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Carlo Lavagna was born in Rome. He studied philosophy first at La Sapienza University and then at RUK, in Copenaghen. He lived between Europe and the US before going back to Italy, where he directed his first feature film Arianna. The film screened at the 2015 Venice Film Festival, during the Giornate degli Autori, and won the Laguna Sud Award as Best Italian Discovery, as well as Best Actress at the Globi D'Oro. The film earned a nomination as Best Debut Director at the 2016 David di Donatello Awards. As both director and producer, he made short movies and documentaries

which screened at various festivals, such as Venice, BFI London, Locarno, Göteborg, Rotterdam, Lincoln Center, Guadalajara, and many others. In 2018, he directed 12 episodes of the TV show Dark Polo Gang – La Serie, about a major Italian trap music band. Carlo currently works with the New York Times, Dazed and Confused, Vogue and Nowness, directing videos for their respective channels. He also makes short documentaries for Vice, Discovery, MTV, PBS, Hantang, Rai, and other international broadcasters. He directed the short L'Unico for the Maison Valentino, and other shorts and commercials for Bulgari, Max Mara, Dolce & Gabbana, and Gucci. Shadows, his second feature film casting Lola Petticrew and Saskia Reeves, also introduces Mia Threapleton at her debut performance. Lavagna is now working on his next film, Golden Desert (Cruel Destiny), while developing HBO Max TV show Arcana Imperii.

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