

# STEEL

Genre: Psychological Drama <u>Director:</u> Sven J. Matten <u>Writers:</u> Sven J. Matten & Melissa Kajpust <u>Main cast:</u> Chad Connell, David Cameron Dop / Camera: Charles Lavack Producer: Jean du Toit & Sven J. Matten

#### Loa line:

Strong emotions – fear and panic, isolation and the search for self, love and sex, selfdenial and self-discovery – a ride on an emotional roller coaster while trying to find one's way in life.

#### Synopsis:

DANIEL (30), a successful TV journalist living life in the fast lane, has fallen into a deep depression. His seemingly perfect life suddenly collapses under him when panic attacks force him to deal with himself and his past. Fear, paranoia and desperation appear to get the better of him, people around him are helpless. Daniel, however, won't give up: he tries to recapture what was once his by creating a second identity for himself, young ALEXANDER (19), with whom he embarks on an extraordinary journey into a painful past.

### Director's Note:

What is real? What is imagination? STEEL is a film about fears, self-discovery and survival. A psychological drama about growing up in difficult times, about a young man creating a paradise for himself; his Own Private Idaho – and his own personal hell at the same time. It's about the long, difficult road he has to take to find out who he really is and how to survive in a world that won't accept failure. STEEL is not just a drama about a mentally ill person and it's not just about a young man owning up to the fact that he might be gay, it's a film about modern life, about a globalized world whose values have become hollow and redundant and about a generation that has lost all sense of direction and purpose over this. STEEL is an almost archaic drama between two men in the same person. It's a film about love and forgiveness, perdition and ultimate salvation.

<u>Language</u>; English <u>Available subtitles</u>; German & French <u>Available formats</u>; 4K DCP, HDcam, BluRay, DVD <u>Running time</u>; ca. 108 minutes <u>Aspect ratio</u>; 1:2.35 <u>Sound</u>; 6 channel 5.1 mix (TV and IT mix for dubbing available)



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