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Indie Filmmakers vs Corporate Giant LOVE AND DEMONS, BANNED FROM AMAZON

JP Allen's Intense Indie Comedy about the Dangers of Love Permanently Removed by Amazon Prime Video <u>After</u> Best Sales Ever

San Francisco, CA – Amazon Prime Video removed LOVE AND DEMONS (USA, 2014), without clear explanation and with no appeal, *after* the film had its best month of sales/rentals on Amazon ever. As of December 2018, the film had a three month increase in streaming of over 3500%. As of January 2019, Amazon removed the title. The film, a small independent feature comedy, was available on Amazon since June 2014. Coffee and Language contacted Amazon repeatedly and was told "this decision may not be appealed" (see timeline below). LOVE AND DEMONS premiered in March 2014 in San Francisco at the Landmark Opera Plaza Cinema to generally good reviews (also below).

At the same time Amazon removed LOVE AND DEMONS, other Coffee and Language films (six other indie features) had a significant drop in sales, especially the most recent title, THE FILMMAKER. Royalties have also been reduced because in March 2018, Amazon Prime Video Direct lowered royalties for most independent content creators by 60%. Coffee and Language independently distributes all of its films.

LOVE AND DEMONS is now available worldwide on VIMEO ON DEMAND here: https://vimeo.com/ondemand/loveanddemons

Love and Demons – An Independent Feature Film, Written and Directed by JP Allen. Photographed by Daniel Teixeira-Gomes. Starring Chris Pflueger, Lucia Frangione, JP Allen and Arnica Skulstad Brown. Produced by Cathy Montosa. 84 min. NR (not rated).

For more info please visit: http://www.coffeeandlanguage.com/love-and-demons.html

LOVE AND DEMONS Banned from Amazon / TIMELINE

March 2014

LOVE AND DEMONS premieres in San Francisco at the Landmark Opera Plaza Cinema

June 2014

LOVE AND DEMONS released on Amazon

June 2014 - August 2018

Modest rentals/sales on Amazon, the film is distributed worldwide on VIMEO ON DEMAND

March 2018

Amazon lowers Prime Video Subscription Service royalty rate for most indie filmmakers by 60%

September 2018

LOVE AND DEMONS put on Amazon Prime Video Subscription Service

December 2018

Highest Rental/Sales ever in December 2018 (3500% increase in three months)

January 2019

Amazon removes LOVE AND DEMONS. All rentals/sales stop on Amazon US. The film is removed from Amazon UK. Other Coffee and Language titles have a sudden drop in rentals/sales. Coffee and Language requests an explanation and reconsideration from Amazon but is told the "decision may not be appealed" and "Have a great day."

Some Reviews for LOVE AND DEMONS

"A sophisticated relationship comedy . . . lyrical . . . adventurous filmmaking." -- Mick LaSalle, SF CHRONICLE

"SEXY, mischievous, and provocative, L AND D is a singular moviegoing experience." -- Bernard Boo, WAY TOO INDIE

"Like a demonic, San Franciscan response to Wim Wenders' Berlin-based WINGS OF DESIRE." -- Sherilyn Connelly, SF WEEKLY