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**FOOTSOLDIER AND VILLAIN STAR CRAIG FAIRBRASS IS
ARRESTING OPPOSITE *BLUE STORY*'S STEPHEN ODUBOLA IN A
*VIOLENT MAN***



Vertigo Releasing is thrilled to announce the acquisition of *A VIOLENT MAN* (previously known as *Ire*), to be released in the UK and Ireland on 4th February 2022. *A VIOLENT MAN* is Ross McCall's (*White Collar*, *24*, *Band of Brothers*) directorial debut from his own script, and stars Craig Fairbrass (*Villain*, *Muscle*, *The Rise of the Footsoldier* franchise), Stephen Odubola (*Blue Story*), Jason Flemyng (*Boiling Point*, *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*) and Zoe Tapper (*Liar*).

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Fans of the legendary actor will not be disappointed by his latest performance as a hard-as-nails killer doing a 20-year-stretch for murder, in this uncompromising and impressive debut film. Bleak, brutal and brilliant, *A VIOLENT MAN* showcases a towering performance from Fairbrass, never better and riding high off acclaim from his recent string of well-reviewed thrillers including *Villain* and *Muscle*. The film sees Fairbrass teaming up again with the producers of *Villain*, who are also behind the upcoming film *Boiling Point*, starring Stephen Graham.

The film features an impressive supporting cast including Jason Flemyng and Stephen Odubola, who is outstanding as Fairbrass' troubled cellmate Marcus. *A VIOLENT MAN* is a gritty portrayal of the harsh realities of prison life, with a brooding score by two time BAFTA award-winning composer Austin Wintory. It's punctuated by moments of electrifying and ferocious violence, including a couple of truly savage cell face-offs that are shockingly effective and not for the faint of heart.

A VIOLENT MAN was shot during the summer of 2020 during the COVID 19 pandemic and the restrictions brought about by this. The film is produced by Bart Ruspoli, Hester Ruoff and Stefan D'Bart. An Ascendant Films and Burton Fox Films Production, in association with Bromantics, Athenry, Insight Media Fund, Alpine Films, The Electric Shadow Company and Conley Entertainment Group. Finance provided by Ascendant Films, Insight Media Fund and Conley Entertainment Group.

Synopsis: Steve Mackleson (Fairbrass) is a violent and dangerous prisoner, incarcerated for double murder in a maximum security prison, and wracked with inner turmoil about his past sins and unquenchable need for carnage. When Marcus (Odubola) becomes his new cell mate, and a daughter he has never met finally requests a chance to meet her estranged father, Steve must reconsider his nihilistic outlook and brutal outbursts. When Marcus becomes the victim of a revenge attack, Steve steps in to save him and they both become marked men, their sentences set to be cut short, the hard way.

A VIOLENT MAN WILL BE RELEASED IN CINEMAS AND ON DIGITAL PLATFORMS ON 4TH FEBRUARY

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