

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 - ČAK, Birkirkara

# Argo



*The movie was fake. The mission was real.*  
120 minutes –Drama/Thriller – 12 October 2012 (USA)

*Acting under the cover of a Hollywood producer scouting a location for a science fiction film, a CIA agent launches a dangerous operation to rescue six Americans in Tehran during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran in 1980.*

**Director:** Ben Afflek

**Writers:** Chris Terrio (screenplay), Tony Mendez (based on a selection from "The Master of Disguise" by), Joshuah Bearman (based on the Wired Magazine article "The Great Escape" by)

**Original Music:** Alexandre Desplat

## Actors

Ben Affleck	...	<i>Tony Mendez</i>
Bryan Cranston	...	<i>Jack O'Donnell</i>
Alan Arkin	...	<i>Lester Siegel</i>
John Goodman	...	<i>John Chambers</i>
Victor Garber	...	<i>Ken Taylor</i>
Tate Donovan	...	<i>Bob Anders</i>
Clea DuVall	...	<i>Cora Lijek</i>
Scot McNairy	...	<i>Joe Stafford</i>
Rory Cochrane	...	<i>Lee Schatz</i>
Christopher Denham	...	<i>Mark Lijek</i>



## The story

After Iranian militants stormed and took control of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in November 1979 taking 56 Americans as hostages, six Americans managed to get away and took refuge in the home of Canadian Ambassador Ken Taylor. After two months of the Canadians putting their lives on the line everyday, the CIA and the US State Department try to come up with a plan to get their people out. Tony Mendez is an "exfiltration" specialist who proposes that they pose as a Canadian film crew scouting locations for a science fiction movie called Argo. Using Hollywood connections, Mendez

creates a back story for the movie - ads in Variety, casting calls, inviting the media to a production launch - and then heads off to Iran to lead the six Americans out.

**Director: Ben Affleck**

Benjamin Géza Affleck-Boldt was born on August 15, 1972 in Berkeley, California, USA, and was raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. Ben has a younger brother, actor Casey Affleck, who was born in 1975. Affleck wanted to be an actor ever since he could remember and his first acting experience was for a Burger King commercial in (1984). It was also at that age when Ben met his lifelong friend and fellow actor, Matt Damon.



In December 5, 1997, *Good Will Hunting* (1997) was released, making the two unknown actors famous. Ben is also know for *Armageddon* (1998), *Shakespeare in Love* (1998) and *Pearl Harbor* (2001), *Changing Lanes* (2002), *The Sum of All Fears* (2002), *Daredevil* (2003), and *Gone Girl* (2014). Affleck married actress Jennifer Garner in 2005. The couple has three children.

**Composer: Alexandre Desplat**

**Alexandre Michel Gérard Desplat** (born 23 August 1961) is a French film composer. He has received four Academy Award nominations, five BAFTA nominations, five Golden Globe nominations, and two Grammy nominations. Desplat won his first Golden Globe for *The Painted Veil* in 2006 and his first British Academy Film Award in 2011. Desplat has worked on *The Queen*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *New Moon*, and *The King's Speech*.



**Awards** (96 wins and 114 nominations)

**Oscar, 2013.** Won: Best Motion Picture of the Year, Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay & Best Achievement in Film Editing

**Golden Globes USA 2013.** Won: Best Motion Picture & Best Director - Motion Picture *Ben Affleck*.

**Next appointment!**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**The film...** To be announced later.

ČAK Conference Hall, S. Sommier Street, Birkirkara @ 7.30pm

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A movie poster for 'The Shipwreck' featuring a portrait of an older man with a beard. The text reads 'THE SHIPWRECK' in large white letters, with the website 'theshipwreckmalta.com' below it. On the right, it says 'OPENING SOON' and '25/1/2015' in large white letters.