



For Immediate Release

**OSCAR-WINNER TILDA SWINTON IN CANNES JURY PRIZE-WINNER
MEMORIA**



★★★★★

“A beautiful and mysterious movie”
The Guardian

“A powerful meditation on connection, spiritual isolation and renewal”
Screen Daily

“Transfixing”
Indiewire

“Spellbinding”
The Hollywood Reporter

**FROM ACCLAIMED FILMMAKER APICHA TPONG WEERASETHAKUL,
MEMORIA IS RELEASED IN UK 14th JANUARY 2022**

8th November 2021, London UK - Sovereign Film Distribution is proud to announce the release of acclaimed metaphysical drama **MEMORIA** on Jan 14 in UK cinemas.

Winner of the **Jury Prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival**, and nominated for the Palme d'Or, **Oscar-winner Tilda Swinton** (*The French Dispatch*, *The Souvenir*) stars in Apichatpong Weerasethakul's meditative exploration of memory and the human condition. *The Guardian* describes the film as “slow cinema that decelerates your heartbeat”, saying the actress and director make a “dream team”.

It's a film that starts with a literal bang, as Swinton embarks on a lyrical and profound journey into the senses that *Indiewire* describes as “a transfixing deep-dive into the profound challenges of relating to people and places”. The journey leads to an unexpected and extraordinary revelation where, as the actress herself explains, “all the wisdom in the world is being revealed to this person at this moment”.

Weerasethakul's *Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives* won the 2010 Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or prize at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival, and *Tropical Malady* won a jury prize at Cannes in 2004; **MEMORIA** is his long-awaited first English language feature shot outside his native Thailand, and his most accessible film to date - which had its UK premiere at the BFI London Film Festival on October 16th, at a sold-out special screening.

Synopsis: Visiting her sister in Bogota, Jessica (Tilda Swinton) is awoken by a loud bang, audible only to her. Restless and disoriented, she roams the city in search of an explanation for the mysterious sound, becoming immersed in the aural richness around her – whispers in a hospital room, sound effects playing in an editing studio, indiscreet

noises from a city square. Despite being present throughout, Jessica's motives remain opaque and her encounters enigmatic. Soon she begins to confront the unsettling sights and sounds that call her identity into question.

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MEMORIA WILL BE RELEASED IN UK CINEMAS ON 14TH JANUARY 2022

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MEMORIA: FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Memoria has already been shown at the Cannes Film Festival, where it won the Jury Prize and was nominated for the Palme d'Or; the BFI London Film Festival; the Jerusalem Film Festival; the Palic Film Festival; the San Sebastián International Film Festival; the New York Film Festival; and the Toronto International Film Festival.

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Previously acquired titles include Peru's entry into the Oscars 'SONG WITHOUT A NAME', which screened in the Directors' Fortnight section at the 72nd Cannes Film Festival; Philippine crime

drama 'VERDICT', which received the Special Orizzonti Jury Prize at the 76th Venice Film Festival; historical drama 'MALMKROG', which won Best Director in the Encounter section and opened the 70th Berlin Film Festival; Argentinian psychological thriller 'A COMMON CRIME', which received its world premiere at the 70th Berlin Film Festival; , the Sofia International Film Festival in Russia, and the CIFRA Hungarian Film Festival; 'PETROV'S FLU' from acclaimed Russian Director Kirill Serebrennikov, which played in Competition at the 74th Cannes Film Festival.

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