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Vermont International Film Festival - May Monthly Screening

Burlington, VT: (May 31st, 2018): VTIFF is pleased to announce the May film in its Monthly Screenings series.

Thursday, May 31st at 7pm, Main Street Landing Performing Arts Center - Film House:
FOXTROT

Directed by Samuel Maoz
Israel | 2018 | Fiction | 113 min
Major festivals | Venice – Grand Jury Prize Silver Lion

Michael and Dafna are devastated when army officials show up at their home to announce the death of their son Jonathan. While his sedated wife rests, Michael spirals into a whirlwind of anger only to experience one of life's unfathomable twists, which rival the surreal military experiences of his son..

This is a film that is controversial in more ways than one. Although vilified by Miri Regev, Israel's Minister for Culture and Sports as being "*anti-Israel*", it was also criticized by journalists on the left, such as Ha'aretz newspaper columnist Gideon Levy: "*The film unit of the Israel Defense Forces spokesman's office would not have dared produce such a pro-Israeli and pro-army film like Foxtrot; they would have known that nobody would believe them*".

Abroad, the reviews were full of praise, such as David Sims' of The Atlantic:

"*Foxtrot* is not a work of realism; the film doesn't offer a gritty window into the life of an Israeli family wrestling with loss. Samuel Maoz's drama, is a highly metaphorical triptych that's trying to grapple with the quagmire of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict".

Roger Ebert: "[...] a searing and phenomenal examination of what writer Paul Auster called "*The Music of Chance*." It is a formally gorgeous piece of work, the kind of film that exudes confidence in structure and tone, and it contains some of the most striking, memorable imagery of the year. Don't miss this one".

New York Times: "[...] a movie that builds into a devastating indictment of a nation, shock by shock, brutal moment by brutal moment". ~ Manolha Darjis

Links to High res stills: vtiff.org/press