

Italian Filmmaker Angelo Antonucci Announces Theatrical Release of Controcorrente – À rebours (Against the Grain)

Psychological drama inspired by J.K. Huysmans' classic novel À rebours explores identity, imagination, and visual storytelling through contemporary cinema

ROME, ITALY, July 2, 2026

/EINPresswire.com/ -- Italian filmmaker Angelo Antonucci has announced the upcoming theatrical release of *Controcorrente – À rebours (Against the Grain)*, a feature film inspired by J.K. Huysmans' influential novel *À rebours*. Scheduled for theatrical release on June 25, 2026, the film combines visual storytelling, psychological exploration, and immersive cinematic techniques to introduce one of French literature's most recognized works to contemporary audiences.

The film follows Giovanni, a young aesthete who retreats from modern society into an isolated villa. As he withdraws from the outside world, the boundaries between memory, reality, and imagination gradually dissolve.

Through a carefully crafted visual and sonic approach, the story explores themes of identity, perception, isolation, and personal transformation.

Directed and edited by Angelo Antonucci, *Controcorrente – À rebours* continues the filmmaker's exploration of cinema as a visual and emotional language. Drawing inspiration from the



traditions of European art cinema, the production emphasizes atmosphere, imagery, and psychological depth while offering audiences an immersive cinematic experience.

"My film stands outside the schemes of traditional narrative cinema," said director Angelo Antonucci. "I drew inspiration, with great respect and thorough research, from the visionary cinema of Fellini and Antonioni. More seen than spoken, the film is a journey through the imagination and imaginary world of the restless, decadent character from Huysmans' novel, a surreal voyage in which the past reconnects with the present and the present with the past."

The screenplay was written by Ekaterina Khudenkikh and is based on Huysmans' novel. The adaptation translates the literary work into a cinematic experience that combines visual storytelling with psychological and emotional themes.

The cast features Emanuele Macone as Giovanni, alongside French actor François-Eric Gendron and actress Noemi Gherrero, whose performances bring depth and emotional complexity to the film's central characters.

Since its initial presentation, *Controcorrente – À rebours (Against the Grain)* has received official selections and awards at numerous international film festivals across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and North America. Festival recognition includes the Festival Internazionale del Cinema di Salerno, Cine Paris Film Festival, Sweden Film Awards, Berlin International Picture Awards, Dubai City Film Festival, Sittannavasal International Film Festival, Peshawar International Film Festival, Global Independent Film Festival of India, Jalgaon International Film Festival, Asian Talent International Film Festival, Ideal International Film Festival, Direct Monthly Film Festival, Miami Cinematic International Festival, and Poombukar Independent Film Festival.

International sales and distribution are being handled by Nexus Entertainment Ltd for the United Kingdom and United States markets.

Film Information

Title: *Controcorrente – À rebours (Against the Grain)*

Director & Editor: Angelo Antonucci

Screenplay: Ekaterina Khudenkikh

Based on: *À rebours* by J.K. Huysmans

Cast: Emanuele Macone, François-Eric Gendron, Noemi Gherrero

Country: Italy

Year: 2025

Runtime: 111 minutes

Format: Color

Theatrical Release: June 25, 2026

International Sales & Distribution: Nexus Entertainment Ltd (United Kingdom and United States)

About Angelo Antonucci

Angelo Antonucci is an Italian filmmaker and editor whose work explores visual storytelling, psychological themes, and cinematic expression. His films examine the relationship between imagery, narrative, and human perception while drawing inspiration from the traditions of European art cinema.

Media Relations

Elite Group Distribuzione

elitegroupdistribuzione@gmail.com

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/923788589>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2026 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.