Latido Films is proud to announce that it will act as the international sales agent of ***WHEN THE TREES FALL*** by Marysia Nikitiuk, which has been selected in **Berlinale** **Panorama** 2018.

A Ukrainian, Polish and Macedonian co-production, *WHEN THE TREES FALL* is the feature debut by the talented young Ukrainian director, already well-known for her award winning short films.

Located in a small village in Ukraine, the film tells the difficulties of three generations of women who find themselves trapped by society and traditions, and how young Larysa, who has fallen in love with a young criminal, and Vitka, her 5-year old rebellious cousin, fight against their destiny.

According to Panorama:

 “The dark fairy tale ***Koly padayut pereva*** *(When the Trees Fall)* encompasses the frightening and enchanting experiences of three generations of women.”

Source: <https://www.berlinale.de/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/panorama/pan-presse-detail_41492.html>

It was very early in the writing process for *WHEN THE TREES FALL* when lead producer Igor Savychenko identified the potential of the screenplay and put together an assembly of experienced producers to help them, including the award-winning polish producers Dariusz Jabłoński (who was involved from the yearly stage, jumped onboard in 2014), Izabela Wójcik, Violetta Kaminska and Macedonian producer Darko Bashesi.

Marysia Nikitiuk’s great screenplay received a definitive boost when it was honoured with the prestigious Kieslowski award for the Best Script in Cannes 2016, as part of ScriptEast, the Creative Europe supported developing program.

The project was then selected as Work in Progress at prestigious events such as those held in Warsaw, Tallinn, Vilnius, Trieste & Odessa.

The film combines a cast of experienced and new talents such as Sonya Halaimova, Anastasiia Pustovit and Maksym Samchik. Directors of Photography Michal Englert and Mateusz Wichłacz have worked on acclaimed titles such as *Body­­­* (Małgorzata Szumowska) and *The Congress* (Ari Folman).

For Antonio Saura, Latido’s Managing Director: “*We fell in love with the screenplay, and have been privileged to have Igor Savychenko and Dariusz Jabłoński trust us with this jewel. In Marysia, we immediately saw a creator of stories and images that in a way reminded us of the great early works of Magic Realism and the paintings of Chagall. By combining the magic with the cruelty of a world were being a free woman is not always simple, Marysia manages to create a fascinating universe of her own, where passion and dreams coexist with violence and despair.*”

**MORE INFO:**

***WHEN THE TREES FALL***

*KOLY PADAYUT DEREVA*

Directed by MARYSIA NIKITIUK

DRAMA, FANTASY / Co-production: Ukraine, Poland, Macedonia / Language: Ukrainian / 2018 / 88 min

SYNOPSIS:

In a godforsaken post-Soviet village, Larysa has fallen in love with Scar, an attractive young criminal. After he heads to the city, she will be forced to follow the traditional life she has always refused. However, Vitka, her 5-year old rebellious cousin, holds a secret that can change everyone's destiny.

PRODUCERS:

The film is produced by Directory Films (Ukraine) in co-production with Message Film (Poland), Focus In (Macedonia), Solar Media Entertainment (Ukraine) with a support of Ukrainian State Film Agency, Polish Film Institute and Macedonian Film Agency.

 The group of producers consist of experienced in international co-productions: Igor Savychenko, Roman Klympush, Volodymyr Filippov and Serge Lavrenyuk from Ukraine, Izabela Wójcik, Violetta Kamińska, and Dariusz Jabłoński from Poland and Darko Basheski from Macedonia.