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PRESS RELEASE

SLOW WEST



Michael Fassbender is a powerhouse in this journey across the American Frontier

On DVD and Blu-ray 2nd November, and digital download 19th October 2015.





Fast Sell:

Deconstructed western that explores love, death and civilization as outlaw Silas (Michael Fassbender) and his companion Jay (Kodi Smit-McPhee) travel America in search of Jay's long-lost sweetheart. With powerful performances all round and masterful storytelling from first-time writer-director John Maclean.

Key Talent:

Michael Fassbender (Shame, 12 Years a Slave, Prometheus)

Kodi Smit-McPhee (Dawn of the Planet of the Apes, The Road)

Ben Mendelsohn (Animal Kingdom, The Dark Knight Rises, Starred Up)





LIONSGATE

RELEASE INFORMATION

Distributor Lionsgate Home Entertainment

Certificate 15

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KEY TALENT INFORMATION

Director

John Maclean

Stars

- Michael Fassbender
- Kodi Smit-McPhee
- Ben Mendelsohn
- Caren Pistorious
- Rory McCann

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Caren Pistorious (TV's Offspring) Rory McCann (Hot Fuzz, Clash of the Titans, TV's Game of Thrones)

Writer & Director John Maclean (feature debut)

Synopsis:

When 16-year-old Jay Cavendish (Smit-McPhee) comes to the American frontier to search for the woman he loves, he meets mysterious traveler Silas (Fassbender), who agrees to be Jay's guide – but for his own dishonourable ends.

As they embark of a journey of hardships and self-discovery, a ruthless outlaw named Payne (Mendelsohn) pursues them, hoping to reach Jay's love first and claim the bounty on her head.

Why We Like It:

A brilliant example of a postmodern western, Slow West breaks down the genre to be intelligent, funny, violent, and strangely touching all at once.

As the directorial debut of musician and former Beta Band member John Maclean, it's little wonder that Slow West is so perfectly composed. He weaves together the Old West's stark landscapes, a pensive score, and poignant script to create something that's closer to a work of literature than an all-guns-blazing western.

The story's anchored by a powerhouse performance from Michael Fassbender, who once again proves why he's this generation's most infallible leading man. There are also career-making turns from Kodi Smit-McPhee and Caren Pistorious, while Ben Mendelsohn once again treads the line between humour and dark menace.

Slow West explores a wide range of themes on its journey through the American Frontier, including love, death, friendship and the nature of the civilized world. Unmissable.

Hot Quotes:

Daily Telegraph ★★★★
Daily Express ★★★★
The Guardian – "Tense, twisty and brilliant" $\star\star\star\star$
Empire ★★★★
The Times ***
Evening Standard ***
The Independent ***
Time Out ***
Zoo ****