

**>SLOVAK FILMS
AROUND
THE WORLD<
2009**



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>INTRODUCTION<

In 2008, a Slovak film was presented in the program of the Cannes International Film Festival for the first time after almost 40 years. *Blind Loves* by Juraj Lehotský was not only included in the 40. Directors' Fortnight selection, but also received the C.I.C.A.E. Award for Art Cinema. From Cannes, *Blind Loves* set off for a successful festival spree around the whole world and collected many further international awards.

The success of the film significantly contributed to the increase in the interest for the current Slovak cinematography and helped to place Slovakia among countries whose cinema is worth exploring into more details.

It is a very positive development, that in 2009 new Slovak films were able to continue in the success of 2008. Slovak films were selected for the programs of important international film festival in which they had been missing for many years, and, moreover, gathered further valuable awards to Slovak cinema.

Soul at Peace represented Slovakia in the Official Selection Competition of Karlovy Vary IFF after five years of absence, and *Osadné* was awarded the Best Documentary Film at the festival. *Moon Inside You* became one of the most discussed titles of the Locarno IFF's 20. Critics' Week as the first Slovak film ever to be selected for the independent festival section. For the first time since 1989, Slovak film was shown in the International Critics' Week at Venice IFF, namely *Foxes* by the Slovak director Mira Fornay.

The documentary *Cooking History* by Kater Kerekes made it to the nomination list of the European Film Academy Documentary 2009 – PRIX ARTE, received the Golden Hugo Award at Chicago IFF, main Vienna Film Prize at Viennale, and many others. The world premiere of *The Border* by Jaro Vojtek was awarded by one of the latest awards of 2009, *Between the Seas* – Best East European Documentary Film Award at Jihlava Documentary IFF.

At home, Slovak films have also managed to awaken the interest of the local audiences, and the Top 10 list of Slovak films 1993 – 2009 by attendance shows three new titles in 2009.

There are far more Slovak films, festivals they were selected for and awards they received. This bulletin offers a short overview of the main highlights for Slovak cinema in 2009. Up-to-date and more complex information is available at the website www.aic.sk of the Audiovisual Information Centre of the Slovak Film Institute.

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THE BORDER
(ORIG. HRANICA)

SK >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.
>> 72 MIN. >> DOCUMENTARY
DIRECTOR: JAROSLAV VOJTEK

PREMIERE: 28. 10. 2009
(JHLAVA IFDF)

13. Jihlava International Festival
of Documentary Films 2009,
Czech Republic – see AWARDS
39. Rotterdam IFF 2010,
The Netherlands (confirmed)

www.border.sk



BROKEN PROMISE
(ORIG. NEDODRŽANÝ SĽUB)

SK–CZ–USA >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.
>> 124 MIN. >> FICTION
DIRECTOR: JIŘÍ CHLUMSKÝ

PREMIERE: 25. 4. 2009
(LOS ANGELES IJFF)

4. Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival
2009, USA – see AWARDS
12. Shanghai IFF 2009, China
29. San Francisco Jewish Film Festival
2009, USA
25. Festroia IFF – Setúbal 2009,
Portugal – see AWARDS
14. Pusan IFF 2009, South Korea

www.nedodrzanyslub.sk



COOKING HISTORY
(ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY)

AT–SK–CZ >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.
>> 88 MIN. >> DOCUMENTARY
DIRECTOR: PETER KEREKES

PREMIERE: 19. 2. 2009 (SK)

15. Visions du Réel Nyon 2009,
Switzerland
16. International Documentary Film
Festival HotDocs Toronto 2009,
Canada – see AWARDS
45. IFF Chicago 2009, USA
– see AWARDS
47. Viennale – Vienna IFF 2009, Austria
– see AWARDS
52. International Leipzig Festival for
Documentary and Animated Film 2009,
Germany – see AWARDS

www.cookinghistory.net



FOXES

(ORIG. LÍŠTIČKY)

CZ-SK-IE >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.

>> 83 MIN. >> FICTION

DIRECTOR: MIRA FORNAY

PREMIERE: 9. 9. 2009 (VENICE IFF)

66. Venice IFF 2009 – 24. International Critics' Week, , Italy

14. Pusan IFF 2009, South Korea

25. Warsaw IFF 2009, Poland

19. Film Festival Cottbus 2009, Germany – see AWARDS

20. IFF Stockholm 2009, Sweden

www.listicky.cz



HEAVEN, HELL... EARTH

(ORIG. NEBO, PEKLO...ZEM)

SK-CZ >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.

