

## **Edited**

Poliss (Polisse)

France/2011/129 mins/French/Colour/35mm

Director Maïwenn

DOP Pierre Aïm

Editor Laure Gardette and Yann Dedet

Music Stephan Warbeck

Designer Nicolas de Boiscuille

Cast Karin Viard, Joey Starr, Marina Foïs, Karin Viard Nicolas Duvauchelle, Maïwenn, Riccardo Scarmacio, Karole Rocher, Frederic Pierrot, Emmanuelle Bercot, Arnaud Henriët, Naidra Ayadi, Jeremie Elkaïm, Sandrine Kiberlain

## **Synopsis**

The daily grind for the police officers of the Child Protection Unit include taking in child molesters, busting underage pickpockets and chewing over relationship issues at lunch; interrogating abusive parents, taking statements from children, confronting the excesses of teen sexuality, enjoying solidarity with colleagues and laughing uncontrollably at the most unthinkable moments. It's also about knowing the worst exists, and living with it. How do these police officers balance their private lives and the reality they confront every working day? Fred, the group's hypersensitive wild card, is going to have a hard time facing the scrutiny of Melissa, a photographer on a Ministry of the Interior assignment to document the unit.

## **About the director**

Maïwenn Le Besco is the daughter of actress Catherine Belkhodja, who ushered her into the entertainment industry at a young age. She starred in several films as a child and teenage actress, notably as "Elle as a child" in the hit film *L'été meurtrier* (One Deadly Summer, 1983). Perhaps Maïwenn's most internationally-seen film role was her appearance as the alien diva Plavalaguna in Luc Besson's *The Fifth Element* (1997). After her breakup with Luc Besson, Maïwenn Le Besco returned to France and resumed her career as an actress. In 2006, she directed her first feature film, the semi-autobiographical *Pardonnez-moi*. Her latest film *Poliss* won the Jury Prize at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival.

## **Festival Participation/Awards**

Official selection Cannes 2011
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Jury Prize at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival
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