



FESTIVAL DE CANNES

OFFICIAL SELECTION  
COMPETITION

lars & peter

*A naïve and innocent boy accidentally witnesses his widowed father in a desperate act.*

## SYNOPSIS

Lars (9) is naïve and innocent, all he wants is for his father to be happy and his family to be together. Lars' mother is gone and life has been empty and dysfunctional without her. On the eve of his birthday, Lars' dad, Peter, gets himself drunk and after an embarrassing argument with the next-door neighbour, Alma, masturbates in the backyard. Lars sees everything.

Now things are worse than ever. Lars is all alone, struggling to understand what he has seen, he has to figure everything out by himself...

## DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Daniel Borgman, born 1981, Dunedin, New Zealand, has a degree in film and media studies from Otago University, New Zealand, and a number of years experience as a digital effects and grading artist in the film industry. Lars and Peter, shot in Denmark, is Daniel's second short film. Daniel currently has two short film productions in post production, Behaviour and Kaleidoscope, both due to be completed in August 2009.

## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Lars and Peter is about the distance in understanding between an adult and a child, a father and his young son, and how difficult it can be to bridge that gap especially when dealing with issues that are very personal and difficult to discuss.

As a director, I really want to get to the heart of how things feel to a person, rather than what one should rationally think about how they are behaving. I don't think that any one person is either right or wrong, or good or bad. People are just all struggling to deal with life as best they can. But as hard as life can be, there is a kind of beauty in it as well. Life is hard, but it's also really beautiful, and film is a great medium in which to render that contrast.

## CAST

Lars	Jacob August Ottensten
Peter	Stephan Pollner
Alma	Lisa Carlehed
Lasse	Gorm Villads Jørholt

## CREW

Writer & Director	Daniel Borgman
Producer	Katja Adomeit
Cinematographer	Niels Buchholzer
Editor	Dorrit Andersen
Composer	Jonas Colstrup
Gaffer	Gabriel Stefan
Production design	Helle Kirstine Egsgaard
	Sigrid Thing
Costume Design	Melanie Soriano
Sound Design	Håkon Garpestad

## TECHNICAL INFO

Title	Lars and Peter
Genre	Drama
Length	15 min.
Original Format	RED1
Screening Format	35 mm
Screen Ratio	cinemascope
Sound	Dolby Digital 5.1
Language	Danish
Subtitles	English / French
Country of Origin	Denmark / New Zealand
Year of Production	2009

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