>> 95 MIN. >> FICTION

DIRECTOR: LAURA SIVÁKOVÁ

PREMIERE: 16. 4. 2009 (SK)

33. Montreal World Film Festival 2009, Canada

40. Goa IFF 2009, India

7. Chennai IFF 2009, India

www.nebopeklozem.sk



MOON INSIDE YOU

(ORIG. MESIAC V NÁS)

ES-SK-FR >> 2009 >> HDV >> COL.

>> 75 MIN. >> DOCUMENTARY

DIRECTOR: DIANA FABIÁNOVÁ

**PREMIERE: 8. 3. 2009 (ARTE),
13. 8. 2009 (LOCARNO IFF)**

62. Locarno IFF 2009 – 20. Critics' Week, Switzerland

33. World Film Festival Montreal 2009, Canada

3. Gotham Screen IFF New York 2009, USA – see AWARDS

45. Chicago IFF 2009, USA

22. IDFA Amsterdam 2009, The Netherlands

www.mooninsideyou.com



MY HUSBAND'S WOMEN
(ORIG. ŽENY MÔJHO MUŽA)

SK-CZ-HU >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.
>> 85 MIN. >> FICTION
DIRECTOR: IVAN VOJNÁR

PREMIERE: 13. 6. 2009 (SHANGHAI IFF)

- 12. Shanghai IFF 2009, China
- 17. Art Film Fest IFF – Trenčianske Teplice / Trenčín 2009, Slovakia
- 44. Karlovy Vary IFF 2009, Czech Republic

www.zenymojhomuza.sk



OSADNÉ
(ORIG. OSADNÉ)

SK-CZ >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.
>> 65 MIN. >> DOCUMENTARY
DIRECTOR: MARKO ŠKOP

PREMIERE: 7. 7. 2009
(KARLOVY VARY IFF)

- 44. Karlovy Vary IFF 2009, Czech Republic – see AWARDS
- 25. Warsaw IFF 2009, Poland
- 53. Times BFI London Film Festival 2009, Great Britain – see AWARDS
- 52. International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film 2009, Germany
- 22. IDFA Amsterdam 2009, The Netherlands

www.osadne.com



SOUL AT PEACE
(ORIG. POKOJ V DUŠI)

SK >> 2009 >> 35 MM >> COL.
>> 97 MIN. >> FICTION
DIRECTOR: VLADIMÍR BALKO

PREMIERE: 29. 1. 2009 (SK)

- 44. Karlovy Vary IFF 2009, Czech Republic
- 11. Rio de Janeiro IFF 2009, Argentina
- 11. Film Festival Mumbai 2009, India
- 19. Film Festival Cottbus 2009, Germany
- 13. Black Nights IFF – Tallinn 2009, Estonia

www.pokojvdusi.sk

3 SEASONS IN HELL

(ORIG. 3 SEZÓNY V PEKLE)

CZ-SK » 2009 » 35 MM » COL.

» 110 MIN. » FICTION

DIRECTOR: TOMÁŠ MAŠÍN

PREMIERE: 26. 11. 2009 (CZ)

www.3sezonyvpekle.cz

BRATISLAVAFILM

(ORIG. BRATISLAVAFILM)

SK » 2009 » 35 MM » COL. » 78 MIN.

» FICTION

DIRECTOR: JAKUB KRONER

PREMIERE: 26. 6. 2009

(ART FILM FEST IFF)

www.bratislavafilm.sk

EYE IN THE WALL

(ORIG. OKO VE ZDI)

CZ-SK » 2009 » 35 MM » COL.

» 80 MIN. » FICTION

DIRECTOR: MILOŠ J. KOHOUT

PREMIERE: 3. 12. 2009 (CZ)

www.oko-film.cz

IN THE ATTIC: WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY TODAY?

(ORIG. NA POVALE ALEBO KTO MÁ DNES
NARODENINY)

CZ-SK-JP » 2009 » 35 MM » COL.

» 74 MIN. » ANIMATION

DIRECTOR: JIŘÍ BARTA

PREMIERE: 4. 3. 2009 (CZ)

JÁNOŠÍK. A TRUE STORY

(ORIG. JÁNOŠÍK. PRAVDIVÁ HISTÓRIA)

PL-SK-CZ-HU » 2009 » 35 MM

» COL. » 137 MIN. » FICTION

DIRECTOR: AGNIESZKA HOLLAND,

KASIA ADAMIK

PREMIERE: 10. 9. 2009 (SK)

www.janosik-film.sk

MOSQUITOES' TANGO

(ORIG. TANGO S KOMÁRMI)

SK-CZ » 2009 » 35 MM » COL.

