


Pop Culture Fix: This Campy Sexy Lesbian Separatist Cult Flick “The Misandrists” and Other Cool Things

+ This weekend’s Berlin Film Festival saw the premiere of Bruce LaBruce’s *The Misandrists*, [which Indiewire describes as](#) “a low-budget, high-fantasy tale of radical lesbian separatists living a cult-like existence.” [TELL ME MORE:](#)

Unapologetically gay, LaBruce does his queer sisters a favor in “The Misandrists,” using his dirty eye to give life to the fantasy of a lesbian separatist commune. That LaBruce makes room for a nuanced critique of gender essentialism even as he celebrates this male-free utopia is what elevates “The Misandrists” beyond a merely (admittedly very) satisfying rendering of a salacious premise.

THE MISANDRISTS (2017) - OFFICIAL TRAILER 



The Hollywood Reporter's (male) reviewer wasn't as stoked on the movie as the Indiewire reviewer, describing the plotting as "haphazard" and noting that "the supposed celebration of feminist ideals merely trivializes them; and the satirical jabs at leftist extremists get diluted by increasingly lame repetition and an ineffectual finale."

I also dug up this nine-month-old Dazed Magazine interview with Bruce LaBruce about the film, and also this one on Broadly. It looks like trans and non-binary issues will also play prominently into the plot, so uh, we'll see how that goes!



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