

**Official Press Kit**

# **PROJECT SILENCE**

**A KIM TAE GON FILM**

## FILM INFORMATION

<b>English Title</b>	PROJECT SILENCE
<b>Original Title</b>	Talchul: Project Silence
<b>Genre</b>	Disaster / Action / Drama
<b>Language</b>	Korean
<b>Country of Production</b>	Republic of Korea
<b>Director</b>	KIM Tae Gon
<b>Written by</b>	KIM Tae Gon, PARK Joo Suk, KIM Yong Hwa
<b>Cast</b>	LEE Sun Kyun, JU Ji Hoon, KIM Hie Won, MOON Sung Geun, YE Su Jeong, KIM Tae Woo, PARK Hee Von, PARK Ju Hyun, KIM Su An
<b>Presented by</b>	CJ ENM
<b>Production</b>	BLAAD Studios
<b>World Sales</b>	CJ ENM
<b>Production Year</b>	2023
<b>Release Date</b>	2023
<b>Running Time</b>	101 min
<b>Aspect Ratio</b>	2.39:1
<b>Format</b>	2K I Digital 5.1CH WAV

## **FILM SYNOPSIS**

**Stranded on the Airport Bridge on the verge of collapsing, all survivors become targets!**

Due to sudden deteriorating weather conditions, visibility on the Airport Bridge is severely impaired, leaving people stranded and at risk of the bridge collapsing due to a series of chain collisions and explosions. Amidst the chaos, the canine subjects "Echo" from the military experiment "Project Silence," who were being transported in secret, break free, and all human survivors become targets of relentless attacks.

Various individuals find themselves stranded on the Airport Bridge for different reasons - a government official from the presidential office (LEE Sun Kyun) who was seeing off his daughter (KIM Su An) at the airport; a tow truck driver (JU Ji Hoon) who was on his way to a multi-collision scene; an elderly couple (MOON Sung Geun, YE Su Jeong) who were returning from a trip abroad; sisters (PARK Hee Von, PARK Ju Hyun) who missed their flights, and Dr. Yang (Kim Hie Won), the researcher responsible for Project Silence - and a desperate struggle begins for them to escape to safety.

**In the wake of the worst chain of disasters, an extreme fight for survival begins!**

## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

### Written and Directed by KIM Tae Gon

"I wanted to portray the fear and tension in an immersive way when familiar things in everyday life suddenly turn into threats."

KIM Tae Gon, known for winning the Best Screenplay Award at the 2013 Thessaloniki International Film Festival with the independent film Sunshine Boys and gaining attention with Familyhood featuring an imaginative story and the charisma of top star KIM Hye-soo, is a renowned planner of works with unique imagination, strong characters, and solid stories. As the representative of the independent film production company Gwanghwamun Cinema, KIM Tae Gon has successfully tackled projects like The King of Jokgu, The Queen of Crime, and Microhabitat. In his latest venture, Project Silence, he challenges his first disaster film as the director and screenwriter.

Project Silence depicts the extreme escape of survivors amidst the worst chain of disasters that occurs on the collapsing Airport Bridge during a foggy crisis. As KIM Tae Gon stated, **"Various disaster situations were placed throughout the film without losing tension from beginning to end,"** the movie provides the spectacle characteristic of disaster films, while also incorporating a unique form of disaster thriller that combines the threat to humans with the friendly presence of dogs. The director skillfully maximizes the synergy between characters by **"portraying 8 survivors who move like a family, including a mother, sisters, elderly couple, and companion animals, and quickly inducing the audience to empathize with the characters."** Through a warm gaze, he captures the desperate struggle to protect loved ones, evoking deep empathy from the viewers.

### FILMOGRAPHY

**2018    Microhabitat -- Producer**  
**2016    The Queen of Crime -- Producer**  
**2016    Familyhood -- Director/Adaptation**  
**2014    The King of Jokgu -- Producer/Screenplay**  
**2013    Sunshine Boys -- Director/Screenplay**  
**2011    Short! Short! Short! 2010 -- Director**  
**2009    The Pot -- Director/Screenplay**

## ABOUT THE FILM

### **#1 Disasters escalate by the moment**

**A series of disasters unfold in everyday spaces**

**triggering unpredictable attacks of military dogs on the collapsing bridge!**

**The birth of a new disaster movie with 100% realism!**

Project Silence is a gripping tale of survival as a group of people find themselves stranded on an airport bridge amidst a collapsing crisis concealed by thick fog. Familiar spaces turn into disaster zones, and even man's best friend becomes a threat. With unexpected chain disasters unfolding, Project Silence delivers an unprecedented disaster movie experience, filled with breathtaking suspense.

