

SUNRISE FILMS PRESENTS

THE COUNSEL

A FILM BY
CEDRIC ANGER

Cast

Léo Demarsan	BENOÎT MAGIMEL
Paul Vanoni	GILBERT MELKI
Eve	AÏSSA MAÏGA
Customs Officer	ERIC CARAVACA
Ben	SAMIR GUESMI
Jacques Meco	BARBET SCHROEDER

Crew

Writtend and Directed by	CÉDRIC ANGER
Cinematography	GUILLAUME SCHIFFMAN, AFC
Editor	SIMON JACQUET
Music	GRÉGOIRE HETZEL
Set Design	ANTOINE PLATTEAU
Costumes	MARIELLE ROBAUT
Sound Design	OLIVIER SCHWOB
	PIERRE ANDRE
	MARC DOISNE
Producer	THOMAS KLOTZ - SUNRISE FILMS
Co-producer	SND
Length	100'

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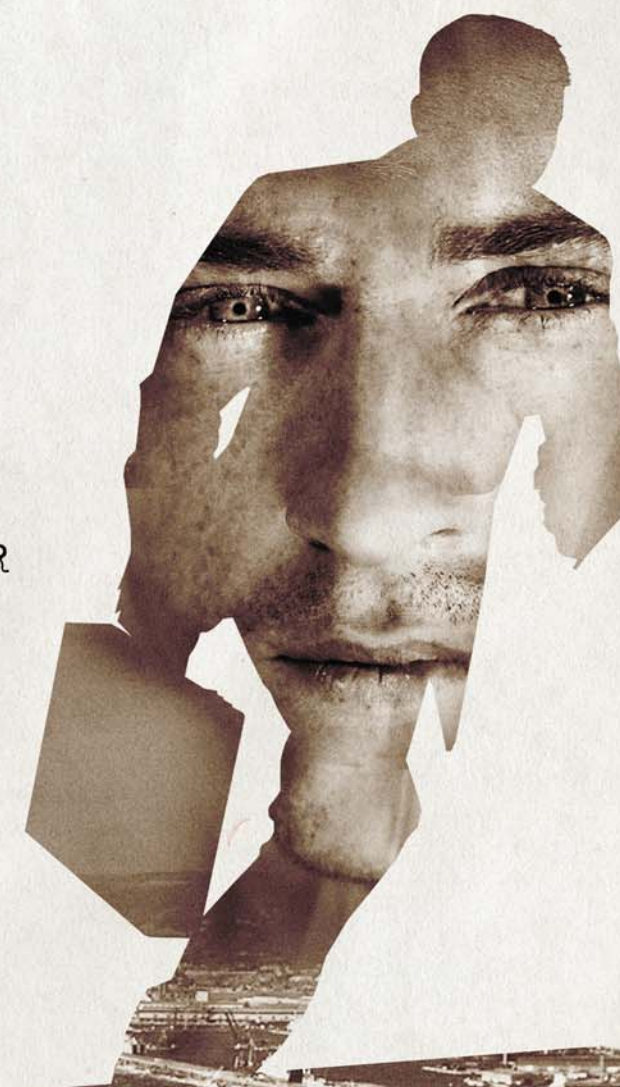
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BENOÎT MAGIMEL

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KEEP YOUR
FRIENDS CLOSE...

AND YOUR
ENEMIES CLOSER



Synopsis

Léo a young, ambitious attorney, is approached by **Paul Vanoni**, a businessman involved in the mob, for a job. First reluctant and troubled by Vanoni's past, Léo eventually accepts.

Passionate and gifted in his work, he achieves success in working for Vanoni. However, Léo soon forgets rule number one - never befriend your client.

As he becomes more involved with Vanoni, Léo must face the facts of his client's affairs: illegal dumping of toxic waste, murder, missing witnesses. It becomes obvious that the police have their eye on Léo and all he knows can be dangerous.

Tangled in a deadly scheme, he'll have to find a way to protect his family, his job... his life.

Behind The Camera

CÉDRIC ANGER'S first pic, *THE KILLER* (Rotterdam Official Selection, Louis Delluc Award nominated) revealed this newcomer's skill in creating a powerful universe.

With *THE COUNSEL*, Anger brings us the story of a man trapped in a relentless scheme in the line of *THE FIRM* and *GOODFELLAS*.

2009 *THE COUNSEL* Director & scriptwriter
2007 *THE KILLER (Le Tueur)* Director & scriptwriter
2005 *THE YOUNG LIEUTENANT (Le Petit Lieutenant)*
by Xavier Beauvois co-writer
2002 *TWO (Two)* by Werner Schroeter co-writer

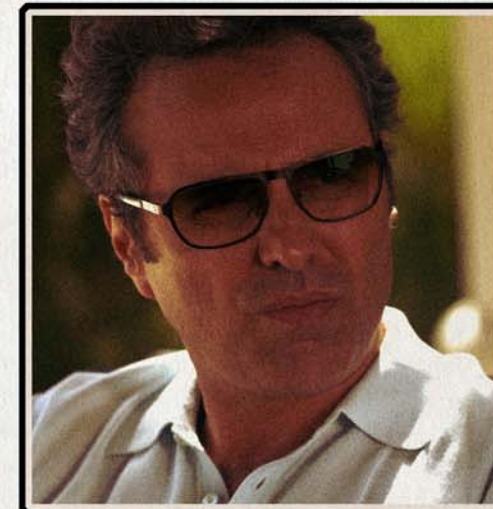


Benoît Magimel is **Léo Demarsan**

Benoît Magimel's first break was as a child actor for the big hit French comedy *LIFE IS A LONG QUIET RIVER* by Etienne Chatiliez at the age of 14. He has since been working with some of France's most prominent directors such as Olivier Dahan or Claude Chabrol as well as receiving a break on the international scene with Michael Haneke.

THE COUNSEL, his return to a genre closer to the *Crimson River*, promises to be a success.

2007 *THE GIRL CUT IN TWO* by Claude Chabrol
2004 *CRIMSON RIVER 2* by Olivier Dahan
2001 *THE PIANO TEACHER* by Michael Haneke (Best Actor, Cannes Film festival)



Gilbert MELKI is **Paul Vanoni** (A figure of the Mob, Léo's main client)

2007 *THE GIRL CUT IN TWO* by Claude Chabrol
2007 *INTIMATE ENEMIES* by Florent Emilio Siri
2004 *CRIMSON RIVER 2* by Olivier Dahan
2001 *THE PIANO TEACHER* by Michael Haneke (Best Actor, Cannes Film festival)



Aïssa MAÏGA is **Eve** (Léo's girlfriend)

2006 *PARIS, JE T'AIME* (segment "PLACE DES FÊTES") by Oliver Schmitz
2005 *CACHÉ* by Michael Haneke
RUSSIAN DOLLS: POT LUCK 2 by Cedric Klapish

Eric CARAVACA is a police officer (investigating on Vanoni)

2008 *A FRENCH GIGOLO* by Josiane Balasko
2001 *OFFICER'S WARD* by François Dupeyron
2000 *WHAT'S LIFE* by François Dupeyron, (Most Promising Actor, Cesar)



Samir GUESMI is **Ben** (Vanoni's employee & Léo's friend)

2006 *TELL NO ONE* by Guillaume Canet
2004 *DISTRICT 13* by Pierre Morel



Barbet SCHROEDER is **Jacques Meco** (Léo's Mentor)

AS AN ACTOR
2007 *THE DARJEELING LIMITED* by Wes Aderson
2006 *PARIS, JE T'AIME* (segment "PORTE DE CHOISY") by Christopher Doyle