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A FILM BY  
**ALEKSI SALMENPERÄ**

# **BAD FAMILY**





# **SYNOPSIS**

## **BAD FAMILY (PAHA PERHE)**



**Tragicomedy about an overly concerned father, who messes up his relationship with his children and new wife.**

**A Supreme Court judge tries to save his son from a disastrous affair and ends up using increasingly scrupulous methods. Derailed by his delusions, the desperate father plows aside everyone who prevents him from focusing on his absurd crusade.**

**The victims include his wife, his other children and his demented father.**

**Neither does it help the situation that the object of his son's destructive love affair is the boy's long-lost sister.**



# ALEKSI SALMENPERÄ

## ALEKSI SALMENPERÄ – Director & screenwriter

Aleksi Salmenperä (born 1973) is one of the most acclaimed and distinctive Finnish film makers. In addition to having been awarded for feature films such as **A Man's Job** (2007) and **Producing Adults** (2004) Salmenperä's esteemed career also includes the direction of remarkable Finnish television series e.g. **Pioneer** (2006) for YLE (Finland's national public service broadcasting company) and **Freefall** (2002) with the improvisational theatre group Stella Polaris.

Starting from the short film **Ferry Go Round** (2001), done as a school practical work and selected into the Cannes film festival, Salmenperä's films have received many film industry awards as well as high praises in Finland and abroad. Aleksi Salmenperä was selected as Finnish Film Director in 2007. His films **A Man's Job** and **Producing Adults** were selected as official Oscar nominees for Finland. Before studies in the Film Department of the University of Art and Design Salmenperä studied for four years in the Finnish University of Technology in the department of Architecture.



# DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

I am being asked why people in my films do not talk to each other, meet one another, and consequently, gain a bigger heart. I guess that is how it should be in films.

As I know next to nothing about making films the only responsible way for me is to make films about life. As I see it.







## VILLE VIRTANEN

**VILLE VIRTANEN – Mikael Lindgren, Father**

Ville Virtanen plays the Father in *Bad Family*. He is a Supreme Court judge, who tries to do best for his children. Truly so, but perhaps a bit too much. Ville Virtanen (b. 1961) is one of Finland's most distinguished actors who has actively worked in film, TV and on the stage since 1980s. His career in films includes *Sauna* (2008), *Black Ice* (2007), *Producing Adults* (2004), and *Upswing* (2003).

