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‘BWOY,’ JOHN G. YOUNG’S PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EROTIC THRILLER, WILL OPEN IN NEW YORK AT MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

“A slow-burning thriller” — *The Chicago Reader*

Exclusive New York Theatrical Engagement: June 23–July 2, 2017

Astoria, Queens, New York, June 7, 2017—Museum of the Moving Image presents the exclusive New York theatrical engagement of *bwoy*, a suspenseful, deeply affecting, and sharply observed drama about erotic longing and emotional connection written and directed by **John G. Young** (*Parallel Sons*, *The Reception*, *Rivers Wash Over Me*). *Bwoy* stars **Anthony Rapp** (*Rent*, *Star Trek: Discovery*, *The Knick*) as a suburban man who becomes entangled in a chaotic, passionate online affair with Yenny, a young Jamaican man.

***Bwoy* screens at MoMI from June 23 through July 2.**

Director John G. Young will appear in person on Friday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. Young and stars Anthony Rapp and Jimmy Brooks will appear in person on Saturday, June 24, 6:30 p.m. For tickets and showtimes, visit movingimage.us/bwoy

“Control and emotional intensity are perfectly balanced in John G. Young’s *bwoy*, a minimalist indie in which action is largely mediated by phones and screens,” wrote Amy Taubin in *Film Comment*. “Young’s measured direction and editing and Rapp’s performance are extraordinary for showing how easily repression and guilt can create a dissociated fugue state where virtual and actual become indistinguishable.”

Bwoy is John G. Young’s fourth feature. *The Village Voice* called Young’s first feature film, *Parallel Sons* (1995) “one of the best independent films of the decade.” After its premiere in the Dramatic Competition at the Sundance Film Festival, it won Best Feature awards at the Florida Film Festival, OutFest, and Frameline, and went on to screen at over 40 national and international film festivals before it was released theatrically. His second feature *The Reception* opened in 2005 after premiering at the Tribeca Film Festival, and won a Best Actor Award at OutFest. *Rivers Wash Over Me*, Young’s third feature film, premiered in 2009 as Newfest’s Centerpiece, and won a Jury Award for Best Feature from the Chicago International LGBT Film Festival, and a Best Actor Award from OutFest. It made several top 10 lists for 2009.

bwoy

Dir. John G. Young. 2017, 87 mins. Digital projection. With Anthony Rapp, Jimmy Brooks, De'Adre Aziza, Jermaine Rowe. [View trailer](#)

Bwoy is the third exclusive New York theatrical engagement presented by Museum of the Moving Image, following runs of *Ne Me Quitte Pas* (2013, Dirs. Sabine Lubbe Bakker, Niels van Koevorden) and *Starless Dreams* (2016, Dir. Mehrdad Oskouei).

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DIRECTOR JOHN G. YOUNG IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS IN NEW YORK

Publicity Materials: [Press images](#) | [Press kit](#)

Contact Tomoko for a preview screener or to arrange a press screening.

MUSEUM INFORMATION

Museum of the Moving Image (movingimage.us) advances the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media. In its stunning facilities—acclaimed for both its accessibility and bold design—the Museum presents exhibitions; screenings of significant works; discussion programs featuring actors, directors, craftspeople, and business leaders; and education programs which serve more than 50,000 students each year. The Museum also houses a significant collection of moving-image artifacts.

Hours: Wednesday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday, 10:30 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$15 adults (18+); \$11 senior citizens (65+) and students (18+) with ID; \$7 youth (ages 3–17). Children under 3 and Museum members are admitted free. Admission to the galleries is free on Fridays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Film Screenings: Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays, and as scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, ticket are \$15 adults / \$11 seniors and students / \$7 youth 3–17 / Free for members at the Film Lover and Kids Premium levels and above. Advance purchase is available online. Ticket purchase may be applied toward same-day admission to the Museum's galleries.

Location: 36-01 35 Avenue (at 37 Street) in Astoria.

Subway: M (weekdays only) or R to Steinway Street. W (weekdays only) or N to 36 Avenue.

Program Information: Telephone: 718 777 6888; Website: movingimage.us

Membership: movingimage.us/support/membership or 718 777 6877

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