Jung-won, a presidential aide, sets out to see off his daughter, Kyung-min, who is leaving for overseas studies. However, as they drive across a foggy bridge towards the airport, they are caught in a horrific chain traffic collision that leaves them stranded. Along with them are a tow truck driver and his dog, Jodie, an elderly couple Byung-hak and Soon-ok returning from their overseas trip, and sisters Miran and Yura who missed their flight. The bridge is sealed off, communication is cut, and disaster unfolds rapidly with helicopter crashes, toxic gas explosions, and the bridge collapsing. As if things couldn't get worse, military experimental dogs called 'Echo,' from the classified 'Project Silence,' break free from the wreckage and target all survivors, launching unpredictable attacks.

Director KIM Tae Gon shared, "**When I first wrote the screenplay, I wanted to bring something fresh to the genre of disaster movies by including scenes and stories that haven't been seen before.**" He conceived a storyline where diverse human characters, passing through the airport, are unexpectedly stranded on the bridge, facing an unfolding chain of disasters moment by moment. He also incorporated elements of increasing difficulty, akin to levels in a video game, to heighten the excitement as we witness the stranded individuals' attempts to escape.

Furthermore, Director KIM Tae Gon added a unique twist by making familiar and beloved dogs, which we normally coexist with in our daily lives, the most threatening horror targets, rather than the typical unidentified creatures seen in traditional disaster movies. This addition of man's best friend as a source of suspense and thrill adds a fresh and captivating element to the story.

## **#2 Multicast that transcends generations**

**Featuring LEE Sun Kyun, JU Ji Hoon, KIM Hie won, MOON Sung Geun, YE Su Jeong, PARK Hee Von, PARK Ju Hyun, and KIM Su An**

**Bringing together actors from various generations, including veterans, rising stars, and popular child actor**

**With perfect character synchronization, the ultimate teamwork unfolds in extreme situations!**

**"I wanted to bring the excitement of discovering new facets of the actors to the audience, rather than relying on predictable casting,"** expressed the director. Actors LEE Sun Kyun, JU Ji Hoon, KIM Hie Won, MOON Sung Geun, YE Su Jeong, PARK Hee Von, PARK Ju Hyun, and KIM Su An, regardless of their generation, showcase their diverse personalities and charms in Project Silence. They have fully immersed themselves into their characters, delivering a remarkable ensemble performance that captivates the audience's attention.

LEE Sun Kyun, renowned for his exceptional acting skills and remarkable chemistry with fellow actors in popular dramas like Pasta and My Mister, as well as films such as Parasite, A Hard Day, and All About My Wife, brings his talent to the role of Jung-won, a presidential aide trapped in a disaster-stricken situation. LEE Sun Kyun portrays the gradual transformation of his character amidst extreme circumstances, anchoring the center of the drama alongside KIM Su An, who portrays a realistic father-daughter relationship.

JU Ji Hoon, a leading actor known for his popularity in films like the Along with the Gods series, The Spy Gone North, Dark Figure of Crime, and TV dramas such as Kingdom and Hyena, takes on the unconventional character of Jobak, a free-spirited tow truck driver in Project Silence. This role challenges his previous roles and showcases a different visual and adorable teamwork with his on-screen partner, Jodie, revealing a new side of his charm.

KIM Hie Won, a versatile actor who has been prolifically working across various platforms including films, dramas, and reality shows like Pawn, On the Line, Unlocked, Misaeng: Incomplete Life, and the travel reality show House on Wheels, joins the cast of Project Silence as Dr. Yang, the mastermind behind 'Project Silence' that resulted in the creation of the military experimental dog, Echo. KIM Hie Won skillfully portrays the unpredictable eccentricity of a scientist with an inscrutable inner world, adding depth to the narrative with his performance.

