

Picturehouse (company)

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

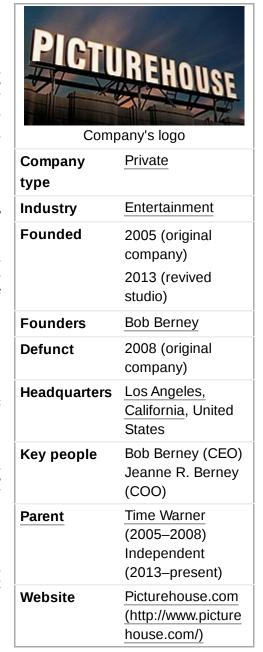
History

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

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; and Sergei Bodrov's Genghis Khan biopic *Mongol*, a nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. [4]

In 2008, Time Warner's consolidation resulted in <u>Warner Bros.</u> 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]

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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

but anger officials of both the <u>Catholic Church</u> and the secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious <u>pilgrims</u> 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 <u>Becoming Cousteau</u>, a documentary that uses previously unseen archival footage to chronicle the life and career of the adventurous oceanographer and filmmaker <u>Jacques-Yves Cousteau</u>, who coinvented scuba diving and foretold the impact of pollution on <u>climate change</u>. Directed by <u>Liz Garbus</u>, the film was released on October 22, 2021. [8][9]

Filmography

2000s

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

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

2010s

Revived seal, distributed by $\underline{\text{Universal Pictures Home Entertainment}}$

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

2020s

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

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