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Winner – 3 César Awards
Best Actor, Best Director, Best Sound

Starring - Vincent Cassel, Gérard Depardieu, Cécile de France, Roy Dupuis,

Gilles Lellouche, Elena Anaya, Ludivine Sagnier

Based on the Book *L'instinct de mort* by Jacques Mesrine

Screenplay by Abdel Raouf Dafri

Written by Jean-François Richet and Abdel Raouf Dafri

Produced by Thomas Langmann

Directed by Jean-François Richet

Running Time: Part 1 – 113 minutes

MPAA Rating: R (for strong brutal violence, some sexual content and language)

SYNOPSIS

Across Canada, the United States and Spain, through France and Algeria, *Mesrine: Killer Instinct* tells the story of the incredible rise of one of history's greatest gangsters. Always on the run, a renegade existence only a bullet can stop.

MESRINE: KILLER INSTINCT - the first of two parts - charts the outlaw odyssey of Jacques Mesrine (Vincent Cassel), the legendary French gangster of the 1960s and 1970s who came to be known as *French Public Enemy No. 1* and *The Man of a Thousand Faces*. Infamous for his bravado and outrageously daring prison escapes, Mesrine carried out numerous robberies, kidnappings and murders in a criminal career that spanned continents until he was shot dead in 1979 by France's notorious anti-gang unit. Thirty years after his death, his infamy lives on.

Mesrine was helped along the way by beautiful and equally reckless Jeanne Schneider (Cécile de France), a Bonnie to match his Clyde. Mesrine made up his own epic, between romanticism and cruelty, flamboyance and tragedy. Both a thriller and a biopic, *Mesrine: Killer Instinct* explores the man behind the icon.

“The Marseillaise was playing when they put a gun in my hand - my hand developed a taste for guns.

Death is a faithful mistress who does not leave her lovers. If you live in the shade, you will never get close to the sun.

There are no heroes in crime.

In hell, you can really have fun. Only people who wouldn't get bored out of their minds on earth get to go there.

Too many people back off.

The mind does not die. The proof is you're thinking of me.”

Jacques Mesrine

JACQUES MESRINE TIMELINE

- 1936 Birth of Jacques Mesrine in the Paris suburbs of Clichy. His parents are blue-collar workers. His father works in the lace industry.
- 1956 Departure for the Algerian War, from which he will return three years later with a certificate of good conduct.
- 1961 Marriage to Maria de la Soledad in Paris (who inspired Sofia's character in the film). They have three children but separate in 1965.
- 1962 First prison sentence for robbery.
- 1966 First encounter with Jeanne Schneider, his female alter ego, with whom he fled to Canada.
- 1969 Abduction of Quebec billionaire, Deslauriers. Mesrine and Jeanne Schneider are accused of murdering a hotel employee. They are later declared innocent.
- 1969 Mesrine's and Jeanne Scheider's arrest in Texas, extradition to Canada and condemnation to 15 and 10 years of detention respectively.
- 1972 Mesrine's escape from the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul penitentiary, which he attacks 15 days later to free his companions.
He is declared Public Enemy No. 1 in Canada. He attacks several banks before fleeing to Venezuela.
- 1972 Return to France.
- 1973 First arrest before his phenomenal escape from the Compiègne Tribunal, where he takes his own judge hostage. He gets arrested again by commissioner Broussard, whom he welcomes with champagne. From this moment on, he is also considered France's Public Enemy No. 1.
- 1977 Publication of *Death Instinct*, the autobiography he wrote and distribute clandestinely in prison. Famous trial in Paris: through his pranks, Mesrine attracts the media before being condemned to 20 years of prison.
- 1978 Escape from the La Santé prison with his accomplice François Besse. Attack on the Deauville Casino. First encounter with Sylvia Jeanjacquot, with whom he travels to Italy and London. Attempted abduction of Judge Petit.
- 1979 Abduction of billionaire Lelièvre. Abduction of the journalist Tillier, whom he leaves for dead. Mesrine explodes in the media, granting interviews and permission to be photographed. A police unit called "anti-Mesrine" is created.
- 02.11.1979 Mesrine is shot to death in the center of Paris at Place de Clignancourt by the men in Broussard's unit. His girlfriend, Sylvia Jeanjacquot, is badly injured.

MESRINE AND THE MEDIA

Neither the magnitude of his crimes, nor the multitude of his exploits, or even his sensational death would have made such a legend out of Jacques Mesrine without the phenomenal sounding board provided by the media. His constant desire to entertain and his ability to transform himself attracted journalists, but also made it possible for him to use them.

Notorious as a master gangster in Canada since the 60s, Mesrine only became known in France in 1975 when, after reading an article in the French weekly L'Express, which was not to his liking, he sent a threatening letter to the journalist. The result was immediate: his picture appeared on the front page of the widely read publication! Two years later, after having published "Death Instinct," the autobiography he wrote in prison, a Paris courtroom was the scene for quite a show. Mesrine's audacity and razor-sharp quips were fodder for the press corps, which eagerly reported choice nuggets:

The Judge: And what did you do with the money you took in the hold-up?

Mesrine: I put it in the bank, your honor. That's still the safest place to keep it.

Throughout March 1978, after his escape from La Santé prison, Mesrine never tired of writing to national newspapers in order to contradict or rectify an article concerning him. In fact, he provided Paris Match and (French daily) Libération long interviews revealing the details of his escape, his life underground and his hopes for the future. He exploited the media at every turn, showing his good will by emphasizing his revolt against injustice and his battle to abolish maximum security areas where detainees were held in isolation. Naturally, this was a provocation for authorities and the police. He never missed an opportunity to pose, face uncovered and weapon in hand, for the photographs accompanying the interviews.

Through the media, Jacques Mesrine's escape from prison was experienced by all of France as a live saga. And when his exploits would not suffice, Mesrine had no hesitation about selling pictures of himself and his girlfriend, the beautiful Sylvia Jeanjacquot, to a weekly publication whose readership had no problem electing him Man of the Year 1978, finishing ahead of the Princess of Monaco.