The roles of Byung-hak and Soon-ok, a loving elderly couple that evoke a deep sense of nostalgia, are portrayed by veteran actors MOON Sung Geun, a three-time winner of the Best Actor award at

the Blue Dragon Film Awards, and YE Su Jeong, who has had a remarkable 45-year acting career and has appeared in four blockbuster films that surpassed the 10 million admission mark. PARK Hee Von, known for her realistic acting and unique character portrayals, takes on the role of Miran, while PARK Ju Hyun, a rising star with a diverse filmography, portrays Yura, two sisters with contrasting personalities, adding vitality to the film with their on-screen chemistry.

Lastly, young and talented actor KIM Su An, who has achieved the rare feat of starring in two mega blockbusters that surpassed the 10 million admission mark with *Train to Busan* and *Along with the Gods: The Two Worlds*, completes the powerful ensemble by portraying Kyung-min, Jung-won's rebellious teenage daughter.

### **#3 Perfect reality, overwhelming visuals**

**Produced by KIM Yong Hwa, the director of *Along with the Gods* series, cinematography by HONG Kyung Pyo the DOP of *Parasite*, screenplay by PARK Joo Suk who wrote *Train to Busan*, and VFX by Dexter Studio from *Along with the Gods* and *Space Sweepers*!**

**With an unwavering trust and an unparalleled production team, *Project Silence* is set to be a blockbuster!**

Renowned director KIM Yong Hwa, acclaimed for the successful *Along with the Gods* series, has joined forces with director KIM Tae Gon, known for his work on *Familyhood*, to create a film with universal messages that resonate with audiences of all ages. Inspired by KIM Tae Gon's personal experience of facing extreme fear while being pursued by wild dogs during a trekking trip, *Project Silence* is an awe-inspiring disaster film set in everyday locations, with KIM Yong Hwa at the helm of production.

To bring this compelling vision to life, the best box-office production team in South Korea has come together, including the esteemed director of photography HONG Kyung Pyo, who has made significant contributions to Korean film history through his work on films such as *Deliver Us From Evil*, *Parasite*, *Burning*, *The Wailing*, and *TaeGukGi: The Brotherhood of War*. HONG Kyung Pyo has used handheld techniques to capture 90% of the film, dynamically depicting the swift attacks of the experimental creatures and the subtle movements of the characters. He said he **"aimed to give the story a multilayered feeling as the situation and emotions of the characters evolve."** With delicate changes in lighting, he has realistically yet dramatically depicted the isolated disaster scene on the open sea.

The screenplay for *Project Silence* is masterfully crafted by PARK Joo Suk, a talented screenwriter renowned for his ability to build suspense, as evidenced in his work on films like *Train to Busan* and

Hwayi: A Monster Boy. PARK brings to life the diverse human characters in extreme situations, adding depth and intensity to the story. The visual effects for the film are entrusted to Dexter Studio, the premier VFX company in South Korea, known for its groundbreaking work on films like Space Sweepers and the Along with the Gods series. CG Supervisor SONG Yong Gu has spared no effort in utilizing state-of-the-art CG technology to create realistic graphics that blur the line between reality and CGI. From breathtaking scenes like helicopter crashes and bridge collapses that showcase the immense scale of the disaster, to the portrayal of the experimental creature 'Echo' attacking the survivors, SONG's ambition is to make the film look **"as authentic as possible, leaving audiences questioning if any CGI was used at all."** His meticulous attention to detail and commitment to realism amplifies expectations for the film.

Under the guidance of renowned action choreographer LEE Geon Moon, known for his work in Deliver Us From Evil, the movements of the formidable experimental subjects known as 'Echoes,' who possess incredible speed and power, were meticulously overseen to achieve seamless synchronization between CGI and actors. Production Designer HAN Ah Rum, celebrated for her exceptional art direction in films like Kill Boksoon, Kingmaker, 1987, and The Merciless, and winner of the Production Design award at the 43rd Blue Dragon Film Awards, has meticulously crafted a massive set of the Airport Bridge, creating a realistic disaster scene that elevates the overall quality of the film.

