

NEW RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT ESCAPE FROM PRETORIA



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The release of prison-break thriller *Escape From Pretoria* has been announced with the made for cinema film releasing straight to Premium Video on Demand, making it available to rent at home from Friday, 22 May 2020. Based on the real-life prison break of two political captives in the tumultuous apartheid days of South Africa, this race-against-time film will be available for Aussies to watch for the very first time, in premium quality while at home.

Filmed in Adelaide, South Australia, *Escape From Pretoria* is an official Australian/UK co-production between Hamilton Entertainment (*Hotel Mumbai*), BeaglePug (*Harry Potter franchise*) and Footprint Films (*I Am Sami*), in association with Arclight Films and with support from the South Australian Film Corporation. It is the first feature length film of Director Francis Annan, an award-winning short filmmaker with an extensive 16-year-career at BBC, which included directing primetime BBC One drama.



The unlikely hero, Tim Jenkin, is played by Daniel Radcliffe, best known for his role in the *Harry Potter* franchise and more recently in action thrillers such as *Jungle* and *Guns Akimbo*. Starring alongside Radcliffe is emerging Australian actor, Daniel Webber (*The Punisher*), with a strong supporting cast including Stephen Hunter (*The Hobbit franchise*), Ian Hart (*Mary Queen of Scots, The Last Kingdom*), as well as Aussies Mark Leonard Winter (*The Pacific*) and Nathan Page (*Miss Fishers' Murder Mysteries, Underbelly*).

Escape From Pretoria is the true story of Tim Jenkin (Daniel Radcliffe) and Stephen Lee (Daniel Webber), young, white South Africans branded "terrorists", and imprisoned in 1978 for working covert operations for Nelson Mandela's banned ANC. Incarcerated in Pretoria Maximum Security Prison, they decide to send the apartheid regime a clear message and escape! With breath-taking ingenuity, meticulous surveillance, and wooden keys crafted for 10 steel doors, they make a bid for freedom... Beyond a thrilling will-theywon't-they-escape, this is the story of an oppressed majority's struggle, and two ordinary men who stood-up to be counted in the pursuit of equality for all.

An extraordinary apartheid-era story, *Escape From Pretoria* is the gripping and ingenious thriller to see this month, and a must-watch for all fans of action and historical documentaries.

Made for the cinema, *Escape From Pretoria* is available to rent at home from 22 May, 2020 on Apple TV, Fetch, Foxtel, Google Play, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Store.

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