The media allowed Mesrine to build his popularity. But the media also helped him to lose it through his own deeds. The 1979 abduction and torture of journalist Jacques Tillier ended when Mesrine left him for dead, all because he believed Tillier was an informer. His attempts to justify this act took the form of a wordy explanation sent as letters to the editors of Le Monde and Liberation. Three polaroids taken by Mesrine himself were enclosed, showing the victim completely naked, curled up on the floor, his hands tied behind his back and his face bloodied. This time around, readers were overcome with disgust. Mesrine's taunts were no longer amusing. His contact with the media ceased. Two months later, Public Enemy No. 1 was shot to death by police.

From producer Thomas Langmann

A TRUE STORY

Jacques Mesrine, last of the great French gangsters, was declared public enemy number one during his lifetime. He regularly finished atop the list of newsmakers in opinion polls. His spectacular death, shot full of holes by police at close range in the middle of Paris, put the crowning touch on his legend. Nearly thirty years after his demise in 1979, the myth of Jacques Mesrine is very much alive. Now, for the first time, an ambitious project is bringing his life to the big screen.

At once a thriller and a biopic the two part film remains as faithful as possible to factual reality. Far from making a model or a superhero out of Mesrine, the film portrays the character in all its complexity, including the darkest aspects. What emerges is the story of the man behind the icon.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FILM: ONE FILM TURNS INTO TWO

Jacques Mesrine's autobiography, *L'instinct de mort* (Death Instinct), was the first book I chose for myself. I must have been 10 or 11 years old. It was a real shock and the book has stayed with me ever since. Very early on, I fantasized about making it into a film. When I met with Jean-François Richet and Abdel Raouf Dafri, the density of the project forced us to make it two films.

Jacques Mesrine's life is so rich that it's impossible to do it justice in two hours. The film is divided into two parts, two distinctly different films corresponding to each act of his life. The first film is about a man inventing himself, his first experience of violence and the underworld, his relationships with women, especially his passionate love affair with his alter ego, Jeanne Schneider, who accompanies him on his extravagant and incredible flight to Canada. The second film shows the now famous personality cultivating his own legend, his battle with the penal system, his never-ending provocations when confronted with power and with the police, and the pursuit of his "ideals" which will lead to his death.

AN EPIC SHOOT

Parts one and two were shot concurrently. The 33-week shoot began May 7th, 2007 and was completed in January, 2008. The action is set in France, Canada, the United States, Spain, UK and Algeria, all the countries along Mesrine's long ride.

VINCENT CASSEL IS THE MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES

The autobiography, which Jacques Mesrine wrote in prison shortly before his final spectacular escape, tells the incredible story of a daydreaming kid from a well-to-do family who, little by little, builds an image of a rebellious and provocative gangster. The most fascinating part is the Romanesque quality of the character. During his metamorphosis, reality outdoes fiction over and over again, to such a degree that, even now, the question remains: Who was the real Jacques Mesrine? An upper class kid? A draftee during the Algerian War? A ladies' man? A bank robber? A doting father? An escape artist? An extremely violent man? A manipulator of the media? Mesrine wears all these masks at once. In fact, adept at changing his appearance to evade the police, he was known as "the man of a thousand faces."

To bring it off, an actor equal to the character had to be cast. The choice of Vincent Cassel was an immediate slam dunk. The intensity he brings to a character, his ability to handle complex, even contradictory emotions and his physical dexterity give access to all the dimensions of Jacques Mesrine. Vincent Cassel's commitment to this role – he had no qualms about gaining forty five pounds for it – makes it one of the major performances of his career.

From Director Jean-François Richet

PROJECT ORIGINS

What is your perception of Jacques Mesrine, shared by producer Thomas Langmann and Vincent Cassel?

A lot of people have a fantasy vision of Mesrine. They see him as a sort of Robin Hood, which he is not, or as a murderer, which he isn't either. The three of us shared a common point-of-view, which was about showing the shadowy areas as well as the bright areas - to hide nothing from his life.

And what set it in motion?

An immediate desire did. I usually start out with a refusal but not in this case. The idea of telling one portion of France's history through "micro-history," not through a Bonaparte or a Louis XIV but through a man you might have passed on the street... In '59 Mesrine got back from the Algerian war and in '79 he was a friend of left-wing militant Charlie Bauer. What happened in those twenty years?

A film about Mesrine is an ambitious project, isn't it?

A diptych is pretty rare and the casting is prestigious. Vincent Cassel, Mathieu Amalric, Gérard Lanvin, Cécile de France, Ludivine Sagnier, Gérard Depardieu, Gilles Lellouche, Samuel Le Bihan... And above it all it's a controversial subject - an individual executed right in Paris, for everyone to see.

Why did you want to work with screenwriter Abdel Raouf Dafri?

I wanted to work with Abdel because I found his work structurally exemplary. We have the same focus, the same point of view. We agreed right away. We had read all the books, the newspaper articles, met the witnesses, etc. Then we put together the screenplay with all this information and we chose the key moments that helped to understand the character.

JACQUES MESRINE, THE CHARACTER

On a gut level, who is Mesrine for you?

A man of honor, that's the first thing that comes to mind. He gives his word, then, no matter what the circumstances, he tries to keep it. A man who lived in his dreams. A complex character who was nicknamed "the man of a thousand faces," and each one is a facet of his personality. It's much more fun to work on a character like that but it's also much more difficult. You're possessed; even now, I'm still discovering things and learning things about him. He lives out his dreams and doesn't dream away his life. A member of the middle class, he made himself out of antagonism, at odds with his own milieu. It isn't social determinism that pushes him to a life of crime. He doesn't want to work in a factory - he goes to get money where you find money - in banks. He dreamed himself the life of a gangster, with honor, as he forged his own path. He had a fantasy about the business of being a gangster that came out of Gary Cooper movies. He was probably traumatized by the Algerian war, like many young men who fought there.

A ladies' man?

A romantic, a true romantic who wrote very burning love letters to Jeanne Schneider (Cécile de France).

Is there a Mesrine style?

Robbing several banks in a row - waiting for the police sirens and then getting into the car to take down a bank on the next street over.

A manipulator?

No, a man possessed of great charisma. So he doesn't have to manipulate. Everyone describes him as extremely intelligent and extremely nice.

Fond of provocation?

Provocation out of taste, as resistance, for the ego. Being public enemy number one and giving (leading French weekly publication) Paris Match an interview when every policeman in France is looking for you, yeah, that's a provocation.

