj Frobenius, Erik Skjoldbjærg
Cast Aksel Hennie, Wes Bentley, Stephen Lang, Stephanie Sigman, Jørgen Langhelle, Ane Dahl Torp, Jonathan LaPaglia
Producer Christian Fredrik Martin
Executive producer Asle Vatn
Co-producers Raimond Goebel, Mímimi Spång, Rebecka Lafrenz, Lone Korslund, Jessica Ask, Marko Röhr, Ilkka Matila and Antoine Simkine
Production company Friland Produksjon AS
Editors Frida Eggum Michaelsen, Jonas Aarø
Cinematographer Jallo Faber
Sound Designer Frederic Le Louet
Music composed and performed by Air
Duration 106 min
Year of production 2013
Shot on Alexa
Sound DSR
Formats DCP
Spoken languages English, Norwegian
Country of origin Norway
Domestic release 30.08.2013
Budget EUR 7

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A FILM BY ERIK SKJOLDBJÆRG

SYNOPSIS

PIONEER is set in the early 80's, at the beginning of the Norwegian Oil Boom. Enormous oil and gas deposits are discovered in the North Sea and the authorities aim to bring the oil ashore through a pipeline from depths of 500 meters. A professional diver, Petter, is obsessed with reaching the bottom of the Norwegian Sea. Along with his brother Knut he has the discipline, strength and courage to take on the world's most dangerous mission. But a sudden, tragic accident changes everything. Petter is sent on a perilous journey where he loses sight of who's pulling the strings. Gradually he realizes that he is in way over his head and that his life is at stake.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Born 1964, Norway. After attending the National Film and Television School in London, Erik Skjoldbjærg got a lot of international attention with his debut feature INSOMNIA (1997). The film was sold to more than 20 countries worldwide and American remake was directed by Christopher Nolan, starring Al Pacino, Hilary Swank and Robin Williams. Skjoldbjærg was credited as screenwriter for the remake. In 2002 Skjoldbjærg directed PROZAC NATION based on Elisabeth Wurtzel's book, starring Christina Ricci, Jessica Lange, Anne Heche and Lou Reed. His Norwegian film NOKAS (2010) became a domestic box office hit. Skjoldbjærg has directed several commercials as well as award-winning short films.



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