

# Award-winning feature “CANDiLAND” starring Oscar nominee Gary Busey to be released in the US on February 7th

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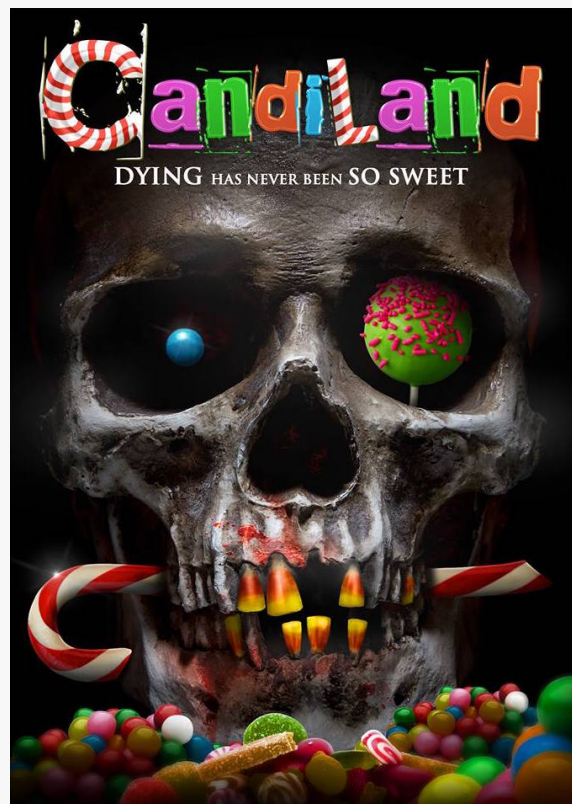
The award-winning “[CANDiLAND](#)” stars Oscar nominee Gary Busey (The Buddy Holly Story, Lethal Weapon), Chelah Horsdal (Man in The High Castle, Hell on Wheels) and James Clayton (Minority Report, The 100). The feature film will be released in the United States on February 7th, 2017, by Viva Pictures Distribution, LLC.

[IndustryWorks Studios](#) will release the film theatrically in Canada in select theatres beginning February 3rd, 2017.

CANDiLAND tells the story of intensified mutual attraction to the point of deadly obsession. New lovebirds Peter (James Clayton) and Tess (Chelah Horsdal) find solace in each other's brokenness. They decide to isolate themselves from the world inside Peter's apartment, creating their own reality – CANDiLAND, but their possessive love descends into a surreal savagery. Their only hope to survive is the intervention of Peter's estranged father Arnie (Gary Busey). But will he reach them in time?

Gary Busey states, "CANDiLAND teaches us to pay attention to the heart of the injured like you haven't paid attention before."

CANDiLAND marks a nuanced departure for Busey, who has been seen as a contestant in reality TV shows such as NBC'S The Apprentice and ABC's Dancing with the Stars. Busey was drawn to the role, finding parallels between his character, Arnie, and himself, and the echoes of the father/son relationship shown in the film familiar. His performance is earnest and sincere.



Based on the novel by Elizabeth Engstrom, CANDiLAND was written and directed for the screen by Rusty Nixon. The film was featured at The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival 2016 (<http://julienfilmfest.com>), where it won Best World Premiere, and at The Sunscreen Festival 2016, one of only 23 film festivals nationwide to be sponsored and acknowledged by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science, where Gary Busey received the Legacy Award (<http://sunscreenfilmfestival.com>).



"Elizabeth Engstrom's cult novel has haunted me since I first read it twenty years ago. It was an honor to bring the book to life and to work with such a passionate cast and crew to create an unforgettable film experience." – Rusty Nixon, Director.

#### RELEASE DETAILS:

USA: Available on DVD at Walmart, other retailers and rental Kiosks

USA: Available on VOD on iTunes, Amazon, Vudu

Canadian Premiere: February 3rd, 2017, Vancouver, Canada – Rio Theatre 1660 E Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5N 1W1 – 8 pm press & arrival, 8:30 pm show, Facebook Live Panel Discussion to follow.

In attendance: Rusty Nixon (writer/director), Chelah Horsdal (Actor), Elizabeth Engstrom (Novelist), and James Clayton (Actor).

Limited tickets available: Pre-order: \$10.00 Door: \$12.00. <https://riotheatretickets.ca>

#### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT CANDiLAND:

"The most nerve-wrecking film of the year" – Jayme Schmitt - DSRP- Julien Dubuque International Film Festival

"CANDiLAND is an ambitious and unsettling film driven by brave, committed performances. " – Ben Ratner – Actor/Director/writer – Down River

"CANDiLAND will grab you by the throat and won't let you go until the very end." – Tony Armer – Co-Founder of Sunscreen International Film Festival & Film Commissioner of St. Petersburg Clearwater, Florida.

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