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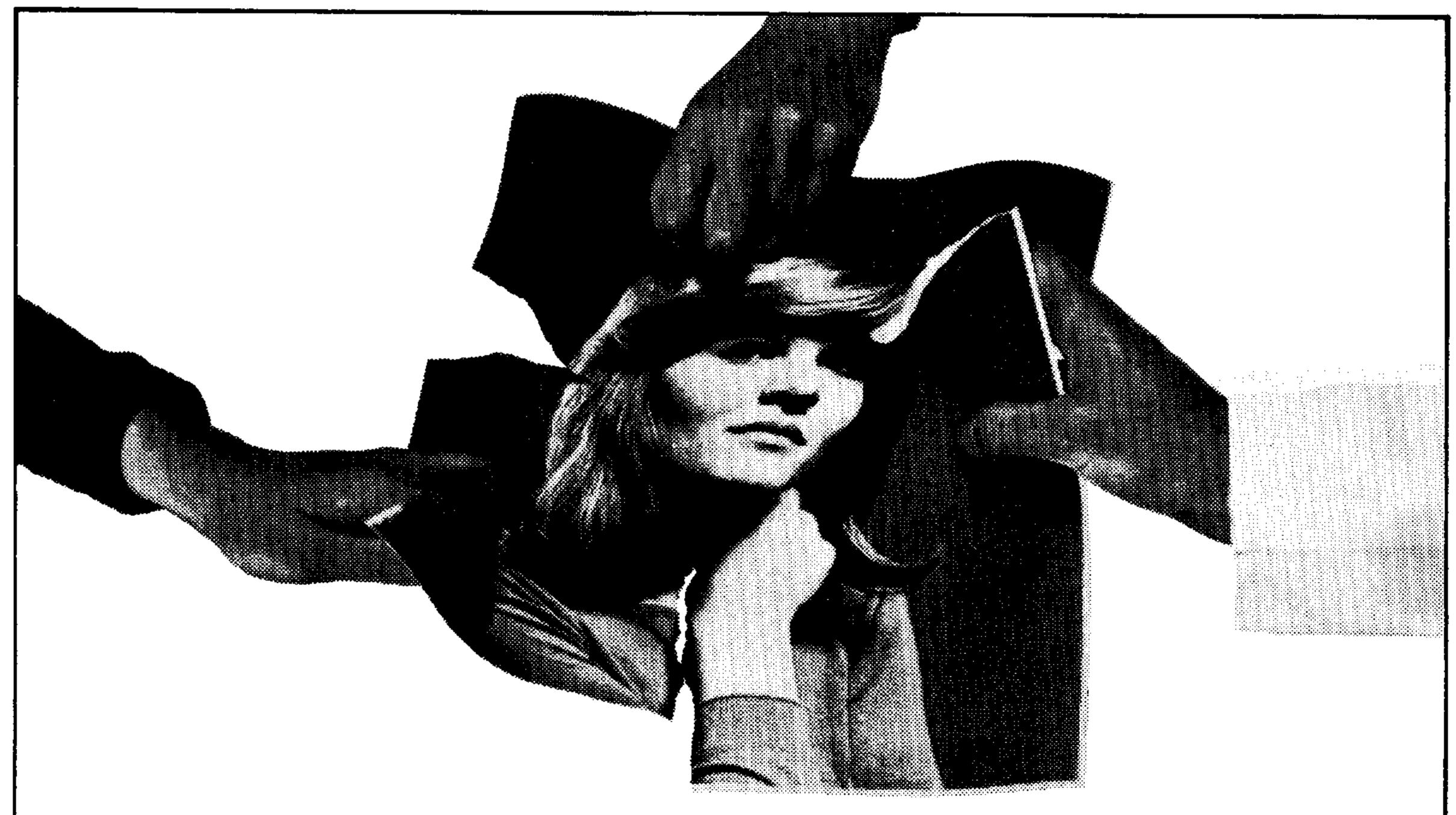
Mercer, David (1928-1980)

Loach, Ken (1936)

Cave, Grace

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Family Life



# Family Life

Shot full of electric tension to keep you enthralled. A haunting film, tender, touching and true.

