



Direct from its recent Australian theatrical release comes Wim Wenders epic story of life and love!

Defiant Screen Entertainment is proud to present the dramatic romance **Submergence**, from Academy Award Nominated and acclaimed Director Wim Wenders, based on the best-selling novel by J.M. Ledgard and featuring outstanding performances from BAFTA Award Nominee James McAvoy and Academy Award Winner Alicia Vikander.

James More (McAvoy) is a British Secret Service agent. He is about to go on a dangerous undercover mission to Somalia to track down a source who can provide details of suicide bombers infiltrating Europe. Danny Flinders (Vikander) is a bio-mathematician working on a deep-sea diving project to explore the origin of life on our planet. When they meet by chance, they fall rapidly, and unexpectedly, in love. But their work will too soon tear them apart, and when James is taken hostage by Jihadist fighters, he has no way of contacting Danny to tell her he is alive before she embarks on her perilous quest to dive to the bottom of the ocean.

A multi-layered story that embraces some of life's most profound concerns, **Submergence** is based on the novel by J.M. Ledgard, who was inspired by his experiences living and working in Somalia. Ledgard constructed a highly intricate, cerebral novel interweaving three distinct but overlapping worlds. "The novel has three strands," he says. "One strand is set in Africa and about a British spy who is kidnapped by a Jihadist group. The second follows a professor at Imperial College, London who is a bio mathematician, which means she studies the volume of microbial life in the oceans. The third sees these two characters meeting in a hotel in France and forms the central part of the story. They have a passionate love affair. So really, it is about science, belief and love."

Director Wim Wenders says about the main actors: "James McAvoy is one of the great actors of his generation and he has demonstrated that with several films. He has played a very wide range of characters, but in there was also an actor who was able to deliver something very, very personal and close to his heart. And Alicia Vikander was very much as I imagined the character," continues Wenders. "She is very charismatic, very beautiful, very brilliant, and almost has an alchemy with the camera."

James McAvoy says about the movie: "Audiences will be moved by a beautiful love story and they will be terrified for the characters, but I think that they are going to be surprised at how educational the film is as well - about what is happening in our world both geo-politically and in terms of the danger the world is in physically. That does not sound like a love story and yet it is - it's about a love for your mission, a love for your belief, a love for your planet, a love between the characters, a love for your God; it is a love for all those things."

Separated by fate. Bound by destiny. **Submergence** is the compelling and mesmerising tale of two lovers connected by something much deeper. Following its Australian theatrical release on August 16, 2018 -

***Submergence* launches on DVD & Digital - Wednesday November 21, 2018**

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