With Korea's top production team at the helm, Project Silence promises to deliver an intense sense of immersion, placing the audience on the edge of the collapsing Airport Bridge, and providing a thrilling experience for moviegoers who visit the theaters this summer.



## CAST & CHARACTERS

### A presidential aide trapped on the disaster-stricken Airport Bridge, 'Jung-won'

As the Deputy Director of Security at the Presidential Office and a single father raising his teenage daughter, Jung-won faces the challenges of balancing his prestigious position at work with his strained relationship with his daughter. However, while accompanying his daughter to the airport as she heads abroad to study, he is caught off guard by a crisis. The Airport Bridge collapses due to a series of traffic collisions, and military experimental creatures known as 'Echo' launch an unexpected attack. In the face of imminent danger and with lives at stake, he takes decisive action with cold judgment, showcasing his proactive approach and unwavering determination to protect those in peril. Despite the challenges he faces, he rises to the occasion and demonstrates his leadership skills, putting his skills and expertise to use in order to resolve the situation and ensure the safety of those involved.

### CAST | LEE Sun Kyun

LEE Sun Kyun, known for his memorable roles in acclaimed films such as Parasite, Helpless, All About My Wife, A Hard Day, as well as popular TV dramas like Coffee Prince, Pasta, and My Mister, returns to the big screen in Project Silence. In the film, he takes on the role of Jung-won, a presidential aide trapped in the midst of a disaster on the Airport Bridge. With his impeccable acting skills, LEE Sun Kyun is expected to portray a character who exhibits strong leadership by calmly guiding people through the crisis. Director KIM Tae Gon praised LEE for **"holding the center of the story among the distinctive characters, highlighting his ability to deliver a compelling performance in this challenging role."**

### FILMOGRAPHY

Movie	KILLING ROMANCE (2023) KINGMAKER (2022) PARASITE (2019) JO PIL-HO: THE DAWNING RAGE (2019) TAKE POINT (2018) A SPECIAL LADY (2017) THE KING'S CASE NOTE (2017) THE ADVOCATE: A MISSING BODY (2015) A HARD DAY (2014) OUR SUNHI (2013) NOBODY'S DAUGHTER HAEWON (2013) ALL ABOUT MY WIFE (2012) HELPLESS (2012) OFFICER OF THE YEAR (2011) PETTY ROMANCE (2010) OKI'S MOVIE   (2010) PAJU (2009) ROMANTIC ISLAND (2008) SAKWA (2008) NIGHT AND DAY (2008) OUR TOWN (2007) EDUCATING KIDNAPPERS (2006) THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT (2006) R-POINT (2004) and others MY MOTHER, THE MERMAID (2004)
Drama	PAYBACK (2023) DR. BRAIN (2021) DIARY OF A PROSECUTOR (2019-2020) MY MISTER (2018) LISTEN TO LOVE (2016) MISS KOREA (2013-2014) GOLDEN TIME (2012) PASTA (2010) TRIPLE (2009) MY SWEET CITY (2008) COFFEE PRINCE (2007) BEHIND THE WHITE TOWER (2007) MBC BEST THEATER - TAERUNG NATIONAL VILLAGE (2005) LOVEHOLIC (2005) and others
TV show	VERY PRIVATE SOUTHEAST ASIA (2023) TRANS-SIBERIAN PATHFINDERS (2019)

## CAST & CHARACTERS

### A tow truck driver looking for a lucky break in life, 'Jobak'

A tow truck driver constantly on the move, hoping for a break that will turn his life around. He gets into a heated argument with Jung-won while working part-time at a gas station. However, when Jung-won takes off without paying for the gas, he sets out in his tow truck to find him, accompanied by his loyal pet dog, 'Jodie'.

### CAST | JU Ji Hoon

As an actor with an impressive filmography that includes works like Princess Hours, Along with the Gods series, The Spy Gone North, Asura: The City of Madness, Dark Figure of Crime and popular TV dramas such as The Devil, Kingdom, and Hyena, JU Ji Hoon adds yet another facet of the actor in Project Silence. He undergoes an unprecedented visual transformation as the carefree and unconventional tow truck driver Jobak, who is looking to catch a break in life. Director KIM Tae Gon praised JU Ji Hoon's **"sense of humor and wit, which add to the lovable charm of the comical character Jobak, arousing curiosity among viewers."** With his expressions, speech, and actions, though rough around the edges, JU Ji Hoon is expected to captivate audiences with irresistible appeal.