-Rex Reed

with Sandy Ratcliff • Screenplay by David Mercer • Produced by Tony Garnett • Directed by Kenneth Loach • An Anglo-EMI Production • A Cinema 5 Release

THEATRE

Mat 401

4 col x 97 lines = 388 lines

 $4 \text{ col } \times 6 \text{ } 15/16 \text{ inches} = 27 \text{ } 3/4 \text{ inches}$ 

# "Family Life" Synopsis

"Family Life" is a deeply moving and disturbing drama of a young woman's fight for sanity against tremendous odds.

Based on an actual case study, the film was made on location in British hospitals with the participation of patients in group therapy sessions. The young psychiatrist in the movie, who actually has a practice in London, served as a full time consultant to the production.

Janice Bailden's problems are certainly present in the lives of other young women today. Her parents can't understand her behavior and are constantly critical of the friends she chooses, her sloppy habits, her lack of ambition, her appearance. In reaction to the criticism, Janice finds it more and more difficult to cope with her family and to function at her job. When eventually Janice is unable to go to work, she is taken by her embarrassed parents to a hospital. Her treatment at the hospital, her release, her return home and subsequent flight, and her final incarceration are movingly and eloquently depicted.

## Sandy Ratcliff

Sandy Ratcliff (Jan) was...until
"Family Life"...a model with a yen to be a
film continuity girl. Her acting
experience had been restricted to brief
walk-ons and TV commercials.
For a time, she was a deejay at a discotheque
before modeling. Three months after an
audition for "Family Life" during which she
did improvisations on the character of
Janice, she was signed to play the role.

## Grace Cave

Grace Cave (Mrs. Baildon) is a housewife in the English town of Walthamstow. She has no professional acting background and is making her film debut with this production. In real life she feels exactly the same way she expresses herself in the film and when she saw it, she was extremely pleased.

### Ken Loach

Ken Loach (Director) entered television and met future Kestrel producer Tony Garnett when he directed him in a play for a BBC directors' course. From their first partnership emerged David Mercer's "In Two Minds", the basis for "Family Life". The Loach-Garnett collaboration, "The Golden Vision", was hailed as a new fact-fiction breed of TV film. Loach's award-winning plays "The Coming Out Party" and "The End of Arthur's Marriage" made outstanding use of non-professional child actors ... just as "Kes" did later. In 1965 he won the TV Director of the Year award from the British Television Guild. "The Big Flame", "Cathy Come Home" and "Up The Function" were other video classics. "Poor Cow" was Loach's first film feature. He followed this with "Kes" and "The Body".

# David Mercer

David Mercer (Writer) has three times won the Writers' Guild Association Award for the best original television play with "A Suitable Case for Treatment" in 1962, "In Two Minds" in 1967 and "Let's Murder Vivaldi" a year later. The retitled, "Morgan — A Suitable Case for Treatment", filmed with David Warner and Vanessa Redgrave, won him a British Film Academy Award in 1966. "In Two Minds" also won Best Script Award and Main Prize at the International Television Festival, Prague. Most recent TV work: the trilogy "On The Eve of Publication", "The Cellar and the Almond Tree" and "Emma's Time". West End Theatre critics have acclaimed his "The Governor's Lady", "Ride A Cock Horse" (starring Peter O'Toole), "Belcher's Luck", "After Haggerty" and "Flint".

# CINEMA 5 PRESENTS an ANGLO/EMI film

# FAMILY LIFE

# CAST

Sandy Ratcliff Janice Mr. Baildon Bill Dean Mrs. Baildon Grace Cave Tim Malcolm Tierney Barbara Hilary Martyn Dr. Donaldson Michael Riddall Mr. Carswell Alan MacNaughton Man in the Garden Johnny Gee

