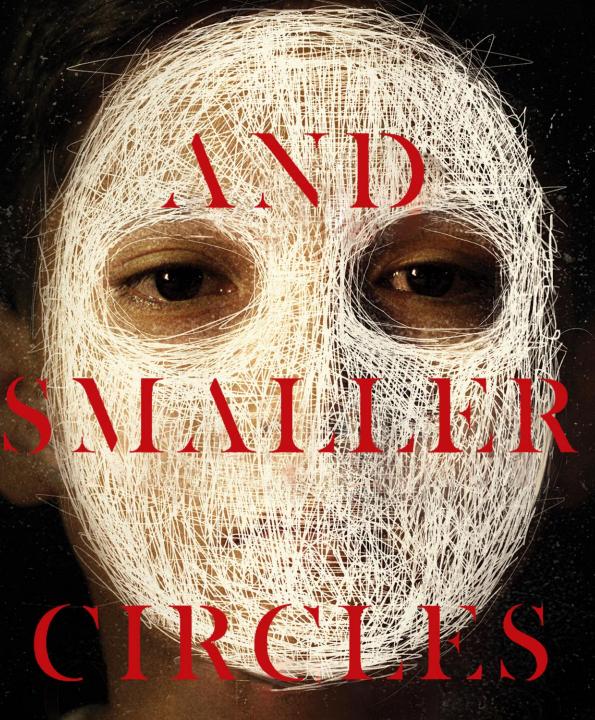


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# SMALLER AND SMALLER CIRCLES

**TOTAL RUNNING TIME:** 

111 minutes











### **SYNOPSIS**

When the eviscerated body of a boy is found in the trash heaps of a thirteen-hectare dumpsite, nobody cares enough to notice. A news report might pick up the story, but when the victim is a nameless, faceless kid from a poor community – is anybody watching?

Father Gus Saenz, a forensic anthropologist and a Jesuit, finds himself caught up in the case as an alarming number of preteen boys turn up in the dumpsite. Father Gus and his colleague Father Jerome have the help of a journalist, Joanna Bonifacio, as they investigate the murders through the cramped urban landscape of Manila.

Based on the award-winning novel by F.H Batacan, *Smaller and Smaller Circles* illustrates the best and worst of human nature: the antiseptic and dirty, the sublime and rotten, the hellish and divine.

## AWARDS/FESTIVALS

• OFFICIAL SELECTION - Busan Int'l Film Festival 2017

#### **REVIEWS**

"...Raya Martin generates an impressive amount of suspense, but he also stops to consider larger issues in his country's recent history."

- Ben Sachs, Chicago Reader

"Impeccable form and deep-seated social commentary make up for the plot trappings of Raya Martin's adaptation of the Philippines' "first crime novel."

— Tristan Zinampan, Screen Anarchy

**GENRE:** Crime Noir-Thriller

**DIRECTOR:** Raya Martin

CAST: Nonie Buencamino, Sid Lucero, Carla Humphries, Bembol Roco

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