

A DREAM WORTH CHASING

One boy. A football. A world of possibility.

In Bali, an eleven-year-old boy dreams of becoming a professional footballer and lifting his family out of poverty. A chance meeting with a veteran nearing the end of his career brings that distant dream within reach.

A FILM BY MARCO BALSAMO
A RIVA STUDIOS PRODUCTION
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The Story

For some, it’s a game.
For Bima, it’s everything.

In Bali, Bima dreams of becoming a professional footballer and lifting his family out of poverty. When he crosses paths with Marco, a veteran nearing the end of his career, his once-distant dream begins to feel within reach.

For many, football is more than a sport. It’s life.

SELECTED CAST

Bima	Ghazi Alhabsyi
Marco Cagliostro	Marco Balsamo
Indah	Atiqah Hasiholan
Tilo	Oka Antara
Arief	Tio Pakusadewo
Sibel	Tara Sibel
Soleh	Teuku Rifnu Wikana
Heri	Arie Kriting
Dewi	Yoriko Angeline
Annisa	Ruth Marini
Alessandro Costacurta	Alessandro Costacurta (as himself)
Lodo	Lodovico Costacurta

OFFICIAL TEASER

Watch the first look teaser at RIVA Studios on YouTube →

A personal note

"Taking chances and giving chances can change lives."

MARCO BALSAMO / WRITER & DIRECTOR

Filmmaking and soccer have always been at the core of my life, shaping both who I am and what I care about. Even my name, Marco, is a tribute to the legendary Dutch striker Marco van Basten, a reflection of my lifelong bond with the beautiful game. Since I was twelve, if I wasn't playing or watching soccer, I was in a movie theater or scribbling down stories. Forza is a tapestry of those twin passions, a celebration of the human spirit and the power of community through the lens of sport. At its heart, it's a story about how soccer transcends borders, backgrounds, and barriers, uniting us all.

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In the end, this film is a tribute to the two worlds I hold most dear: soccer and storytelling. It's a thank-you to those who believed in me, a recognition of the rejections that didn't stop me, and a reminder that taking chances and giving chances can change lives.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Marco Balsamo is a writer, director, producer and co-founder of RIVA Studios. FORZA marks his live-action directorial debut, uniting his interests in football and storytelling.

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