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Jackpot

A Film by Magnus Martens

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Synopsis

“...everything I haven't seen, but have desperately wanted to see on film, including one hell of a shootout in a porn shop south of the border” - Jo Nesbø

Based on a story by Norway's leading crime novelist Jo Nesbø, *Jackpot* is a Coen Brothers-inspired take on homicidal greed and betrayal, Scandinavian-style. When Christmas tree factory supervisor Oscar Svendsen wakes up terrified and bloody in a strip joint, with a shotgun in his hand and eight corpses surrounding him, he's clearly going to have a lot of explaining to do. Under the intense interrogation of hard-boiled detective Solør, Oscar begins piecing together the unbelievable story of how he won the top prize in a soccer pool with his 3 dangerous ex-con colleagues. With a pile of cash at stake, the trio enters into a vicious battle over how to divide the money, dragging unwitting Oscar along for the violent ride. This rollicking gory romp racks up an impressive body count -- and will keep you guessing until the very end.

The cast includes such names as Henrik Mestad, Lena Kristin Ellingsen, Fridtjov Såheim, Anne Marie Ottersen, Jan Grønli and Peter Andersson.

About Jo Nesbø

With his ten internationally acclaimed crime novels featuring Detective Harry Hole, Jo Nesbø has achieved unparalleled success both in his native country Norway and abroad, winning the hearts of critics, booksellers and readers alike. Translated into more than forty languages, awarded a whole range of awards and boasting record-breaking sales, Nesbø has been lavishly praised by international critics for broadening the scope of the contemporary crime novel and is regarded as one the best crime writers of our time.

Cast

Kyrre Hellum is Oscar

Kyrre Hellum (born 1973) has played in several films and TV series. He was last seen as a bike messenger in Pernille Sørensen's comedy series on NRK *Åse tonight* (2011), and as a gang member in the feature film *Brødre* (2011). He can be seen in films such as *Tomme Tønner 2 – Det brune gullet* (2011), *The Liverpool Goalie* (2010), *Magic Silver* (2009), *North* (2009), *Fatso* (2008), *House of Fools* (2007) and *Tommy's Inferno* (2005). He has also played in the TV series *Himmelblå* (season 3, NRK, 2010), *Honningfellen* (NRK, 2009) and *Ran* (TV2, 2005).

Mads Ousdal is Thor

Mads Ousdal (born 1970) is known from a number of roles in theater, film and TV series, including *Codename Hunter* (TV2, 2007/2008), *Svarte penger, hvite løgner* (NRK, 2004), *Norwegian Ninja* (2010), *I et speil, i en gåte* (2008), *The Greatest Thing* (2001), *Detektor* (2000) and *Bryllupet* (2000). He has been employed by the National Theater for a number of years and worked for some time at Torshovteatret. In the spring of 2011 he played the lead in *Enron* at Det Norske Teatret, a docu-drama about the last recession. In 2010 he directed the summer cabaret *Pia + Espen = Sommer* in Stavanger.

Arthur Berning is Billy

Arthur Berning (born 1987) made his mark as Helge Ombo in *The Man Who Loved Yngve* (2008). Since his film debut he has played in films such as *Cold Prey III* (2010), *Hidden* (2009), and *Rottenetter* (2009). This fall he can also be seen in the feature film *Turn Me On, Goddammit* (2011).

Andreas Cappelen is Tresko

Andreas Cappelen (born 1972) has a background from various school theaters and revue stages, and has also been in several Norwegian films over the past few years, including *Varg Veum – Buried Dogs* (2008), *Cold Prey II* (2008), *The Man Who Loved Yngve* (2008), *O'Horten* (2007), *Pitbullterje* (2005) and *Monster Thursday* (2004). He also played in the NRK series *Luftens helter* (NRK 2007).

Henrik Mestad is Police Detective Solør

Henrik Mestad (born 1964) has had a number of roles in theater and film since his acting debut at the National Theater in 1991. On stage he has been seen in Ibsen plays such as *The Vikings at Helgeland*, *A Doll's House*, *Little Eyolf* and *The Wild Duck*. He played Ask Burlefot in *Lasso Around The Moon* and Johannes in Hamsun's *Victoria*. His film debut was in *Åpen framtid* (1983) and he is also remembered as animal-rights activist Marius in *Rebels With a Cause* (1992) and pedophile Hans in *Sons* (2006) which won him an Amanda award for Best Supporting Actor. On TV he has been in

series such as *Vestavind* (1994), *O.J. – ut på prøve* and *O.J. – på nye eventyr* (1994/1995). Mestad has also been in such films as *ORPS – The Movie* (2009), *Varg Veum – Yours Until Death* (2008), *Night of the Wolf* (2008), *The Radio Pirates* (2007), *Gone with the Woman* (2007), *Reprise* (2006), *The Art of Negative Thinking* (2006) and *United* (2001).

Lena Kristin Ellingsen is Trine

Lena Kristin Ellingsen (born 1980) had her acting breakthrough as Karoline in the NRK series *Himmelblå*. She graduated from the Oslo Academy of Theater in 2004 and has also studied musical theater at Bårdar Akademiet. Since graduating she has worked at Riksteatret, Oslo Nye Teater, Det Norske Teatret and Teatret Vårt in Molde, among others. She won a Best Actress prize for her role in *Himmelblå* at the Gullruten award show in 2009. Lena was also in the NRK series *Norwegian Cozy* (NRK 2010).

Fridtjov Såheim is Gjedde

Fridtjov Såheim (born 1968) is an actor, director and screenwriter and is known from significant roles in a number of films and TV series: *Home For Christmas* (2010), *Liverpool's Goalie* (2010), *En god nummer to* (TV2, 2009), *Together* (2009), *Rottenetter* (2009), *Cold Prey II* (2008), *Varg Veum – Fallen Angels* (2008), *Sørgekåpen* (NRK 2007), *The Radio Pirates* (2007), *House of Fools* (2008), *The Art of Negative Thinking* (2006), *Comrade Pedersen* (2006) and *Hawaii, Oslo* (2004). He has also had a number of significant roles on stage at the National Theater, Den Nationale Scene and Rogaland Teater, among others

Crew

DIRECTOR

Magnus Martens made his mark as director and screenwriter with *United* (2003). Since then he has directed several films, including *Folk flest bor i Kina* (2001, co-director), *Svein and the Rat* (2006) and the TV series *Uti vår hage* with Harald Eia, Bård Tufte Johansen, and Atle Antonsen (2003).

PRODUCERS

Fantefilm Fiksjon was established in 2006 with the goal of producing entertainment with broad appeal. The company has, among other films, produced the three *Cold Prey* films, smash hits at the Norwegian box office. *Cold Prey II* set a new Norwegian box-office record with 101,621 tickets sold on opening weekend.

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