



“The Life Ahead”, produced by Palomar (Mediawan), receives two Golden Globe nominations

Paris, Feb 4th, 2021 – Mediawan, one of the main independent European studios producing audiovisual content, is proud to announce that “The Life Ahead”, produced by its Italian subsidiary Palomar (in collaboration with Artemis Rising Foundation), has been [nominated twice for the 2021 Golden Globes](#):

- Best Picture - Foreign Language
- Best Song Motion Picture (for Laura Pausini’s “Io Sì”)

The film, an adaptation of Romain Gary’s famed novel “La Vie Devant Soi” (The Life Ahead), which won the 1975 Prix Goncourt, marked the return of Sophia Loren to the big screen for the first time in a decade, and was directed by her son, Edoardo Ponti, while her co-star, Ibrahima Gueye, also made a remarked performance.

The film was meant to be released in theaters in Italy on November 3rd 2020 and was released on Netflix globally on November 13th. In the following days, it was ranked among the platform’s top 5 movies in over 20 countries, including Italy, the United States, Mexico, France, Spain and Israel.

“The nomination of The Life Ahead reflects Mediawan’s commitment to gather the best talents and use emblematic European IPs to create original contents that can reach audiences globally. We are extremely proud of Carlo, Nicola and all our Italian team today”, said Pierre-Antoine Capton, Chairman of the Board of Mediawan.

Mediawan and its production companies have been active in cinema in the last few years, with acclaimed movies like Giorgio Diritti’s “*Volevo Nascondermi*” (Hidden Away), also produced by Palomar, which was awarded the Silver Bear for Best Actor at the Berlin Film Festival, the Nastro dell’Anno (film of the year award) 2020 by the Italian Film Critics’ Association, the Globo d’Oro for best movie by the Italian foreign press association and two European Film Awards for Best Cinematography and Best Costume.

SYNOPSIS

In the colourful Italian port city of Bari, the streetwise 12-year-old Senegalese orphan Momo (Ibrahima Gueye) has ambitions to make his fortune in the underworld of the town’s shady alleyways. One day, he steals a bag of items from the elderly Madame Rosa (Sophia Loren), a Holocaust survivor who makes a meagre living raising the children of prostitutes with whom she once shared the streets. When Momo is forced to apologize to Rosa, she reluctantly agrees to take him in temporarily and the two lonely individuals find an unlikely family in each other through a deep and unconventional bond. The kindred spirits become connected to a common destiny that will change the course of their lives. The Life Ahead is directed by Edoardo Ponti and adapted by Ponti, Ugo Chiti from Romain Gary’s novel The Life Ahead. The film stars Sophia Loren, Ibrahima Gueye, Renato Carpentieri, Iosif Diego Pirvu, Massimiliano Rossi, Abril Zamora and Babak Karimi.

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Created in late 2015 by Pierre-Antoine Capton, Xavier Niel and Matthieu Pigasse, Mediawan is one of the main independent European studios producing audiovisual content. Mediawan brings together best-in-class talents in audiovisual creation by operating on the entire value chain: production of drama, cinema, documentary, animation and unscripted shows (Mediawan Studios) thanks to over 50 production labels in France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Finland and Senegal, but



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