



Cinema International

Country : France

## La Bete

The Beast

2023 / Colour / 146 minutes / English



**Director :** Bertrand Bonello

**Cinematographer :** Joseee Deshaies

**Editor :** Anita Roth

**Music :** Bertrand Bonello, Anna Bonello

**Cast :** Lea Seydoux, George MacKay

**Synopsis :** Gabrielle decides to purify her DNA in a machine that will plunge her into her past lives and rid her of all strong feelings. In the process, she reunites with her love, Louis. The film divides itself into three timelines while suggesting an infinity of further possible narratives across space and time, all playing out variants on the themes of thwarted love and ruin foretold.



**Director's Biography :** Bertrand Bonello, born on 11 September 1968, is a French film director, screenwriter, producer, composer and actor. His work has been associated with the New French Extremity. He wrote and directed *Something Organic* (1998), *The Pornographer* (2001), *Tiresia* (2003), *Cindy: The Doll Is Mine* (2005), *On War* (2008), *House of Tolerance* (2011), *Saint Laurent* (2014), *Nocturama* (2016), *Zombi Child* (2019), *Coma* (2022), and *The Beast* (2023). He also starred in *Portrait of the Artist* (2015), and *Titane* (2021). He was nominated for the Cesar Award for Best Director for *Saint Laurent*, and was named a Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters in France in 2015.