His rebellious streak?

A true rebel. He's someone who says no, who says, "I don't like the laws, they're made for the rich," and "I don't like the government," and "I don't like maximum security areas."

He's practically a character conceived for movies.

He dreamed his life that way - and movies were a big part of that. He would have loved a film about his life. I hope we live up to his expectations. He had an ability to make friends. He loved to cook - when he kidnapped a millionaire he cooked him a "lapin chasseur" (rabbit stew). He ended like a dog. With or without warning, can a lawful state truly afford to do that?

Has Mesrine become a myth?

Yes, because he was able to create his own legend. He's an extraordinary character. He had talent and charisma. Because he knew how to use the media, and he had a few incredible strikes.

Does his death have anything to do with it?

Of course. He's also a legend because of his death. But there is some dimension and complexity to the character behind it. What interests me is the emotion of this guy who died only a few miles from where he was born, gunned down like a dog in his car.

THE DIRECTION**A controversial subject?**

In its essence, yes. Was it a murder or not? Were there warnings or not? As Mesrine said in his tape-recorded will, that's not the point. This is the story of a little guy from Clichy who was proclaimed "public enemy number one." It's the story of a man who opens himself up to the world around him, who is hunted and caught in his own trap.

The film is something between a genre film and an art film?

Is a genre film the antithesis of an art film? I don't think so. Is it a genre film because it's about gangsters? We didn't structure it to respect the codes of a certain genre, we made it about how best to serve the character. Yes, there's action, humor and romance. I don't think about the rest of it, which benefits my point of view.

The connection between the two films?

The end of the first film is the end of Mesrine's innocence. There is nothing romantic about gangsters, and that's what he strongly believed. As the second film opens, he is Mesrine, "Public Enemy No. 1," a man who self-fuels his own legend for his own survival, by making himself a media magnet and drawing people to his cause. In France, we like characters who say no. France was built out of protest - the revolution, the Paris Commune, May '68. Mesrine is a sort of anarchist, a dissident. We like those characters. Jacques Mesrine is the guy who doesn't want to get labeled and boxed. Part Two is more frantic, with more plot lines, filmed more like a war movie. Part One is more a film about strategy where that war is being planned. There is no public man and private man. He's the same. We tried to show all that.

The balance between action and emotion?

I don't like action for action's sake. It has to reveal something about the character and his rough edges, it has to change him somehow. Mesrine is a man of action packed with emotion.

How do you make it coherent? Is there a distinctive mark for each film?

There's one distinctive mark for the first film, and another for the second. In Part One during the period from 1959 to 1973, when Mesrine is finding himself, he has the support of a "mentor." In Part Two, he is surrounded by colleagues and friends. He's more egocentric and paranoid. He's a showman. I like both characters, for different reasons. The two films tell the story of the same man's life but the photography and staging set them quite apart. Both can be watched from beginning to end without regard for the chronological order.

Does the film describe a sort of inevitable movement toward death?

In his will, Mesrine said, "I'm in a prison from which there is no escape." As a director, I asked myself what was the hub of that prison? It's Porte de Clignancourt (where he was shot to death). If he winds up a legend, it's because of Porte de Clignancourt and that comes back, from various points of view, throughout the two films. Jacques Mesrine is very lucid. He is very aware of what is going on around him. How could he not know that the machine of the state was going to chew him up? By playing craps with his own life for so long, that "death instinct" naturally caught up with him.

How does this film fit with your path as an artist?

I feel like it corresponds to everything I've directed before. Of course it's a more mature work. I have a less Manichean vision than before. This is the first time I've made a film about one man's life, his strengths and weaknesses, his loved ones, his fears. I also wanted to show that he was a man who didn't pick on innocent bystanders, and that characterized his whole life.

Were many liberties taken with the facts?

The facts are so novelistic there was practically no need to invent. He is a movie character.

And the preparation?

A year and a half of writing, location scouting and then nine months shooting. Hundreds of locations. I wanted to film as much as possible in the actual places where things happened.

Your DP made the texture of each film different?

The dominating colors are not the same. Black, blue and red for Part One. Black, brown and orange for Part Two.

VINCENT CASSEL, A SLAM DUNK

Was casting Vincent Cassel an easy choice?

It had to be him, or I wasn't going to do the movie. He made that role his own, first and foremost physically. He was totally invested in it. He was completely possessed, he was Jacques Mesrine. From the beginning of the first film to the end of the second, he is not the same person. He's an extraordinary actor. I've known Vincent for about fifteen years and during this shoot I forgot the Vincent I know.

Did he try to correspond as well as he could physically? Did knowing how Mesrine talked inspire him or did he give it his own interpretation?

We rejected the copy-and-paste method. What we were after was the emotion. Vincent made the character himself, working as an actor and not as an impersonator.

Were decisions made together as to the construction of the character?

It was truly a collaboration. I decided to film Vincent differently from the others. Mesrine was a man who needed space - the technical side has to follow him and not the other way around. In Part One when he is still finding himself, the frame is much narrower. In Part Two, it's Mesrine who fills the whole space.

THE CAST

I love working with actors. Here I was lucky to have the cream of French cinema with me - Gérard Depardieu, Gérard Lanvin, Mathieu Amalric, Ludivine Sagnier, Cécile de France, Gilles Lellouche, Samuel Le Bihan, Olivier Gourmet, Florence Thomassin... There are others, but I was really dealt a full hand. We were like a small theater company.

For the role of Janou, a strong and severe woman, in total symbiosis with Mesrine... Cécile de France gave me something that no one had ever asked of her before. When I met her, I knew it was her.

Ludivine is Sylvia, the last of the women in his life. He loved her. He wrote her love letters like teenagers do, with lots of poetry, awkward but sincere. She paid for it with her flesh. Ludivine gets across all of Sylvia's fright and her crossing into lunacy at the crucial moment of execution. I want a hundred percent, she gives me two hundred percent.

Sofia, played by Elena Anaya, is the mother of Mesrine's children. There are lots of scenes where she attempts to set him back on the straight and narrow. Elena is surely one of the film's revelations.

Sarah, portrayed by Florence Thomassin, is the woman who supposedly took his virginity, a prostitute. Florence has a bewitching voice. We've crossed paths for years and I knew she would be able to give me that hard yet fragile dimension.