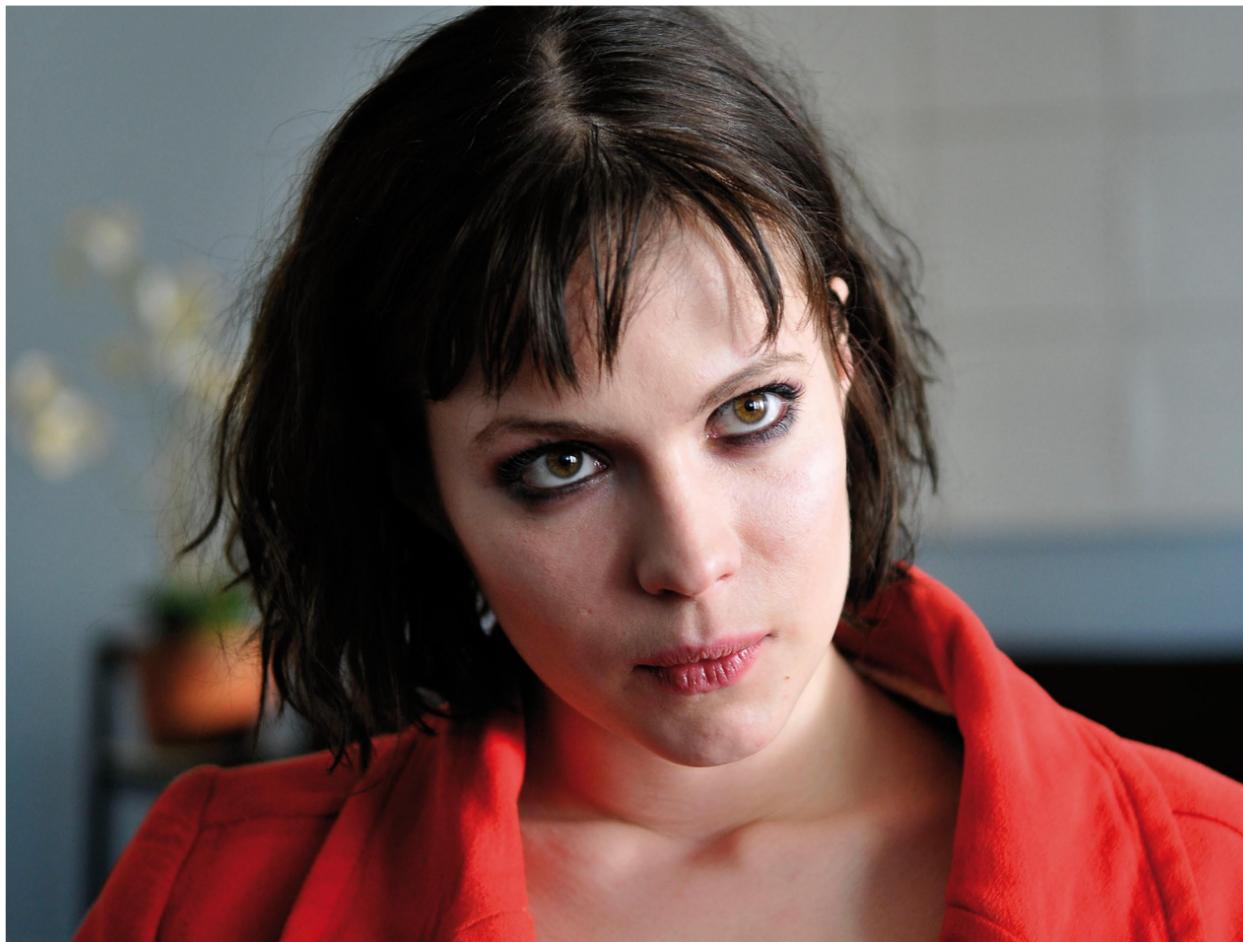




## PIHLA VIITALA

**PIHLA VIITALA – Tilda, Michael’s daughter**

Pihla Viitala is Tilda in *Bad Family*, a daughter returning to her roots. She has lived abroad with her unstable mother all her young life, separated from her brother and her father. Pihla Viitala (b. 1982) has lately made a stunning breakthrough into the front line of Finnish actors. She is especially known for the blockbusters *Tears of April* (2008), *Hellsinki*, and *Ganes* (2007). Pihla’s talents have also been noted internationally, a fact proved by her recent selection into the prestigious Shooting Stars gallery of Europe’s best young actors, annually spotlighting new young European films stars of the future.



## LAURI TILKANEN

**LAURI TILKANEN – Dani, Mikael’s eldest son**

Lauri Tilkanen is Dani in *Bad Family*. He is the family’s eldest son who, like others of his age, prepares for his matriculation examination and his driving test, and searches for his place in the world. For Dani, too, Tilda’s return marks a massive change in his life, a veritable revolution. Lauri Tilkanen (b. 1987), who currently studies at the Theatre Academy, burst into the spotlight of the large audience in his magnificent central role in the feature film *Last Cowboy Standing* (2009).





## CAST

Mikael  
Tilda  
Daniel  
Laura  
Milo  
Jaan  
Kari

Ville Virtanen  
Pihla Viitala  
Lauri Tilkanen  
Vera Kiiskinen  
Niki Seppälä  
Ismo Kallio  
Tomi „Topi“ Salmela

## CREW

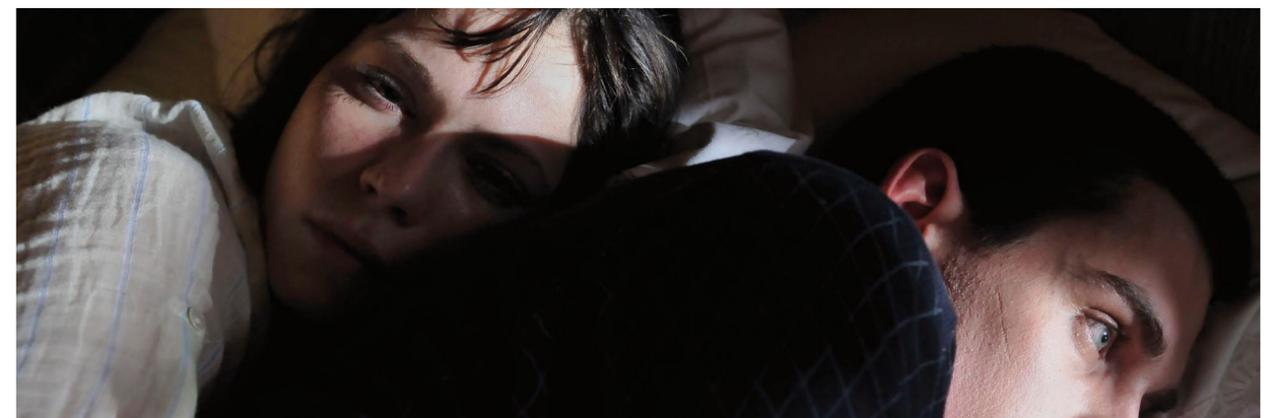
A production of Sputnik Oy

Producer: **Aki Kaurismäki**  
Line-producer: **Hanna Hemilä**  
Production manager: **Mark Lwoff**

Director/Writer: **Alexi Salmenperä**  
Assistant director: **Elina Pohjola**  
Director of Photography: **Tuomo Hutri**  
Sound designer: **Tero Malmberg**  
Production designer: **Markku Pätilä**  
Editor: **Samu Heikkilä**  
Costume designer: **Ella Brigatti**  
Make-Up: **Marjut Samulin**  
Composer: **Ville Tantt**

## TECHNICAL DATA

Format: **35 mm**  
Screen ratio: **1:1,85**  
Sound: **Dolby Digital**  
Length: **95 min**  
Language: **Finnish with English Subtitles**



# BAD FAMILY (PAHA PERHE)

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