Questioning Cinema: *Ex Machina*

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**Cast**
- Caleb Smith  Domhnall Gleeson
- Nathan Bateman  Oscar Isaac
- Ava  Alicia Vikander
- Kyoko  Sonova Mizuno

Director and screenplay writer: Alex Garland

**Synopsis**
"Caleb (Domhnall Gleeson), a programmer at an internet-search giant, wins a competition to spend a week at the private estate of the company's brilliant and reclusive CEO, Nathan (Oscar Isaac).

Upon his arrival, Caleb learns that Nathan has chosen him to be the human component in a Turing test - evaluating the capabilities, and the consciousness, of Nathan's latest experiment in artificial intelligence.

That experiment is Ava (Alicia Vikander), a breathtaking A.I. whose emotional intelligence proves more sophisticated - and more deceptive - than the two men could have imagined."

- exmachina-movie.com/synopsis

**Discussion Leaders**
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Additional Film Information

http://exmachina-movie.com/
Universal Pictures International, DNA Films LTD, Film4
US / UK; Locations: Pinewood Studios & London, England; Juvet Landscape Hotel, Jostedalsbreen National Park, and other locations, Norway

Cinematography: Rob Hardy
Film Editor: Mark Day
Production Design: Mark Digby
Art Director: Katrina Mackay
Costume Designer: Sammy Sheldon Differ
Music: Ben Salisbury, Goeff Barrow
Character Concept Designer: Richard Durant

**Alex Garland**
Director/Screenwriter/Executive Producer

Born: London, 1970; BA History of Art, University of Manchester, 1992
Director: *Ex Machina*
Computer Games: co-writer *Enslaved: Odyssey to the West*; story supervisor *DmC: Devil May Cry*