Mathieu Amalric plays the supremely intelligent François Besse. No blood on his hands, low-profile, athletic... he is the exact opposite of Mesrine, who lives fast and loose, eats lapin chasseur and drinks Cristal Roederer champagne. They form a very unlikely duo. In this very physical role, unusual for him, Amalric is unbelievably believable. He rappelled 35 feet down the wall of La Santé prison in only a few seconds. He leaps off the screen.

Gérard Depardieu portrays Guido, who took on Mesrine as his protégé and moved him up the ladder in a sort of a parallel world, staying out of the way of the mob. He's almost a substitute father for Mesrine. Gérard started right in talking about the historical and political context. Gérard is a gold mine of information. Working with Gérard is a unique experience and I think all the actors who played scenes with him felt that as well. He brings the whole world of film into the room with him. He's awesome.

Roy Dupuis is a Canadian star who plays Jean-Paul Mercier, a gangster affiliated with the FLQ (Quebec Liberation Front) who is much more violent than Mesrine, with whom he teams up for a good stretch in Part One.

Gilles Lellouche plays Paul, Jacques' childhood friend. He teaches him a little about life in Paris by night - the women, the gambling joints. He is a subtle and hard-working actor.

Samuel Le Bihan plays Michel Ardouin. He's mobbed up, a real gangster who must have been a little different from the others because he stayed with Mesrine for so long. For this role, we needed someone who could stand up to Mesrine. Just like Vincent, Samuel gained weight for the role. It's impressive.

Charlie Bauer suggested Gérard Lanvin to portray him. Charlie is a political person. He's not a gangster. He is someone who has influenced me for life. It was an unforgettable meeting between two human beings. He's gone through some very difficult stuff. He loved Jacques. Gérard Lanvin absorbed Charlie. He doesn't play Charlie - he is Charlie.

We needed a great actor to play Commissaire Broussard (Olivier Gourmet,) the man who nails Mesrine. I remember that very difficult shot at Clignancourt. We were losing light and we did a track shot following Broussard, who's running across the intersection. The camera operator gets off the Quad and the Quad continues on. We go from a track shot to a steadycam, at a dead run, all in one shot. Gourmet keeps running, there are cars headed for him in every direction, brakes screeching all over the place. We were running behind him with the camera. It was Broussard, forgetting everything, the camera, his security... it was Broussard! Gourmet is extraordinary.

I like all the characters. I don't claim they're right. We didn't glorify them, but you can have admiration for certain actions.

Filmography

2008 Mesrine: Killer Instinct
2008 Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1
2005 Assault on Precinct 13
2001 De l'amour *All About Love*
1997 Ma 6-T va Crack-er
1995 Etat des Lieux

From Screenwriter Abdel Raouf Dafri

For Mesrine, any excuse will suffice for turning the street into theatre. It's no accident that, at the end of the film, the Place de Clignancourt is crawling with cops, setting the stage for his final scene. The final scene of his life: the death of a gangster. He is his own fantasy. The way out must be ever more splendid from his point of view. There must always be flair, even if it costs him his life.

In the first film, the scenes of violence strike a very human, very passionate chord. It's his apprenticeship. In the second film, he is playing with it, having fun.

I really like Jean-François, his humanity and his professionalism. We're from the same background. We both grew up in the projects. We're not from money. It's funny, we both got interested in a guy who started out with every privilege and nevertheless decided on the crime business. Through Mesrine, who was the crystallization of French society, I was also trying to comprehend that society as it was when he lived.

In the 60s and 70s, things were much more political. Whereas people today want a credit card, back then they wanted a party membership card.

It was a right-wing era, all stiff and upright and proper, a very closed, very partisan and conservative society. Mesrine ran wild in that society and excited the imaginations of rich and poor alike.

One police detective from the period said, "Mesrine was a gangster with marketing savvy."

Filmography

2009 A Prophet - Jacques Audiard

2008 Mesrine: Killer Instinct - Jean-François Richet

2008 Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1 - Jean-François Richet

From Vincent Cassel

Mesrine loves women, weapons, banks, and glory. Named “Public Enemy No. 1” in both France and Canada, he is the most notorious gangster of his time. He loves cinema, models his life after film, and makes up his own epic that lies between romanticism and cruelty, between flamboyance and tragedy.

A NINE-MONTH SHOOT

The first time Thomas Langmann spoke to me about the project was seven years ago. This was the longest shoot I’ve ever been on – nine months straight. It was a marathon. My first fear was running out of steam, not being able to keep up that intensity all the way through. But Mesrine’s life was so rich, so many things happened to him in what amounted to only a few years that I forgot all about time. After the last end clap, all the fatigue fell on me at once. It was hard for me to realize that it was really over.

LEGEND AND REALITY

Many of our locations were places Mesrine had been to. Each time, people would come over with lots of things to tell us. When we were shooting in the building which was his last hideout, on Rue Belliard, the neighbors and shopkeepers – even some former crooks – would come around to talk about him. Between his former accomplices, his ex-wives and the cops who chased him, some fifteen books have been written about Mesrine. We quickly realized that each one rewrote the story a little, including Mesrine himself. So where is the truth? Where is the fantasy? It’s very hard to know. That goes along with popular characters and that’s how their legends are born.

TWO VERY DIFFERENT FILMS

Although the two works respect the continuity of Mesrine’s story, we pretty much knew right away that each would be distinct and different. Jean-François Richet didn’t use the same techniques in shooting them and it’s not the same time period. The 50s and 60s are not at all like the 70s. The cars are different, so are the hairstyles and the music. And attitudes, especially, are different. Each of the two films develops a theme, which completes the other. Part One, *KILLER INSTINCT*, is about a young man who’s searching for his identity. Part Two, *PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1* is about a man who knows where his life choices lead and decides to go there anyway. The first film is almost a genre picture, a good detective story. The second film, however, is more of a psychological thriller, about the paranoia of a guy who knows instinctively how this is all going to end.

MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES

When Mesrine was on the run, he constantly had to use disguises so as not to be recognized, which is how he got that nickname, “the man of a thousand faces.” For an actor like myself, who enjoys changing his appearance, this seems absolutely ideal. But it’s also a trap. You don’t want to lose the character by disguising him all the time. The hair and make-up department worked with us very hard on this in order to maintain the subtlety and the coherence between the changing times and these on-the-fly makeovers.

