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A film by

ANTTI J. JOKINEN

HELENE

Starring

LAURA BIRN JOHANNES HOLOPAINEN

KRISTA KOSONEN EERO AHO PIRKKO SAISIO



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ORIGINAL TITLE	Helene
DIRECTOR	Antti J. Jokinen
GENRE	Historical Drama, Biopic, Romance
LENGTH	122 min
CAST	Laura Birn Johannes Holopainen Krista Kosonen Pirkko Saisio Eero Aho Jarkko Lahti
PRODUCTION STATUS	Cinematic Inc Completed
DELIVERY	Spring 2020
NATIONALITY	Finland, Estonia
LANGUAGE	Finnish

SYNOPSIS

Year 1915. Helene Schjerfbeck is a forgotten artist living in the countryside with her elderly mother. Years have passed since her last exhibition, and Helene has continued to paint only for her own passion. Everything changes when an art dealer discovers Helene and her 159 amazing paintings and wants to organize a large solo exhibition. However, the most important moment in Helene's life is brought on by her encounter with amateur painter Einar Reuter, who is a passionate admirer of Helene's art. He becomes Helene's confidante and the unfulfilled love of her life.

Inspired by true events, HELENE describes the life of Finland's most acclaimed painter Helene Schjerfbeck between 1915-1923.

DIRECTOR

Antti J. Jokinen directed THE RESIDENT (2011), PURGE (2012), THE MIDWIFE (2015) and FLOWERS OF EVIL (2016). He was nominated for the Jussi Award for Best Director for the film PURGE, which was also an Oscar nominee from Finland. Jokinen won the Shanghai International Film Festival Grand Prix for Best Direction in his film FLOWERS OF EVIL. HELENE is the third part of Jokinen's trilogy.

