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SEE BERLIN GOLDEN BEAR-WINNER IN YOUR OWN HOME
BAD LUCK BANGING or LOONY PORN

EVERYONE HAS AN OPINION



“Riotously bonkers”
Sight & Sound

“Filmmaking like this is rare” ★★★★★
Ray Lobo, **BattleRoyaleWithCheese**

“Shocking, brilliant satire”
Indiewire

“Timely and very provocative” ★★★★★
Demetrious Matheou, **The Arts Desk**

“Daring... extremely bizarre”
Flickering Myth

“A movie-going experience you'll never forget”
Filmhounds

“Hilarious and shocking”
Reyzando Nawara, **The Spool**

BERLIN GOLDEN BEAR-WINNER NOW AVAILABLE ON DEMAND

28th January 2022, London UK - Following its screening at the **65th BFI London Film Festival**, and a strong theatrical run from 26th November last year, Sovereign's unique and brilliantly provocative comedy drama **BAD LUCK BANGING or LOONY PORN** is now available on **premium video on demand** and in **Virtual Cinemas**, and will also be released on **VOD** from February 21st.

Winner of the prestigious Golden Bear at the 71st Berlin International Film Festival, the latest film from Romanian writer/director Radu Jude (*The Happiest Girl in the World*) is wildly funny, alarmingly explicit, and extremely timely. It stars Katia Pascariu, in an astounding debut feature film performance, as a teacher who finds her career and reputation under threat after a personal, and very explicit, sex tape is leaked onto the Internet.

Shot in Romania in 2020, it incorporates the ongoing pandemic into the storyline, with the cast wearing masks on screen throughout. Featuring an explicit opening sequence that clearly sets out the film's themes from the start, *Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn* is a fearless and sometimes outrageous film that is bound to cause a stir.

The film, that also screened at the New York Film Festival, Busan International Film Festival, Sydney Film Festival and Cork International Film Festival amongst others, takes brutally effective potshots at 'the way we live now', recalling the experimental brilliance of the notorious 1967 cause celebre *I Am Curious Yellow* and Alan Arkin's sublimely dark tale of urban angst *Little Murders*, as well as the freewheeling irreverence of the French New

Wave. It is, as *Indiewire* tantalisingly suggests, “a John Waters-like eruption of grotesque rage and outré wish-fulfillment”, that *ScreenAnarchy* calls “ingenious”.

Synopsis: A video goes viral. It shows a man and a woman having sex while wearing masks. The woman is, nevertheless, identified. Too bad she is a teacher and supposed to be a role model. And this, moreover, in a (post-socialist but ultimately any) society that is about to get lost in a social network discourse of would-be healing squeaky-clean attitudes, pseudo-political knowing-it-all, sanctimonious chauvinism and grotesque conspiracy theories. Everyone has an opinion. The debate turns into a tribunal – about consensual sex, pornography and more.

Rated 18: Contains strong real sex, nudity, sexually abusive behaviour, very strong language

[WATCH THE TRAILER HERE](#)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

BAD LUCK BANGING: FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn has already been shown at the BFI London Film Festival, the Luxembourg City Film Festival, the Moscow International Film Festival, the Berlin International Film Festival, La Rochelle Film Festival, the Pula Film Festival in Croatia, the Transilvania International Film Festival, the Melbourne International Film Festival, and the Poland New Horizons International Film Festival.

ABOUT SOVEREIGN

SOVEREIGN releases auteur-driven feature films in the UK, from emerging and established international talent. Our carefully curated titles have played to strong critical and audience acclaim, often premiering at renowned international film festivals, including Cannes, Berlinale, Toronto, Venice and many more.

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; 'BAD LUCK BANGING', which won the Golden Bear at the 2021 Berlin International Film Festival; and most recently 'MEMORIA' from Palme d'Or winner Apichatpong Weerasethakul, starring Tilda Swinton which won the Cannes Jury Prize this year.

Sovereign Film Distribution is a division of **Sovereign Media Group**, a UK based media and entertainment company committed to telling important and relevant stories across film, theatre, music and the arts. Since establishing Sovereign Films, their productions include Palme d'Or winner 'THE TREE OF LIFE' (3 Oscar nominations), starring Sean Penn, Jessica Chastain and Brad Pitt; 'EFFIE GRAY', starring Dakota Fanning, Emma Thompson and Julie Walters; and 'VOYAGE OF TIME' with Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett. Their upcoming productions include 'TRIANGLE OF SADNESS' starring Woody Harrelson from acclaimed director Ruben Ostlund (winner of the Cannes Palme d'Or for 'The Square').

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