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Film Information

Year: 2010
Length: 89 minutes
Language: English
Country: [USA](#)
Premiere: World

Cast & Credits

Primary Cast: Nick Stahl, Rachel Nichols, Kellan Lutz, Jonathan Tucker, Norman Reedus, Grace Gummer, James McCaffrey, Laura Benanti
Director: Josh Sternfeld
Screenwriter: Josh Sternfeld
Producer: Jen Gatien, Ron Stein, Jay Kubassek, Shawn Rice, Michael Goodin

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About the Director(s)

Josh Sternfeld studied filmmaking at NYU Graduate Film School, where he wrote and directed the short film *Balloons, Streamers* (1997), which screened at the New York Film Festival and was distributed by the Sundance Channel. His first feature, *Winter Solstice*, premiered at Tribeca in 2004.

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