» 97 MIN. » FICTION

DIRECTOR: MILOSLAV LUTHER

PREMIERE: 22. 1. 2009 (SK)

www.tangoskomarmi.sk

T.M.A.

(ORIG.: T.M.A.)

CZ-SK » 2009 » 35 MM » COL.

» 90 MIN. » FICTION

DIRECTOR: JURAJ HERZ

PREMIERE: 7. 7. 2009

(KARLOVY VARY IFF)

www.tma-film.cz

UNKNOWN HOUR

(ORIG. HODINU NEVÍŠ)

CZ-SK » 2009 » 35 MM » COL.

» 95 MIN. » FICTION

DIRECTOR: DAN SVÁTEK

PREMIERE: 27. 8. 2009 (CZ)

www.hodinunevies.sk

AWARDS 2009

EUROPEAN FILM AWARDS

- >< **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ) – NOMINATION FOR EUROPEAN FILM ACADEMY DOCUMENTARY 2009 – PRIX ARTE
- >< **SOUL AT PEACE** (ORIG. POKOJ V DUŠI, DIR. V. BALKO, SK) – SLOVAK NOMINATION FOR THE EFA AWARD FOR BEST FILM
- >< **TOBRUK** (DIR. V. MARHOUL, CZ-SK) – SELECTION FOR EFA AWARD FOR BEST EUROPEAN FILM 2009

ACADEMY AWARD (OSCAR)

- >< **BROKEN PROMISE** (ORIG. NEDODRŽANÝ SĽUB, DIR. J. CHLUMSKÝ, SK-CZ-USA) – NATIONAL NOMINATION IN THE CATEGORY FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

CZECH LION

16. ANNUAL FILM AWARD OF THE CZECH FILM AND TELEVISION ACADEMY

- >< **TOBRUK** (DIR. V. MARHOUL, CZ-SK) – BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY, BEST MUSIC, BEST SOUND
- >< **BATHORY** (DIR. J. JAKUBISKO, SK-CZ-UK-HU) – BEST ARTISTIC ACT, MOST SUCCESSFUL FILM

FESTIVALS AND AWARDS 2009

PRESENTATION OF SLOVAK AND COPRODUCTION FILMS AT IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL AND AWARDS GRANTED IN 2009

38. ROTTERDAM IFF

- >< **BLIND LOVES** (ORIG. SLEPÉ LÁSKY, DIR. J. LEHOTSÝ, SK)

16. HOTDOCS TORONTO

- >< **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ) – SPECIAL JURY PRIZE – INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

4. LOS ANGELES JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

- >< **BROKEN PROMISE** (ORIG. NEDODRŽANÝ SĽUB, DIR. J. CHLUMSKÝ, SK-CZ-USA) – AUDIENCE AWARD FOR BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE

44. KARLOVY VARY IFF

- >< **BOXER AND DEATH** (ORIG. BOXER A SMRŤ, DIR. P. SOLAN, SK)
- >< **BROKEN PROMISE** (ORIG. NEDODRŽANÝ SĽUB, DIR. J. CHLUMSKÝ, SK-CZ-USA)
- >< **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ)
- >< **ENGLISH STRAWBERRIES** (ORIG. ANGLICKÉ JAHODY, DIR. V. DRHA, CZ-SK-UA)
- >< **MY HUSBAND'S WOMEN** (ORIG. ŽENY MÔJHO MUŽA, DIR. I. VOJNÁR, SK-CZ-HU)
- >< **OSADNÉ** (ORIG. OSADNÉ, DIR. M. ŠKOP, SK-CZ) – BEST DOCUMENTARY FILM
- >< **SNAPSHOTS** (ORIG. MOMENTKY, DIR. P. KRÍŠTÚFEK, SK)
- >< **SOUL AT PEACE** (ORIG. POKOJ V DUŠI, DIR. V. BALKO, SK)
- >< **T.M.A.** (R. J. HERZ, CZ-SK)
- >< **TOBRUK** (R. V. MARHOUL, CZ-SK)

62. LOCARNO IFF – 20. CRITICS' WEEK

- >< **MOON INSIDE YOU** (ORIG. MESIAC V NÁS, DIR. D. FABIÁNOVÁ, ES-SK-FR)

