

Picturehouse (company)

Picturehouse is an American independent entertainment company owned by CEO [Bob Berney](#) and COO [Jeanne R. Berney](#). Based in [Los Angeles](#), the company specializes in film marketing and [distribution](#), both in the U.S. and internationally. Its releases have included *[La Vie en Rose](#)* (2007), which earned an [Academy Award](#) for Best Actress for [Marion Cotillard](#), *[Metallica Through the Never](#)* (2013), and [Adam Wingard](#)'s [Sundance Film Festival](#) selection *[The Guest](#)* (2014), an [Independent Spirit Award](#) nominee starring [Dan Stevens](#).

History

Formed by [Bob Berney](#) in 2005, Picturehouse was a joint venture created by [Time Warner](#) subsidiaries, [New Line Cinema](#) and [HBO Films](#) to acquire, produce and distribute independent films.^[1] Berney, who guided the acquisition, marketing and distribution of *[My Big Fat Greek Wedding](#)* and *[The Passion of the Christ](#)*, among other notable releases, ran the company from its inception.^[2]

Over the next two years, Picturehouse released features such as [Robert Altman](#)'s *[A Prairie Home Companion](#)*, starring [Meryl Streep](#) and [Lily Tomlin](#); [Guillermo del Toro](#)'s *[Pan's Labyrinth](#)*, which was acquired at script stage and went on to earn six [Academy Award](#) nominations and wins in three categories; *[La Vie en Rose](#)*, which garnered [Marion Cotillard](#) an [Academy Award](#) for Best Actress;^[3] and [Sergei Bodrov](#)'s *[Genghis Khan](#)* biopic *[Mongol](#)*, a nominee for [Best Foreign Language Film](#).^[4]

In 2008, Time Warner's consolidation resulted in [Warner Bros.](#) exiting the independent business to concentrate on big-budget "tentpole" releases. This prompted the closure of marketing and distribution operations at both New Line Cinema and Picturehouse, costing 70 employees their jobs.^[5]

In 2013, Berney and his wife Jeanne acquired the Picturehouse logo and trademark from Warner Bros. and relaunched the label as an independent theatrical distribution company.^[6] Initial releases included [Adriana Trigiani](#)'s *[Big Stone Gap](#)*, starring [Ashley Judd](#), and [Christian Keller](#)'s *[Gloria](#)*, with [Sofía Espinosa](#).

In August 2020, the company released *[Fatima](#)*, directed by [Marco Pontecorvo](#) and starring [Joaquim de Almeida](#), [Goran Visnjic](#), [Harvey Keitel](#) and [Sônia Braga](#). The film tells the story of a 10-year-old shepherd, [Lúcia dos Santos](#), and her two young cousins, [Francisco](#) and [Jacinta Marto](#), who report having seen apparitions of the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#) in [Fátima, Portugal](#), circa 1917. Their revelations inspire believers

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Company's logo

Company type	Private
Industry	Entertainment
Founded	2005 (original company) 2013 (revived studio)
Founders	Bob Berney
Defunct	2008 (original company)
Headquarters	Los Angeles, California, United States
Key people	Bob Berney (CEO) Jeanne R. Berney (COO)
Parent	Time Warner (2005–2008) Independent (2013–present)
Website	Picturehouse.com (http://www.picturehouse.com/)

but anger officials of both the Catholic Church and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site to witness what became known as the Miracle of the Sun.^[7]

In September 2021, Picturehouse announced that it would release *Becoming Cousteau*, a documentary that uses previously unseen archival footage to chronicle the life and career of the adventurous oceanographer and filmmaker Jacques-Yves Cousteau, who coined scuba diving and foretold the impact of pollution on climate change. Directed by Liz Garbus, the film was released on October 22, 2021.^{[8][9]}

Filmography

2000s

Original seal, distributed by New Line Home Entertainment and HBO Video (now Warner Bros. Home Entertainment)

Release Date	Title	Ref.
July 22, 2005	<u><i>Last Days</i></u>	[10]
September 16, 2005	<u><i>The Thing About My Folks</i></u>	
October 19, 2005	<u><i>Ushpizin</i></u>	
January 27, 2006	<u><i>A Cock and Bull Story</i></u>	
April 14, 2006	<u><i>The Notorious Bettie Page</i></u>	
June 9, 2006	<u><i>A Prairie Home Companion</i></u>	
November 9, 2006	<u><i>Who the #\$% Is Jackson Pollock?</i></u>	
November 10, 2006	<u><i>Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus</i></u>	
December 29, 2006	<u><i>Pan's Labyrinth</i></u>	
March 9, 2007	<u><i>Starter for 10</i></u>	
June 1, 2007	<u><i>Gracie</i></u>	[11][12]
June 8, 2007	<u><i>La Vie en Rose</i></u>	
August 3, 2007	<u><i>El Cantante</i></u>	[10]
August 10, 2007	<u><i>Rocket Science</i></u>	[13]
August 17, 2007	<u><i>The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters</i></u>	
September 14, 2007	<u><i>Silk</i></u>	[10]
January 11, 2008	<u><i>The Orphanage</i></u>	[14]
February 8, 2008	<u><i>Wild West Comedy Show: 30 Days and 30 Nights – Hollywood to the Heartland</i></u>	[10]
February 29, 2008 (DVD)	<u><i>The Fox and the Child</i></u>	
March 28, 2008	<u><i>Run Fatboy Run</i></u>	
June 6, 2008	<u><i>Mongol</i></u>	
July 2, 2008	<u><i>Kit Kittredge: An American Girl</i></u>	[15]
September 12, 2008	<u><i>The Women</i></u>	
January 20, 2009 (DVD)	<u><i>Amusement</i></u>	[10]

2010s

Revived seal, distributed by Universal Pictures Home Entertainment

Release Date	Title	Ref.
October 4, 2013	<i><u>Metallica: Through the Never</u></i>	[16]
September 17, 2014	<i><u>The Guest</u></i>	[10]
July 17, 2015	<i><u>Gloria</u></i>	
October 9, 2015	<i><u>Big Stone Gap</u></i>	

2020s

Release Date	Title	Ref.
August 28, 2020	<i><u>Fatima</u></i>	[17]
October 22, 2021	<i><u>Becoming Cousteau</u></i>	[18]
August 19, 2022	<i><u>The Territory</u></i>	[19]
April 14, 2023	<i><u>Wild Life</u></i>	[20]
October 13, 2023	<i><u>The Mission</u></i>	[21]

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