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JO'S NEIGHBORHOOD

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After 15 years in prison, Jo returns to his former neighborhood - Menilmontant, a collection of high rise estates on the gritty outskirts of Paris. What used to be his patch, has completely changed; new gangs and new codes now rule this place. Jo finds it difficult to settle back into life on the outside, especially when he discovers that the woman he used to love is the mother of a 14 year old boy. Ultimately Jo must come to terms with his shady past and the endless settling of scores.

Directed by Alain Minier

Cast: Olivier Marchal, Smàïn, Catherine Marchal and Nassim Boutélis

Original language: French



ALAIN MINIER shot his first short film as a film maker, "Le pain quotidien", in 1991 which was selected among others at the Sydney Film Festival. From his shorts, we can particularly mention "L'erreur est humaine", which was selected at the Festival de Valenciennes and at La nuit du court-métrage at the Festival de Cannes in 1998.

Aside from making movies, Alain has worked as a screenwriter on feature films such as "Trop près du bord" as well as television projects for TF1 and France 2 such as "Cyrano de Menilmontant" in 2002, "La Justice de Marion", and the TV series "Placé en garde à vue" in 1994. He has also worked for several years as a comedian in cinema, television and theatre. "Jo's Neighborhood", 2012, is his first feature film as a filmmaker.



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