GAINING FORTY-FIVE POUNDS

To play this part, it was always clear that I owed it to myself to gain forty-five pounds. I didn’t realize just how much this changes things. You don’t act the same way when you’re 45 pounds heavier. The way you move, the way you walk, the way you breathe and even the way you speak changes. Everything is different. Not only are those 45 pounds visible on the screen, you can hear them in the sound! I put the

weight on in four months prior to the shoot and I lost it in nine over the length of the shoot. We shot backwards because I knew I couldn't gain a single pound when I was working. The stress on the set always makes me lose weight. Even with the medical supervision, this is the last time I submit my body to that kind of swing in weight.

GOOD GUY OR BAD GUY?

A man who puts himself out so far is often a source of inspiration for "normal" people, those who wouldn't dare. Mesrine surely committed some unforgivable acts at times and he also pulled off some exceptionally daring deeds. It is precisely those contradictions that make for such an exciting character. Some will think he's despicable and reactionary; some will like the fact that he followed his own path right to the end, shouldered the responsibility, and will identify with him. Even after nine months shooting, I find it hard to judge him.

CO-STARS

Out of 150 shooting days, there were only one or two when I was not on the schedule. It was non-stop. It was a good thing I had new acting partners constantly showing up on the set. Cécile de France, Gérard Depardieu, Gérard Lanvin, Elena Ayana, Ludivine Sagnier, Olivier Barthélémy, Mathieu Amalric, Michel Duchaussoy, Gilles Lellouche, Samuel Le Bihan, Olivier Gourmet... That was a great help because with each new person came a radically different energy. They say an actor changes according to who he's playing with, and that is a good fit for Mesrine, who changed according to he was with.

DIRECTOR JEAN-FRANÇOIS RICHEL

Like most of the good ones, his strength is that he knows what he wants or doesn't want, yet remains open to what's going on around him. If someone gives him a suggestion, he always takes the time to consider what he can do with it. In nine months' shooting, it never once got tense between us. He's got experience, style, real knowledge of film history. He is curious about everything, sure of himself technically and, because he used to being an editor, he always maintains the necessary perspective to see where it's all headed. He is a director who is now in his prime and it is a pure joy to work with him.

PRODUCER THOMAS LANGMAN

Thomas is, in my opinion, a rare director - he's stubborn, even pugnacious, with a real madness and sense of what's epic. He's an "old-school" producer. I believe that Mesrine was his first "vision" as a producer. He got the idea when he was very young, still in school. So for him this project goes back a long way and he has a very deep, emotional connection with it. This project is, first and foremost, Thomas' project.

BIOGRAPHIES

Vincent Cassel JACQUES MESRINE

Vincent Cassel is a prolific and prominent actor who's known for his bold choice of roles and fearless inhabitation of his characters.

This August, Cassel will be seen starring in Jean-Francois Richet's "Mesrine: Killer Instinct" and "Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1" The two-part films tell the true story of Jacques Mesrine, who became France's most notorious felon throughout the 1970's. Arch-fiend to some and folk hero to others, Mesrine's illegal career spanned nearly two decades of brazen bank robberies, prison breaks, and ingenious identity changes. Critically acclaimed worldwide, the film was a commercial success in France, garnering the country's highest honor in film, ten César Award nominations and winning the awards for Best Actor, Best Director and Best Sound. For his performance, Cassel went on to receive Best Actor honors at the Lumiere Awards, the Etoile D'Or and the Tokyo International Film Festival.

Currently, Cassel is in production on Dominik Moll's "The Monk," toplining an 18th century-set story based on Matthew Lewis' Gothic novel depicting the rise and tragic downfall of Capucin Ambrosio, a respected Spanish monk. Following that, he will begin production on David Cronenberg's "A Dangerous Method," alongside Viggo Mortensen, Michael Fassbender and Keira Knightley. The film revolves around a love triangle that develops between psychiatry pioneers Sigmund Freud and Carl Jung who both fall in love with Jung's patient. Cassel is also simultaneously in development on an untitled romantic comedy set in Brazil with Kim Chapiron set to direct and Cassel writing, producing and starring in the film. Recently, Cassel wrapped production on Darren Aronofsky's "Black Swan," a supernatural thriller that centers on a veteran ballerina. Cassel co-stars opposite Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis in the Fox Searchlight Pictures production. Prior to that, Cassel filmed Romain Gavras' first feature, "Redheads," starring opposite Olivier Bartélémy. The film, which Cassel also produced, focuses on two rage-fueled outcasts who set off on a roadtrip of hate, violence and self-destruction.

Cassel began his career in France in 1988 starting out with small roles on television and in film. In 1995, he made his mark in Mathieu Kassovitz's critically acclaimed film "La Haine," where he played a troubled youth from the deprived outskirts of Paris. For his performance, Cassel received his first César Award nominations - for Best Actor and Most Promising Newcomer.

Following this breakthrough performance, Cassel has appeared in over twenty-five films in both France and the United States. Notable film credits in France include Gilles Mimouni's "L'Appartement," "Gaspar Noé's "Irréversible," Jan Kounen's "Dobermann," and Jacques Audiard's "Sur Mes Lèvres," for which he received his third César Award nomination.

Cassel has appeared in various English-language films such as James Ivory's "Jefferson In Paris," Shekhar Kapur's "Elizabeth," Luc Besson's "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc," Mathieu Kassovitz's "The Crimson Rivers," Christophe Gans' "The Brotherhood of the Wolf," Paul McGuigan's "The Reckoning," Andrew Adamson's "Shrek," Jan Kounen's "Renegade," Mikael Håfström's "Derailed" and David Cronenberg's "Eastern Promises." Cassel also co-starred in Stephen Soderbergh's "Ocean's Twelve" for which he later reprised the role in "Ocean's Thirteen."

Behind the lens, Cassel also heads a production company, 120 Films. Formed in 1997, the banner has developed and produced "Shabbat Night Fever," "Irréversible," "Renegade," "Secret Agents," "Sheitan," "and "Mesrine: Killer Instinct" and "Mesrine: Public Enemy No. 1."

Currently, Cassel is the face of Yves Saint Laurent men's fragrance, La Nuit de l'Homme, which was launched worldwide in March 2009. The advertising campaign was shot by fashion photographers Mert Alas & Marcus Piggot.

