

LAND OF MINE (Under Sandet)

Autumn Season 2017

Release: 2015 Cert (UK): 15

Country: Denmark

Language: German and Danish

Runtime: 1 hour 40 mins Director: Martin Zandvliet Writer: Martin Zandvliet

Cinematographer: Camilla Hjelm

Cast: Roland Møller, Louis Hofmann, Joel Basman



A small group of German PoWs are forced to clear the Danish beaches of mines left by the Germans in WWII. The sergeant in charge has no sympathy for their plight until he begins to see what they are going through.

'War movies may be a dime a dozen, but rare is the film that depicts the anguish and retribution that linger in the

aftermath of conflict and violence. Land of Mine, this year's entry from Denmark in the foreign-film Oscar race, is a harrowing, intelligent, compelling and intensely suspenseful investigation of a little-known footnote to world history: what the Danish people did to the young German soldiers left behind

after the surrender of Nazi Germany in 1945. It's a harrowing, sensitively realized study of cruelty, revenge and post-war retribution that ranks high among films about the cost of war and its continuing damage to humanity' – Rex Reed, Observer.

This is the third film that Martin Zandvliet has directed. They have all received minor awards around the world, but this is his first to get an Oscar nomination. It is also a complete change of direction for him after two films about the entertainment industry ('A Funny Man', 'Applause').

