

Audio Film Review: Lord in the Dance for ‘The Starling Girl’

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Rating: **5.0/5.0**

Jem Starling (Eliza Scanlan) is a 17-year-old girl raised in that community, who is an emerging woman in a restrictive world. She lives for her Christian dance troupe, and finds bodily freedom through movement, which causes conflict regarding her status as a woman in the community. This organically leads to an exploration of her sexuality through an affair with a young married missionary named Owen (Lewis Pullman), and the balance of power is about to tilt on its holier-than-thou axis.

“The Starling Girl” is in select theaters beginning May 19th, see local listings. Featuring Eliza Scanlan, Lewis Pullman, Jimmi Simpson, Wrenn Schmidt and Austin Abrams. Written and directed by Laurel Parmet. Rated “R”



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