

BYE BYE KELLY

A Film by Mathieu Z'graggen



FULL LENGTH NARRATIVE
FEATURE 90 MIN

PRODUCTION COMPANY
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Obsessively fearful of a nuclear catastrophe, lonely, middle-aged bachelor Philippe decides to construct a fall-out shelter in his back yard, concealing the fact from his friends and family. He may wish to face the day of judgement in isolated splendour, but he has reckoned without the arrival of angry young teenager Kelly, whose own subterranean needs threaten to turn his plans on their head.

Set in the isolated badlands on the eastern border of France with Switzerland, *Bye Bye Kelly* is Mathieu Z'graggen's first feature film, a tragicomedy about loneliness and the need for human contact. In the manner of Jim Jarmush and Aki Kaurismäki, Z'graggen homes in on the telling detail, exploring with humour and poetry the downward pressures of economic deprivation, boredom and exposure – not to nuclear waste, but to the doomladen news headlines that distort the perceptions of ordinary human beings into superstition.

"He not busy being born is busy dying" Bob Dylan

DIRECTOR'S CREDITS

***Iceberg*– Fiction – 37 min**

Distribution : Agence du court-métrage

Festival de Locarno 2016 – compétition nationale

Festival de moyen-métrage La Cabina 2016 – compétition internationale

Indy Film Festival Indianapolis 2017 – compétition internationale

***Think Big* - Fiction – 28 min**

Diffusion : Alsace20 / Canal +

Distribution : Ouat Média

Festival Premiers Plans d'Angers 2015 – GRAND PRIX DU JURY compétition nationale

Festival de Clermont-Ferrand 2015 – compétition nationale

67ème Rencontres Interrégionales Est 2015 – GRAND PRIX DU JURY