



CUPID.

SENT TO EARTH.
ON A MISSION.

VENUS AS A BOY



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Venus as a Boy is an utterly original, deeply sexy and profoundly magical film, adapted from the astonishing and acclaimed novel by Whitbread nominated Scottish writer Luke Sutherland.

"A searing, heart breaking work of beauty." *The Guardian*

"Elegant and sublime." *The Independent*

"Compelling and fantastical." *The Bookseller*

The film tells the story of Cupid sent to earth on a mission to become a saint to those on the wilder shores of sex.

Cupid grows up on the Islands of Orkney armed only with a powerful sexuality, a profound beauty and a number of divine bedroom gifts.

As Cupid's talents require a grander stage he departs to work in a Motel in the Highlands where his destiny takes shape and his gifts mature before moving to London to work as a transsexual prostitute. Here, guided by his Rumanian pimp and the outrageous American transsexual Wendy he emerges into his final sainthood.

The film has been developed with the support of Film Four, Screen Yorkshire and Scottish Screen and with the support of The Screen South and Skillset Cine Euro programme.

Currently financing to budget at £1 million to shoot in Scotland and London Autumn 2009.

A Picture Palace North Film.

Director: **Morag McKinnon**
Producer: **Alex Osborne**
Executive Producer: **Malcolm Craddock**
Screenplay: **Nick Whitby and Morag McKinnon**

MORAG MCKINNON

Directed BAFTA Winning short film HOME. First feature ROUNDING UP DONKEYS co - produced by Sigma Film / Zentropa in post production.

ALEX USBORNE

Producer of five feature films including the multi award-winning THE ACID HOUSE from the short stories by Irvine Welsh directed by Paul McGuigan, the recently released low budget charmer SPECIAL PEOPLE as well as two feature documentaries from his home town of Sheffield – TALES FROM A HARD CITY and FUCKING SHEFFIELD. Has won over 20 international awards including the Prix Italia, RTS Awards and two BAFTA nominations.

MALCOLM CRADDOCK

Recent TV films include SHARPE (16 TV movies for ITV, starring Sean Bean) A LIFE FOR A LIFE (ITV, starring Olympia Dukakis), which was nominated for the PRIZ ITALIA and BAFTA, and won the RTS Awards for Best Writer and Best Newcomer, and REBEL HEART for the BBC and the film PING PONG.

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