

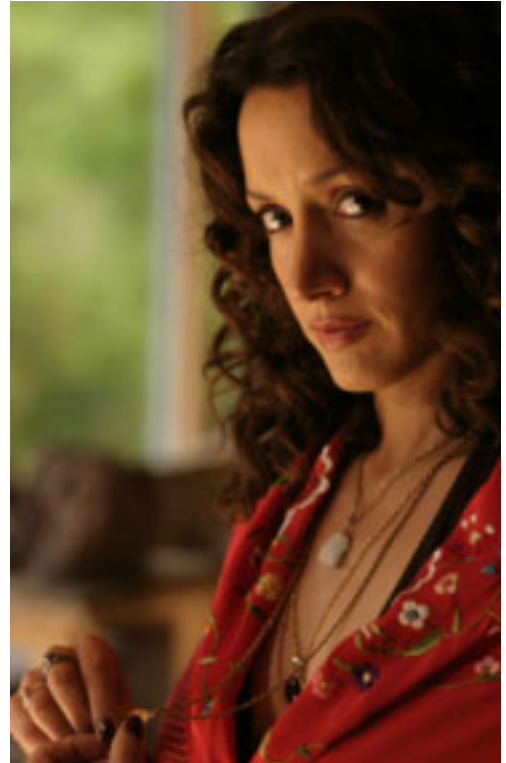
DESOLATION SOUND

STARRING: JENNIFER BEALS
ED BEGLEY JR.
LOTHAIRE BLUTEAU
HELENE JOY
IAN TRACEY

DIRECTOR: SCOTT WEBER
WRITER: GLYNIS DAVIES
PRODUCER: MARY ANNE WATERHOUSE

EXEC. PRODUCERS: SCOTT WEBER
TIM GAMBLE
MICHAEL SHEPARD

SHOT: JUNE 2004
DELIVERY: JANUARY 2005
GENRE: THRILLER
RUNNING TIME: 97:00 MIN.
FORMAT: 35 MM: COLOUR



The Log Line

In an explosive accident Elizabeth falls to her death and Laurel, blaming herself, buries her best friend's body in the rose garden until guilt and remorse take their toll...

Synopsis

LAUREL ELLIOTT (Hélène Joy) has moved to the beautiful but isolated wilderness of Desolation Sound with her daughter and her emotionally distant and frequently absent husband, MICHAEL (Ian Tracey). The seeming calm of their rural existence is shaken by the unexpected arrival of Laurel's lifelong friend ELIZABETH (Jennifer Beals).

Michael's apprehension of Elizabeth's arrival belies a secret past, a secret that Elizabeth is no longer willing to hide.

Once Elizabeth has Laurel to herself she drunkenly exposes Michael's secret. An argument and tussle ensues, ending with horrific abruptness when Elizabeth falls to her death.

Laurel turns for help to her only friend BENNY (Lothaire Bluteau), a recluse attempting to escape from his own demons in the wilds of Desolation Sound. Together they hide Elizabeth's body.

Obsessed by guilt, Laurel slowly begins to absorb the persona of Elizabeth. DOUG SHEPPARD (Ed Begley Jr.), a lonely small town Sheriff, becomes increasingly drawn to Laurel as she explores her new identity.

A cinematic noir with deep psychological undertones, Desolation Sound tracks the disintegration and resurrection of a woman struggling to come to terms with the death of her friend.

The Producer

MARY ANNE WATERHOUSE

Mary Anne has been involved in over forty film and television productions with both Canadian and American companies.

Most recently Mary Anne co-produced Stephen King's *Kingdom Hospital*, for Sony and ABC and in 2002, she produced *100 Days in the Jungle*, which was awarded a Gemini for Best Television Movie.

The Director

SCOTT WEBER

Originally an actor, Scott is an accomplished director of large format and special venue films; this is his first feature film.

Scott has received multiple awards and nominations for his short films including a Genie Award nomination, three Leo Awards and the Shavick Award for Best Emerging Director in Western Canada.

The Cast

JENNIFER BEALS - Elizabeth



Jennifer Beals' 1983 debut in *Flashdance* brought her into the public eye and earned her a Golden Globe nomination.

She later appeared in a number of award winning independent films, including *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*, *In the Soup*, *Devil in a Blue Dress* and *Four Rooms*

Ms. Beals recently appeared in *Rodger Dodger* and *Runaway Jury*, and is currently starring in *The L Word* for Showtime.

ED BEGLEY JR. - Doug



Ed Begley Jr. is most famous for his Emmy nominated portrayal of Dr. Victor Ehrlich on the television series *St. Elsewhere*.

Mr. Begley's thirty years in film and television have resulted in literally hundreds of film and television credits, most recently *Six Feet Under* and *Kingdom Hospital*.

He is a regular member of Christopher Guest's ensemble cast in such feature films as *A Mighty Wind* and *Best in Show*.

LOTHAIRE BLUTEAU - Benny



An award winning French Canadian actor, Lothaire Bluteau is best known for his outstanding lead performances in Bruce Beresford's *Black Robe*, Robert Lepage's *Le Confessionnal* and Denys Arcand's *Jesus of Montreal*.

Lothaire recently appeared in the series *24*, as well as several episodes of *Law and Order*.

Other notable feature film credits include *I Shot Andy Warhol*, *Bent*, and *Julie Walking Home*.

HÉLÈNE JOY - Laurel



Originally from Australia, Hélène Joy, has experienced great success since moving to North America with a lead role in the award winning CBC series *An American in Canada*.

Notable guest television appearances include *The Chris Isaak Show*, *Outer Limits*, *The Twilight Zone* and Mary Riley in *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

IAN TRACEY - Michael



Gemini Award winning actor, Ian Tracey is best known for his role as Mike Leary in the internationally acclaimed television series, *Da Vinci's Inquest*.

Tracey's feature film credits include the recent *Owning Mahoney*, *Open Range* and *Insomnia*.

Ian has appeared in a number of TV movies, including the title role in *The David Milgaard Story*, for which he won the Gemini Award for Best Actor.

Theatrical Distribution



Canadian Distributor: **Equinoxe Films**

Desolation Sound will be released theatrically in Canada by **Equinoxe Films** who recently released “The Passion of the Christ”, and previously had success with “Mambo Italiano” and “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”. According to Yves Dion, Vice President, Distribution, “we are thrilled to be part of this tremendous project. It is a very good script – and ultimately that is what it’s all about”.

World Wide Sales: **Thunderbird Films**

Thunderbird Films is a distributor of television programs and feature films. The company's goal is to provide producers with exceptional, reliable and accountable distribution services. Thunderbird may put up distribution advances and/or provide executive producer services in exchange for distribution rights. The company's principals are in a unique position to achieve these goals because of their personal relationships with television and film buyers worldwide.

USA Sales: **Program Partners**

Program Partners is an innovative production and distribution enterprise that collaborates with television networks, sponsors and audiences to create original forms of media entertainment. Led by a core group of entertainment and marketing industry executives with solid credentials in original series development, production and distribution, Program Partners provides distinctive original programming, while fostering new creative alliances with advertisers, broadcasters and global co-production entities.



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