

Edited

Small Town Murder Song

Canada/2010/76 mins/English/Colour/35mm

Director [Ed Gass-Donnelly](#)

DOP [Brendan Steacy](#)

Editor [Bruce Peninsula](#)

Music

Designer

Cast [Peter Stormare](#)
[Martha Plimpton](#)
[Aaron Poole](#)
[Jill Hennessy](#)

Synopsis

A girl is found raped and killed near a lake in Ontario. As the local police chief Walter leads the investigation, he enters a dark labyrinth of repression and self-doubt that puts a question mark on everything that he believes in. The story unfolds, giving a glimpse into Walter's life, his former girlfriend and her thuggish boyfriend. As the investigation takes its own course, Walter is under tremendous pressure, from his dear and near ones and the townspeople, driving him to the edge of sanity.

About the Director

Ed Gass-Donnelly, born on August 17, 1977 is an award-winning Canadian film director and screenwriter. His work often explores themes of death, colliding worlds and the darker sides of human nature. His characters are ordinary people who are put in extraordinary situations and left to fend for themselves. Stylistically, Gass-Donnelly's films follow non-linear plot-structures with multiple storylines.

His first full-length film, *This Beautiful City*, was released in 2008 and nominated for four Genies at the 29th Genie Awards. He previously directed the short films *Polished*, *Dying Like Ophelia*, *Pony* and *Pink..*

Festival Participation/Awards

- [Santa Catalina Film Festival](#) - Winner Best Feature
- [Phoenix Film Festival](#) - World Cinema Director
- [Whistler Film Festival](#) - WINNER Best Actress

- [Torino Film Festival](#) - WINNER Fipresci Critic's Prize Best Film
- [International Film Festival Rotterdam](#)
- [Toronto International Film Festival](#)
- [Hamptons International Film Festival](#)
- Cucalorus Film Festival
- [Palm Springs International Film Festival](#)
- [Santa Barbara International Film Festival](#)
- [Cinequest Film Festival](#)
- [Miami International Film Festival](#)
- [Cleveland International Film Festival](#)
- [Vail Film Festival](#)
- [Dallas International Film Festival](#)
- [Minneapolis-St. Paul International Film Festival](#)
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