

Law & Order star Michael Moriarty to premiere new film on Hitler

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Michael Moriarty, the Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning star of *Law & Order*, is set to premiere his much anticipated film *Hitler Meets Christ* at the 17th Annual Cinequest Film Festival in San Jose, California.

A dark comedy exploring the polar philosophies of two of the most controversial figures in human history, *Hitler Meets Christ* stars Moriarty as Hitler and Canadian actor Wyatt Page as Christ. Moriarty adapted the screenplay from a controversial play he wrote in New York in the early '90s (then called *Hitler and Christ Meet Death at the Port Authority Bus Terminal*). The film has already generated sizeable online interest due to both its risky characterization and the recent crop of films and novels centered around Hitler and the Holocaust.

According to Moriarty, the film is about the tenacity of Christ and his love - and Hitler's agony in the face of it. "It ultimately comes down to good and evil," says Moriarty. "And the two greatest, most polar opposites of good and evil are Jesus of Nazareth and Adolf Hitler of Germany... It's a comedy in as much as it allows the audience to laugh at Hitler, and it's a tragedy in that he's really a poor homeless man trapped and imprisoned by the soul of Hitler."

Shot on location in some of the darkest neighbourhoods of Vancouver, Canada, *Hitler Meets Christ* was directed by newcomer Brendan Keown and produced by Keown and Jeremy Dyson, whose previous production credits include the award-winning *Dark Arc* (2005).

Moriarty has starred in *Law & Order* (1990-1994), *The 4400* (2004), *Shiloh* (1997), *Pale Rider* (1985), *Holocaust* (1978) and *Bang the Drum Slowly* (1973). He received his most recent Emmy Award in 2003 for the television movie *James Dean*.

Hitler Meets Christ will premiere on Friday, March 2.

The 17th annual Cinequest Film Festival runs February 28 to March 11 in San Jose California.

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