Cassel and his family split their time between Paris, London, Rome and Rio de Janeiro.

Cécile de France JEANNE SCHNEIDER

"You're Jeanne? I'm Tarzan!" Those are the first words spoken by Mesrine to this young, even-tempered prostitute from Pigalle. It is love at first sight for both of them. Between Paris and Montreal, she becomes much more than his mistress and his accomplice. She is his alter ego.

"I discovered an incredible woman with a rather uncommon life and destiny in Jeanne Schneider. Playing this role was a real treat. I tried to really become the role and draw inspiration from the real world."

"Jacques is the love of her life. Her religion is love, and he is her love. She will follow him everywhere. She will not only be his woman, but also his soul mate and accomplice."

"Obviously, my perception of Jacques Mesrine is not at all objective, as I see him through Jeanne's eyes... He was very educated, he took her to the theatre, the opera, and was very tender with her. Very elegant and classy, in fact."

"I feel very lucky to have been able to play this role, a slightly darker role than usual. It is truly exciting for an actress to play a character like Jeanne."

"Vincent masters his role with ease, with a delicate hand, with joy and incredible calm. We improvised a lot on the set. It's quite intimidating, actually. You show up and you haven't quite gotten your character right and it's all new and you start working with someone who is totally into the character. It's sort of odd and beautiful."

Selected Filmography

2010 Hereafter-Clint Eastwood
2010 Gardiens de l'ordre- Nicolas BOUKHRIEF
2009 Soeur Sourire- Stijn CONINX
2007 Un Secret A Secret - Claude MILLER
2006 Quand J'étais Chanteur The Singer - Xavier GIANNOLI
2006 Fauteuils d'Orchestre Avenue Montaigne - Danièle THOMPSON
2005 Les Poupées Russes Russian Dolls - Cédric KLAPISCH
2004 Around the World in 80 Days - Frank CORACI
2003 Haute Tension Switchblade Romance aka High Tension - Alexandre AJA
2002 L'Auberge Espagnole - Cédric KLAPISCH

Gérard Depardieu Guido

A pitiless gang leader, the former supporter of French Algeria is immediately intrigued by Mesrine; he's calm, cool, and collected. He decides to take him under his wing. At Guido's side, the future Public Enemy No. 1 will learn the tools of his trade and discover his own ambitions. Guido is the mentor Mesrine has been waiting for.

"It's rare to make a film about a really bad guy, a true gangster story with a twist. The high security prison, the Algerian war, the Secret Armed Organization (a French nationalist militant and underground organization during the Algerian War), the young men who came back from war, who had no jobs, who played around with their guns... it was one hell of an era! There are no more real mobsters today."

"Guido is a guy from the Secret Armed Organization who finds Mesrine and trains him. He finds his feisty temperament useful until it becomes uncontrollable."

"Vincent is great! He's an excellent Mesrine. He's a happy and brave actor, discreet on set, who has a great outlook. He's an amazing guy."

"I think Mesrine had his own code of ethics. He was not a brute. He's a much more complex figure than he might seem today."

Selected Filmography

2010 Potiche-Francois Ozon
2010 Mammuth- Gustave de KERVERN
2009 In the Beginning- Xavier GIANNOLI
2008 Babylon A.D. - Mathieu KASSOVITZ
2007 Astérix aux Jeux Olympiques Asterix at the Olympic Games Frédéric FORESTIER - Thomas LANGMAN
2007 La Môme La Vie en Rose - Olivier DAHAN
2006 Quand J'étais Chanteur The Singer - Xavier GIANNOLI
2004 36 Quai des Orfèvres Department 36 - Olivier MARCHAL
2003 Bon Voyage - Jean-Paul RAPPENEAU
2001 Asterix et Obélix : Mission Cléopâtre Asterix and Obelix Meet Cleopatra - Alain CHABAT
2001 Le Placard The Closet - Francis VEBER
1995 Le Hussard sur le toit The Horseman on the Roof - Jean-Paul RAPPENEAU
1994 My Father the Hero - Steve MINER
1993 Germinal - Claude BERRI
1994 1494 : Conquest of Paradise - Ridley SCOTT
1990 Green Card - Peter WEIR
1990 Cyrano de Bergerac - Jean-Paul RAPPENEAU
1988 Camille Claudel - Bruno NUYTEN
1986 Jean de Florette - Claude BERRI

Roy Dupuis JEAN-PAUL MERCIER

Mesrine's main accomplice during his long escape from prison in Canada, his "Québécois brother." Together, they escape from the terrifying Saint-Vincent-de-Paul penitentiary and are soon accused of murdering two forest rangers. They part company under the Venezuelan sun, on "vacation" with their respective fiancées.

Selected Filmography

2009 Je me souviens- André FORCIER
2007 Shake Hands With the Devil - Roger SPOTTISWOODE
2005 Maurice Richard *The Rocket* - Charles BINAME
2004 Mémoires Affectives *Looking for Alexander* - Francis LECLERC
2003 Les invasions Barbares *The Barbarian Invasions* - Denys ARCAND
1998 Free Money - Yves SIMONEAU
1995 Screemers - Christian DUGUAY
1992 Being at Home with Claude - Jean BAUDIN
1989 Jésus de Montréal *Jesus of Montreal* - Denys ARCAND

Gilles Lellouche PAUL

Mesrine's childhood friend, he was also his first accomplice. A lover of the good life and a sports car aficionado, Paul comes to pick Mesrine up at his parents' home. They make frequent visits to the rough-and-tumble neighborhoods of Blanche and Pigalle, committing their first burglaries and living out the final moments of their innocence, together.

Selected Filmography

2010-Les Petits Mouchoirs-Guillaume Canet
2010-Ma Part du Gateau-Cédric Klapisch
2010 The Extraordinary Adventures of Adèle Blanc-Sec- Luc BESSON
2009 A Spot of Bother- Alfred LOT
2008 Paris - Cédric KLAPISCH
2007 Le Gang des postiches *Masked Mobsters* - Ariel ZEITOUN
2006 Ne le Dis à Personne *Tell No One* - Guillaume CANET
2005 Anthony Zimmer - Jérôme SALE
2004 Narco - Tristan AUROUET, Gilles LELOUCHE
2003 Jeux d'enfants *Love Me If You Dare* - Yann SAMUEL

Elena Anaya SOFIA

Mesrine meets this young woman on a night out partying in Spain. She falls madly in love with him and soon follows him back to France, where they marry. They have three children together. Sofia will do anything to live a happy and simple family life with him, but her efforts are in vain. Neither she nor anyone else can stop Mesrine from living out his destiny.

