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EAT SLEEP DIE (ÄTA SOVA DÖ)

SWEDEN | 2012 | 104 MIN | SWEDISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES SATURDAY, SEPT 26 | 9:45 PM | FOX-BAY CINEMA FRIDAY, OCT 2 | 11:45 AM | ORIENTAL THEATRE

When no-nonsense, 20-something, Balkan immigrant Rasa finds herself relieved of her position as a factory worker, she's thrust into the miasma of Sweden's unemployment program for immigrants, a job hunt mired in bureaucracy where numerous candidates fight over limited opportunities, all the while resolute in her attempts to find gainful employment in order to care for her ailing father. Winner of the audience award at the Venice Film Festival, *Eat Sleep Die* is a stunning debut from director Gabriela Pichler, a naturalistic rallying cry for low-wage workers anchored by a magnetic performance from newcomer Nermina Lukac.

DIR Gabriela Pichler | *Feature Debut* PROD China Åhlander SCR Gabriela Pichler



EGO

SWEDEN | 2013 | 100 MIN | SWEDISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES SATURDAY, SEPT 26 | 7 PM | FOX-BAY CINEMA MONDAY, SEPT 28 | 9:45 PM | AVALON THEATER WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30 | 3:30 PM | ORIENTAL THEATRE

Superficial young Sebastian is an aspiring musician who spends his nights partying and engaging in unfulfilling one-night stands. As he is on the verge of achieving his dreams of a recording contract, a freak accident leaves him blinded and lashing out at the world. With Sebastian unable to cope with this new reality, his parents hire young caretaker Mia to save him from himself—and with her help, he begins to see the world in a new light. But when an opportunity to regain his sight through surgery is proposed, Sebastian must learn to see past appearances and look within in this winning Swedish romantic comedy.

DIR Lisa James Larsson | *Feature Debut* PROD Tomas Michaelsson SCR Lisa James Larsson COMMUNITY PARTNER: BEST PLACE