



Cinema International

Country : Philippines

MORO

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2023 / Colour / 80 minutes / Philippine Sign Language



Director : Brillante Mendoza

Producer : Krisma Maclang Fajardo

Cinematographer : Odyssey Flores

Editor : Ysabelle Denoga

Music : Jake Abella

Cast : Lauric Guillen, Piolo Pascua, Baron Geisler, Christopher De Leon

Synopsis : Set in the Maguindanao region of Western Mindanao, Philippines, *Moro* follows two polar opposite brothers- Jasim and Abdel. After having an ominous dream involving her deceased husband, their mother attempts to reconcile the two brothers. With the assistance of the local community, the family finds a semblance of peace. However, unexpected government intervention soon plunges the entire region into a state of severe violence.



Director's Biography : Brillante Mendoza, born in 1960, in San Fernando, is one of the most famous directors from the Philippines. Mendoza has won awards at the Cannes, Berlin, and Venice film festivals. He has received the Golden Leopard at Locarno for his feature debut, *Masahista* (2005), and became the first Filipino director to win Best Director at Cannes with *Kinatay* (2009). In 2014, the director was honored with Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from France. Some of his notable works include *Ma' Rosa* (2016) and *Mindanao* (2019). His *Gensan Punch* (2021) has received the Jiseok Award at the Busan International Film Festival.