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A FEATURE FILM · MALTA

WAITING TO HEAR FROM JULIA

INSIDE THE TURMOIL. OUTSIDE THE SILENCE.

PRODUCTION FUNDING AWARDED

€347,000

Arts Council Malta

Screen Support Scheme — Strand 4: Production, 2026.
Following development support under Strand 2, 2025.

Partly financed: 38.5% of the budget confirmed. Shooting 2027.

LOGLINE

A grief-stricken husband is forced into isolation with his estranged daughter, where buried guilt and supernatural signs blur the line between hope, rage, and reality.

GENRE

A grief drama that carries the unease of the supernatural.

LANGUAGE

Shot in Maltese, a language rarely heard in cinema.

DEBUT FEATURE

The first feature by Shirley Spiteri Mintoff, after award-winning shorts.

PRODUCTION-READY

Final script, chain of title and a 25-day shooting plan in place.

CAST

Led by actors familiar to Maltese audiences from film and TV.

BUDGET

Under €1m: one principal location, a small cast, a tight shoot.

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Synopsis

March 2020. Matteo Dimech, 49, is a disciplined chauffeur to Malta's Prime Minister — and a man hollowed out by grief. Since his wife Julia died, he has clung to prayer and alcohol in equal measure, counting down to their wedding anniversary: a day he means to spend "alone with her."

As lockdown falls, his estranged daughter Katy, 26, an outspoken activist, comes home unexpectedly — and sick. His immaculate apartment becomes both tomb and battleground.

When Katy's reckless boyfriend triggers a second quarantine, the anniversary is lost. Matteo starts calling Julia's old mobile just to hear her voicemail. Then a message arrives from her number: **SEE YOU TOMORROW.**

What follows breaks him — and folds time in on itself. Months later, in a small café in Sicily, the finished jigsaw hangs on the wall. Julia's face is still missing.

"This is not a ghost story — it's the story of how grief creates its own hauntings."

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PRODUCTION

Status	Financing & pre-production
Shoot	25 days · 2027
Locations	Marsaxlokk, Malta · Cefalù, Sicily
Budget	€967,909
Format	Feature fiction, approx. 90 min
Seeking	A European minority co-producer

FINANCING

38.5% confirmed

- **Confirmed · €372,745**
  Arts Council Malta production award €347,000 + producer equity €25,745
- **Provisional · €207,164**
  Malta Film Commission 40% cash rebate
- **To be secured · €388,000**
  Eurimages + minority co-producer equity and territory funds

THE TEAM

DIRECTOR
Shirley Spiteri Mintoff
Feature debut, after award-winning shorts *Friend or Foe* and *Alicia*

WRITER
Mark Doneo
Creator of *Solitaire*; *The Weeping House of Qala*

PRODUCER
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Malta, since 2006. Drama, TV series and international line production

LINE PRODUCER
Felicity Babao
Extensive international studio service credits

ARTS COUNCIL

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