### FILMOGRAPHY

Movie	GENTLEMAN (2022) ALONG WITH THE GODS: THE LAST 49 DAYS (2018) THE SPY GONE NORTH (2018) DARK FIGURE OF CRIME (2018) ALONG WITH THE GODS: THE TWO WORLDS (2017) ASURA: THE CITY OF MADNESS (2016) THE TREACHEROUS (2015) CONFESSION (2014) MARRIAGE BLUE (2013) I AM THE KING (2012) THE NAKED KITCHEN (2009) ANTIQUE (2008) and others
Drama	JIRISAN (2021) KINGDOM SEASON 2 (2020) HYENA (2020) KINGDOM (2019) ITEM (2019) MASK (2015) MEDICAL TOP TEAM (2013) FIVE FINGERS (2012) THE DEVIL (2007) PRINCESS HOURS (2006) and others
TV show	BROS ON FOOT (2023)

## CAST & CHARACTERS

### Principal Researcher of 'Project Silence', 'Dr. Yang'

As the lead researcher overseeing the covert government project known as 'Project Silence', he bears the responsibility of transferring military experimental dogs. However, when an unexpected collision occurs during the transfer, he is overcome with panic. Being fully aware of the formidable capabilities of these experimental dogs, as he knows them better than anyone else, he understands the grave dangers they pose. The situation throws him into turmoil, realizing the potential consequences of the accident and the need to address it urgently to prevent any further harm.

### CAST | KIM Hie Won

Actor KIM Hie Won, renowned for his villainous performances in movies like *The Man from Nowhere*, and loved for his versatile acting in films such as *The Merciless*, *Pawn*, and *On the Line*, as well as acclaimed dramas like *Misaeng: Incomplete Life*, *Songgot: The Piercer* and *The Light in Your Eyes*. In *Project Silence*, he portrays the character of Dr. Yang, a responsible researcher in a top-secret government project, injecting tension into the film with his unpredictable and eccentric portrayal. Director KIM Tae Gon praised KIM Hie Won's **"reinterpretation of the mad scientist character in his own unique style, and his outstanding acting skills, adding to the anticipation for his distinctive presence in the film."**

### FILMOGRAPHY

Movie	UNLOCKED (2023) PERHAPS LOVE (2021) ON THE LINE (2021) PAWN (2020) BEST FRIEND (2020) THE GOLDEN HOLIDAY (2020) THE DIVINE MOVE 2: THE WRATHFUL (2019) MY PUNCH-DRUNK BOXER (2019) ANOTHER CHILD (2019) RACE TO FREEDOM: UM BOK DONG (2019) MARIONETTE (2018) THE MERCILESS (2017) THE KING'S CASE NOTE (2017) MISSING (2016) VANISHING TIME: A BOY WHO RETURNED (2016) CANOLA (2016) COLLECTIVE INVENTION (2015) THE BEAUTY INSIDE (2015) SCARLET INNOCENCE (2014) NO TEARS FOR THE DEAD (2014) HOT YOUNG BLOODS (2014) CART (2014) MR. GO (2013) MY WAY (2011) THE MAN FROM NOWHERE (2010) TWILIGHT GANGSTERS (2010) LADY DADDY (2009) and others
Drama	BIG ISSUE (2019) THE LIGHT IN YOUR EYES (2019) OH, THE MYSTERIOUS (2017) LISTEN TO LOVE (2016) SONGGOT: THE PIERCER (2015) LET'S EAT 2 (2015) ANGRY MOM (2015) MISAENG: INCOMPLETE LIFE (2014) MY LOVE FROM THE STAR (2013-14) MONSTAR (2013) KANG CHI, THE BEGINNING (2013) LIGHT AND SHADOW (2011-12) MIDNIGHT HOSPITAL (2011) OH! MY LADY (2010) and others
TV show	HOUSE ON WHEELS S1-4 (2020-22)

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