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## **The 2015-2016 Aventura Foreign Film Continues on December 8 with the Award-winning Film *The Verdict***

**AVENTURA, Fla.** – Gripping and award-winning film *The Verdict* will be screened at **Aventura Arts & Cultural Center on Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m.** This critically acclaimed courtroom drama portrays a Belgian man, Luc, who exposes a serious flaw in his country's judicial system after a procedural error facilitates the release of his wife's murderer and forces him to take matters into his own hands.

Though there is much public outrage after Luc's wife's killer is set free, the outcome remained the same. Luc's fury causes him to stalk his wife's murderer, whom he eventually kills. Luc then admits all responsibility and demands his case go to trial – facing off with and challenging a court system that already failed him so egregiously.

*The Verdict* premiered in 2013 at the Montreal International Film Festival, where it garnered the award for Best Director. The film also was awarded a Special Jury Prize at the Chicago Film Festival. Rave reviews include Clarence Taul of *The Hollywood Reporter* who wrote, "Belgian filmmaker Jan Verheyen's (riveting) courtroom drama challenges the viewer." Dennis Harvey from *Variety* called the film "Compelling, and accomplished," while Mark Adams, *Screen Daily*, described *The Verdict* as "A clever and tense courtroom drama."

Shelly Isaacs, founder/programmer and commentator for South Florida's popular Café Cinematheque International programs, will introduce the film and lead a post-screening discussion.

*The Verdict* is presented in Dutch with English subtitles.

Tickets for individual screenings are \$11. All screenings are general admission and the auditorium opens for seating 30 minutes prior to the start time. Other films in the series include *About Elly* (January 12), *Phoenix* (February 9), *The Dinner* (March 1) and *Living Is Easy with Eyes Closed* (March 29).

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at [aventuracenter.org](http://aventuracenter.org); by phone at 877-311-7469; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation on Twitter at #aventuracenter.

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