

Artistic Kill

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LOGLINE:

An art teacher becomes a macabre vigilante, hunting down systemic abusers and transforming them into living recreations of history's most famous—and painful—paintings.

SUMMARY:

Three close friends—Victoria, Gina, and Julie—enroll in an innocent-sounding art therapy class at a local community college. Their eccentric instructor, Mr. Robertson, guides them through a disturbing curriculum: sketching vivid portraits of individuals facing accusations of child sexual abuse within religious organizations. The narrative shifts into high gear when the professor announces an abrupt, mandatory field trip to Portugal, tasking the students with memorizing their folders of graded crime suspect sketches.

Upon arriving in the European countryside, the girls are guided to an isolated, centuries-old historic church sanctuary. In a horrifying twist, they realize they must match their artwork to real-life captives being held and tortured for their crimes. Driven by a dangerous religious savior complex, Mr. Robertson claims to be a direct vessel sent by God to orchestrate a brutal vigilante justice execution. He insists the girls were divinely chosen to help fulfill this holy mission.

The tension peaks when Victoria recognizes one of the captives from her old neighborhood. Believing the man has genuinely repented, she helps secure his release, resulting in Mr. Robertson sacrificing himself to take the prisoner's place. The unhinged instructor sets the entire structure ablaze, incinerating the church with the remaining predators trapped inside. While the friends survive and attempt to return to their normal routines, the story delivers a chilling psychological horror plot twist. Back home, Victoria discovers that the seemingly reformed neighbor she fought to save is actively returning to his predatory habits, luring local children directly to his house.

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