Selected Filmography

2010-La Piel que Habito-Pedro Almodovar
2010 Room in Rome- Julio MEDEM
2009 Hierro- Gabe IBÁÑEZ
2007 Savage Grace - Tom KALIN
2007 In the Land of Women - Jon KASDAN
2006 Alatriste - Agustin DIAZ YANES
2005 Fragile - Jaume BALAGUERO
2004 Van Helsing - Stephen SOMERS
2004 Dead Fish - Charley STADLER
2002 Hable con Ella Talk to Her - Pedro ALMODOVAR
2001 Lucia y el Sexo Sex and Lucia - Julio MEDEM
1999 Las Huellas Borradas Whiped-Out Footprints - Enrique GABRIEL-LIPSCHUTZ
1998 Finisterre Where the World Ends - Xavier VILAVERDE

Robert Gantz – Cinematographer

Cinematographer Robert Gantz was nominated for a Best Cinematography César (France's equivalent of the Academy Awards) for *Mesrine: Killer Instinct*.

Prior to shooting the *Mesrine* double feature, Gantz lensed *Lake City*, directed by Perry Moore and Hunter Hill, a southern drama starring Oscar™-winner Sissy Spacek, Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter Dave Matthews and X-Men's Rebecca Romijn.

Gantz's first collaboration with Jean-François Richet came in 2005 with *Assault on Precinct 13*, a reimagining of the original 1976 John Carpenter movie starring Laurence Fishburne and Ethan Hawke. The same year, Gantz shot five episodes of the television series *CSI*. He most recently shot the television pilot of *Boston PD* with acclaimed feature director Gary Fleder and starring Katee Stackoff. This season, he also lensed episodes of the ABC series' *The Forgotten* and *Dark Blue*.

After earning a BA in Film and Television degree at the University of Michigan, Gantz completed his Master of Fine Arts in Cinematography at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles. Upon graduation, Gantz lensed commercials for directors Gore Verbinski, Michael Bay and Matthew Rolston before making his transition to feature films and television.

Gantz lives in Connecticut with his wife and children.

CAST

JACQUES MESRINE	VINCENT CASSEL
JEANE SCHNEIDER	CECILE DE FRANCE
GUIDO	GERARD DEPARDIEU
JEAN-PAUL MERCIER	ROY DUPUIS
PAUL	GILLES LELOUCHE
SOFIA	ELENA ANAYA
MESRINE'S FATHER	MICHEL DUCHAUSSOY
MESRINE'S MOTHER	MYRIAM BOYER
SARAH	FLORENCE THOMASSIN

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Visual Design ROBERT GANTZ
Producer THOMAS LANGMAN
Production Designer EMILE GHIGO
Costume Designer VIRGINIE MONTEL
Editor HERVÉ SCHNEID
Image ERIC CATELAN
Sound JEAN MINONDO
Hair/Make Up DOMINIQUE COLADANT / THI THANH TU NGUYEN / PATRICK VILAIN
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35 mm - scope - dolby SRD Running time : 113 mins

MESRINE: PUBLIC ENEMY No. 1

(Part 2)

**Winner – 3 César Awards
Best Actor, Best Director, Best Sound**

Starring - Vincent Cassel, Ludivine Sagnier, Mathieu Amalric, Gérard Lanvin, Samuel Le Bihan,
Olivier Gourmet

Based on the Book *L'instinct de mort* by Jacques Mesrine

Screenplay by Abdel Raouf Dafri

Written by Jean-François Richet and Abdel Raouf Dafri

Produced by Thomas Langmann

Directed by Jean-François Richet

Running Time: Part 2 – 134 minutes

MPAA Rating: Not Yet Rated

Press Materials: www.musicboxfilms.com

SYNOPSIS

The man of a thousand faces continues his incredible life of crime while manipulating the media, the government and the police. He plans his last and greatest escape, hoping to leave France – and the character he has made himself into – behind forever.

BIOGRAPHIES

Ludivine Sagnier Sylvia Jeanjacquot

She is Mesrine's last woman, dubbed "the beautiful Italian" by the media. Her presence glamorizes his final escape from prison and she is the realization of all his fantasies. Mesrine's famous recorded statement is addressed to her. She miraculously survives the Porte de Clignancourt shooting.

"Jean- François was still a child when Mesrine was killed and so his view of the event is not tainted by nostalgia. He is a man of action that I find very interesting. He also has a very dynamic approach to shooting a film."

"I'm not completely faithful to the historical Sylvie Jeanjacquot. I'm more into the element of fantasy, playing the role of a woman who falls in love with a man like him. Playing the gangster's hot chick has been great fun."

"Vincent fascinates me. I see him as an acting prodigy. He invested so much of himself in this role. His energy, his ability to give and take, and his willfulness are remarkable. It's amazing to see how much he resembles his character, and how he has found all of Mesrine's personality - the humor, the violence, the spirituality and the dark side. He is there, he is present, he has the aura of the character and he has incredible charisma. I am very, very proud. It's been a real pleasure to work with him. We've laughed a lot; he's a very fun-loving person."

Selected Filmography

2010 Crime d'Amour –Alain Corneau
2010 The Devil's Double-Lee Tamahori
2010 Lily Sometimes- Fabienne BERTHAUD
2007 Un Secret A secret - Claude MILLER
2007 La Fille coupée en deux The Girl Cut in Two - Claude CHABROL
2007 Les Chansons d'amour Love Songs - Christophe HONORE
2007 Molière - Laurent TIRARD
2003 Peter Pan - P.J. HOGAN
2003 Swimming Pool - François OZON
2002 Huit Femmes 8 Women – François OZON

Mathieu Amalric François Besse

Known as “the king of escape,” he is as discreet and introverted as Mesrine is boastful and provocative. Together, they form a ruthless duo and manage to escape from La Santé prison. Their contrasting personalities, however, ultimately lead them to separate.

