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# THE HITMAN S BODYGUARD (Hitman & Bodyguard, for French Version)

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Directed by : Patrick Hughes Produced by : David Ellison, Mark Gill, Dana Goldberg, Matthew O'Toole, John Thompson, Les Weldon Written by : Tom O'Connor Starring : Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Gary Oldman, Salma Hayek, Élodie Yung, Joaquim de Almeida, Kirsty Mitchell, Richard E. Grant Distributed by : Lionsgate Films Running time : 118 minutes Release Dates : August 18, 2017 (United States), August 23 (France)

## THE STORY

'Triple-A'-rated Bodyguard Michael Bryce (Ryan Reynolds) is hired to protect Kurosawa, a Japanese Arms Dealer. All apparently goes well, but Kurosawa is shot in the Head at the last minute. Two years later, Bryce has fallen into disgrace and ekes out a living protecting drug-addicted Corporate Executives. Darius Kincaid (Samuel L. Jackson), a fearsome Contract Killer is cooperating with the Authorities to free his Wife (Salma Hayek) from Prison. One of these Fellows is an Uptight, Cautious, Detail-oriented Professional, while the other has a Looser, more Improvisational Style.

Vladislav Dukhovich, (Gary Oldman) the ruthless and bloodthirsty dictator of Belarus, is put on trial for crimes against humanity at the International Court of Justice. The prosecution is unable to make headway against him and the last hope is Notorious Hitman Darius Kincaid.

Amelia Roussel (Elodie Yung), an Interpol Agent, and Bryce's ex-girlfriend contacts him. Bryce is reluctant to help, as he has had multiple conflicts with Kincaid in the past and believes that Roussel was responsible for the death of Kurosawa two years ago, but ultimately agrees to aid them in exchange for the restoration of his good name....

### OUR REVIEW :

Director Patrick Hughes seems to have just asked everyone involved to, you know, do the usual. If you grade Action Scenes solely on how many bullets are expended during them, portions of the Film may just about pass the time. That doesn't cover the contributions of Hayek, whose Sonia is being kept in a Dutch jail. It is a Hoot to see the Actress calmly strike Yoga poses behind bars as she fiercely lashes out at any Law Official stupid enough to hassle her. ... At one point, Kincaid does bring up an Existential Conundrum : Who is in the Most Righteous Profession ? He who kills Evil Doers or he who Protects those Who Commit Evil ?... Great Entertaining Film.

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