

## Stefaniya Makarova Shines in Provocative New Role in US Premiere "Ballad of a Hustler" at SBIFF



**Los Angeles, California Jun 12, 2024** ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - [Stefaniya Makarova](#), the talented actress known for John Wick 3, [Little America \(Apple TV +\)](#), and The Kindergarten Teacher (Netflix) takes on a provocative new role in the highly anticipated film "[Ballad of a Hustler](#)", which premiered in the US at the prestigious [Santa Barbara International Film Festival](#).

Makarova's journey with the film began with an unexpected twist. Upon confirming her role, she discovered a challenging aspect for her - a topless scene. Despite initial discomfort, Makarova confirmed the role. Overnight contemplation left Makarova grappling with the decision of whether she was truly prepared to participate in the topless scene. The following morning, Makarova made the decision to express her hesitation, responding that she was not ready to proceed with the topless scene. An unexpected turn of events led to a misunderstanding on set, resulting in Makarova's commitment to the scene. Upon arriving on set, she was presented with a contract that included the topless scene. It became evident that there had been a miscommunication, as the production team was unaware of Makarova's reluctance to participate in the scene.

Reflecting on the experience, Makarova shares, "Everything happens for a reason and for the best." Despite the confusion, Makarova approached her role with professionalism having a negotiation

with an alternative approach to the scene.

"Ballad of a Hustler" showcases Makarova's talent and versatility as an actress, highlighting her ability to embody complex characters with depth and authenticity. Despite the challenges faced during production, Makarova's dedication to her craft shines through in her performance.

To find out more about Stefaniya Makarova's work, please visit [www.StefaniyaMakarova.com](http://www.StefaniyaMakarova.com).



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