“For me, Jacques Mesrine represented my parent’s era. And it was quite an era! Certain people must break all the rules. They need to, in order to go on living in society.”

“François Besse and Mesrine only met and worked together a few times. They had little in common, but I think they had a lot of affection and respect for one another. The relationship between Mesrine and Besse was one of respect, respect of two opposites, admiration. Besse always tried to remain discreet, to keep a low profile. It was a different tactic from Mesrine’s, who had no tactic at all.”

“Mesrine had a lot of fun. Kazan’s “A Face in the Crowd” or John Ford’s “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance” come to mind. It’s the desire to leave behind some kind of trace...”

“It gave Jean-François Richet great pleasure to watch Vincent and me make the scene and the dialogue our own, change things around, invent gestures. He loves actors and enjoys filming them. He loves to see what we come up with. We had the pleasure of doing very physical things. When I have the chance, I go for it. Escaping from prison, training with weapons.”

“Vincent is quite a chameleon. He must take great pleasure in transforming himself. He must have also enjoyed exploring his character’s relationships with the men and with the women. It’s also quite a joyous affirmation of virility, oddly both delicate and heart-warming. Is he a hero or not? The good, the bad, the grey zones... Did he have any morals? Can we really judge a man? I think these are ideas that Vincent understands well.”

“I felt the incredible excitement and pleasure one must feel when breaking the law. All of my scenes were with Vincent. We were “a couple.”

Selected Filmography

2010 On Tour- Mathieu AMALRIC

2010 The Extraordinary Adventures of Adele Blanc-Sec-Luc Besson

2009- Wild Grass- Alain RESNAIS

2008 Un conte de Noël - Arnaud DESPLECHIN

2008 De la guerre - Bertrand BONELLO

2008 James Bond 22: Quantum of Solace - Marc FORSTER

2007 Le Scaphandre et le Papillon *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* - Julian SCHNABEL

2006 Quand J’étais Chanteur *The Singer* - Xavier GIANOLI

2006 Marie Antoinette - Sofia COPOLA

2005 Munich - Steven SPIELBERG

2004 Rois et Reine *Kings & Queen* - Arnaud DESPLECHIN

G rard Lanvin Charlie Bauer

Bauer is Mesrine's last accomplice and differentiates himself from the others by his radical political views. Bauer, among others, will push Mesrine to use his notoriety to strengthen the fight against the conditions at the maximum security prison. He also encourages Mesrine to get in contact with European revolutionary networks.

Selected Filmography

2009 Envoy s tr s sp ciaux- Fr d ric AUBURTIN
2008 Secret D fense - Philippe HAIM
2005 Les enfants- Christian VINCENT
2004 San-Antonio- Fr d ric AUBURTIN
2002 Le Boulet *Dead Weight* - Alain BERBERIAN, Fr d ric FORESTIER
2000 Le Go t Des Autres *The Taste of Others* - Agn s JAOUI
1998 En Plein Coeur *In All Innocence* - Pierre JOLIVET
1996 Anna Oz - Eric ROCHANT
1994 Le Fils Pr f r  *The Favorite Son* - Nicole GARCIA

Samuel Le Bihan Michel Ardouin

Nicknamed "the aircraft carrier" by Mesrine, in reference to his build, the 6 ft. 1, 220 lbs. Ardouin carried a variety of guns around with him at all times. He was one of Mesrine's most faithful lieutenants. They robbed many banks together and Ardouin participated in the spectacular escape from a Compi gne courthouse.

Selected Filmography

2008 Disco- Fabien ONTENIENTE
2007 Fronti res *Frontier(s)* - Xavier GENS
2004 The Bridge of San Luis Reyes - Mary McGUCKIAN
2002 Une Affaire Priv e *A Private Affair* - Guillaume NICLOUX
2001 Le Pacte des Loups *Brotherhood of the Wolf* - Christophe GANS
1999 V nus Beaut  *Venus Beauty Institute* - Tonie MARSHAL
1996 Capitaine Conan - Bertrand TAVERNIER
1995 Une Femme Fran aise *A French Woman* - R gis WARGNIER
1994 Trois couleurs : Rouge *Three Colours: Red* - Krzysztof KIESLOWSKI

Olivier Gourmet Commissaire Broussard

The first time Broussard nabbed Mesrine, he was welcomed with a glass of champagne. On the second occasion, the gangster had no time to prepare – he was instantly caught in a hail storm of bullets at the wheel of his car. Only a few months before, Mesrine had issued a challenge: “Next time, Broussard, there will be no champagne. It will be about which of us shoots first.”

Selected Filmography

2010 Black Venus-Abdel Kechiche

2010 Blanc comme neige- Christophe BLANC

2009 Altiplano- Peter BROSENS

2008 Lorna’s Silence- Jean-Pierre DARDENNE et Luc DARDENNE

2008 Go Fast - Olivier VAN HOFSTADT

2007 Pars vite et reviens tard Have Mercy on Us All - Régis WARGNIER

2006 Les Brigades du Tigre The Tiger Brigades - Jérôme CORNUAU & François CORNUAU

2005 Le Parfum de La Dame en Noir The Perfume of the Lady in Black - Bruno PODALYDES

2005 L’Enfant The Child - Jean-Pierre DARDENNE & Luc DARDENNE

Palme d’Or Festival de Cannes 1999

2005 Le Couperet The Ax - Costa-GAVRAS

2003 Le Temps du Loup The Time of the Wolf - Michael HANEKE

2001 Sur mes Lèvres Read My Lips - Jacques AUDIARD

1999 Rosetta - Jean-Pierre DARDENNE & Luc DARDENNE *Palme d’Or Festival de Cannes 1999*

1996 La Promesse The Promise - Jean-Pierre DARDENNE & Luc DARDENNE

1996 Le Huitième Jour The Eighth Day Jaco VAN DORMAEL

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SYLVIA JEANJACQUOT	LUDIVINE SAGNIER
FRANCOIS BESSE	MATHIEU AMALRIC
CHARLIE BAUER	GERARD LANVIN
MICHEL ARDOUIN	SAMUEL LE BIHAN
COMMISSAIRE BROUSSARD	OLIVIER GOURMET
HENRI LELIEVRE	GEORGES WILSON
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