# CREDITS

Screenplay by David Mercer
Produced by Tony Garnett
Directed by Ken Loach

# TECHNICAL CREDITS

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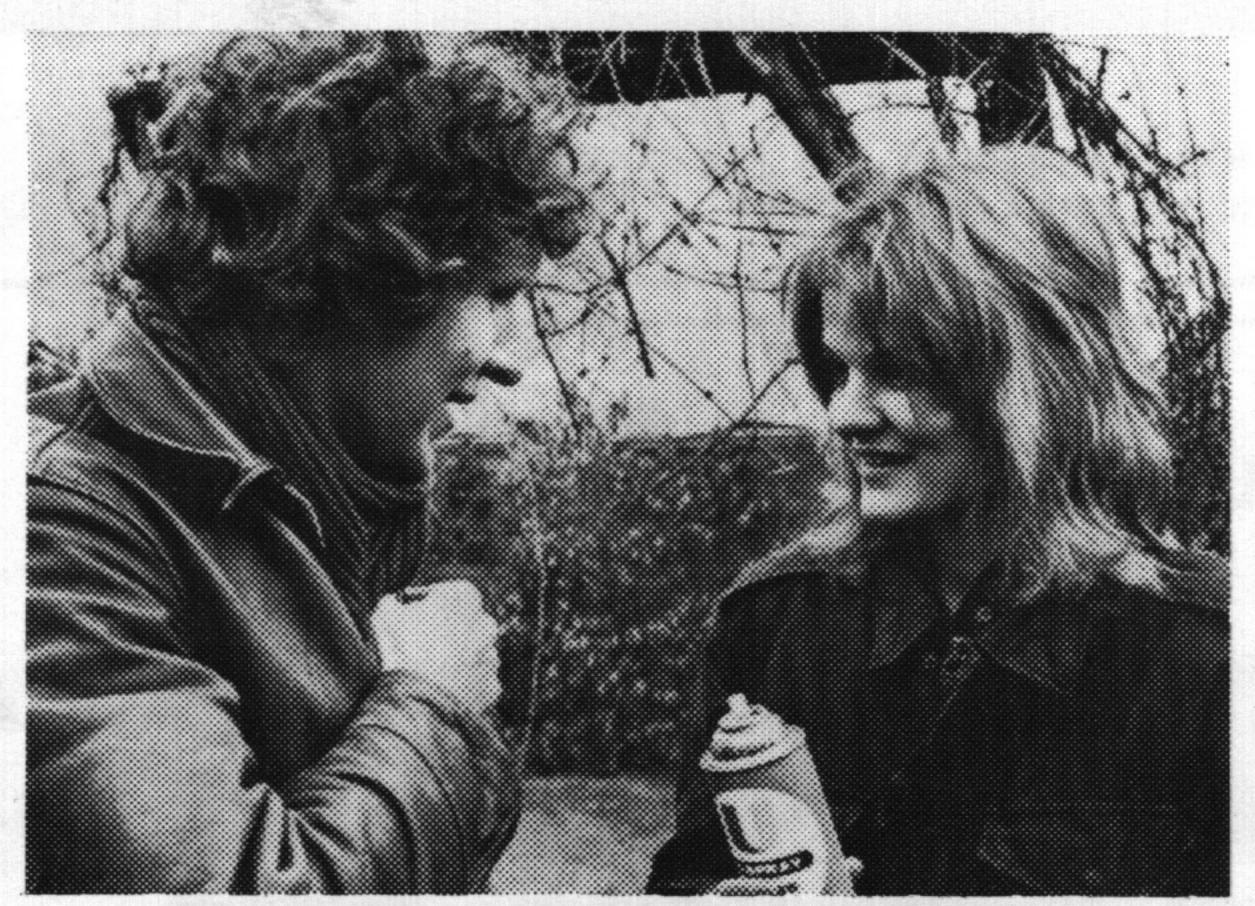
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Continuity

Distributed by Cinema 5

Penny Eyles

Running Time: 1 hr. 48 min.



Sandy Ratcliff and Malcolm Tierney in a scene from "FAMILY LIFE", which opens \_\_\_\_\_ theatre.



Sandy Ratcliff is the thoughtful young Jan in "FAMILY LIFE".

Movie opening \_\_\_\_\_ theatre.



Grace Cave lectures to her daughter Sandy Ratcliff, in "FAMILY LIFE". Which opens \_\_\_\_\_\_ theatre.



Sandy Ratcliff is the sensitive young girl who discusses life with Malcolm Tierney in "FAMILY LIFE".

Showing \_\_\_\_\_ theatre.

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