

VIGGO MORTENSEN
“EASTERN PROMISES”

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Viggo Mortensen previously starred for *Eastern Promises* director David Cronenberg in *A History of Violence*.

Since his screen debut in Peter Weir’s award-winning *Witness*, Mr. Mortensen’s film career has encompassed diverse portrayals in over three dozen features.

With his fellow actors from Peter Jackson’s Academy Award-winning *The Lord of the Rings* epic trilogy, he shared the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture, among other honors.

Mr. Mortensen’s other films include Sean Penn’s *The Indian Runner* (opposite David Morse and Patricia Arquette); Brian De Palma’s *Carlito’s Way* (with Al Pacino); Jane Campion’s *The Portrait of a Lady* (opposite Nicole Kidman); Ridley Scott’s *G.I. Jane* (with Demi Moore); Tony Goldwyn’s *A Walk on the Moon* (opposite Diane Lane); Augustín Díaz Yanes’s *Alatriste*; and Vicente Amorim’s upcoming *Good*.

The native New Yorker spent several years living in Venezuela, Argentina, and Denmark before beginning his acting career back in NYC. There, he studied with Warren Robertson and acted in plays while also beginning to work in movies.

Mr. Mortensen is also an accomplished poet, photographer, and painter. In 2002, he founded Perceval Press, an independent publishing house specializing in art, poetry, and critical writing. Perceval’s mission is to publish texts, images, and recordings by artists that might not otherwise be presented.

He recently exhibited the photographic series “The Nature of Landscape and Independent Perception” with George Guðni at the Track 16 Gallery in Santa Monica, where he had twice shown mixed media previously, in 1999 and 2002. In 2008, he will have photographic and painting exhibitions in Iceland and Denmark. His past shows include “Miyelo,” at both the Stephen Cohen Gallery in Los Angeles and the Addison Ripley Gallery in Washington, D.C. Mr. Mortensen has also shown his work at the Robert Mann Gallery in New York City; as well as in Cuba, New Zealand, and Denmark.

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