33. MONTREAL WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

- >< **HEAVEN, HELL... EARTH** (ORIG. NEBO, PEKLO... ZEM, DIR. L. SIVÁKOVÁ, SK-CZ)
- >< **MOON INSIDE YOU** (ORIG. MESIAC V NÁS, DIR. D. FABIÁNOVÁ, ES-SK-FR)

25. FESTROIA IFF – SETÚBAL

- >> **BROKEN PROMISE** (ORIG. NEDODRŽANÝ SĽUB, DIR. J. CHLUMSKÝ, SK-CZ-USA) – SILVER DOLPHIN BEST ACTOR (SAMUEL SPIŠÁK)

66. VENICE IFF – 24. INTERNATIONAL CRITICS' WEEK

- >> **FOXES** (ORIG. LÍŠTIČKY, DIR. M. FORNAY, CZ-SK-IE)

14. PUSAN IFF

- >> **BROKEN PROMISE** (ORIG. NEDODRŽANÝ SĽUB, DIR. J. CHLUMSKÝ, SK-CZ-USA)
- >> **FOXES** (ORIG. LÍŠTIČKY, DIR. M. FORNAY, CZ-SK-IE)

45. CHICAGO IFF

- >> **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ) – GOLDEN HUGO IN DOCUFEST COMPETITION
- >> **MOON INSIDE YOU** (ORIG. MESIAC V NÁS, DIR. D. FABIÁNOVÁ, ES-SK-FR)

25. WARSAW IFF

- >> **FOXES** (ORIG. LÍŠTIČKY, DIR. M. FORNAY, CZ-SK-IE)
- >> **OSADNÉ** (ORIG. OSADNÉ, DIR. M. ŠKOP, SK-CZ)

3. GOTHAM SCREEN FILM FESTIVAL NEW YORK

- >> **MOON INSIDE YOU** (ORIG. MESIAC V NÁS, DIR. D. FABIÁNOVÁ, ES-SK-FR) – SPECIAL JURY MENTION

53. TIMES BFI LONDON FILM FESTIVAL

- >> **OSADNÉ** (ORIG. OSADNÉ, DIR. M. ŠKOP, SK-CZ) – NOMINATION FOR THE GRIERSON AWARD

52. INTERNATIONAL LEIPZIG FESTIVAL FOR DOCUMENTARY AND ANIMATED FILM

- >> **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ) – FIPRESCI AWARD
- >> **OSADNÉ** (ORIG. OSADNÉ, DIR. M. ŠKOP, SK-CZ)

47. VIENNALE – VIENNA IFF

- >> **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ) – VIENNA FILM PRIZE – MAIN AWARD FOR DOCUMENTARY FILM

3. MEMORIMAGE IFF

- >> **COOKING HISTORY** (ORIG. AKO SA VARIA DEJINY, DIR. P. KEREKES, AT-SK-CZ) – MEMORIMAGE AWARD TO THE BEST PRODUCTION

13. JIHLAVA DOCUMENTARY IFF

- >> **THE BORDER** (ORIG. HRANICA, DIR. J. VOJTEK, SK) – BETWEEN THE SEAS – BEST EAST EUROPEAN DOCUMENTARY FILM AWARD

19. COTTBUS FILM FESTIVAL

- >> **FOXES** (ORIG. LÍŠTIČKY, DIR. M. FORNAY, CZ-SK-IE) – DIALOGUE PRIZE FOR INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION
- >> **SOUL AT PEACE** (ORIG. POKOJ V DUŠI, DIR. V. BALKO, SK)

22. INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL AMSTERDAM – IDFA

- >> **MOON INSIDE YOU** (ORIG. MESIAC V NÁS, DIR. D. FABIÁNOVÁ, ES-SK-FR)
- >> **OSADNÉ** (ORIG. OSADNÉ, DIR. M. ŠKOP, SK-CZ)
- >> **WAR GAMES** (ORIG. VOJNOVÉ HRY, DIR. D. JABLONSKI, PL-SK-FR)

TOP 10 SLOVAK FILMS 2009

as of October 31st by admission

	TITLE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	RELEASE	ADMISSION
1.	JÁNOŠÍK. A TRUE STORY	PL-SK-CZ-HU	10. 09. 09	133 622
2.	SOUL AT PEACE	SK	29. 01. 09	116 777
3.	BRATISLAVAFILM	SK	30. 07. 09	59 804
4.	THE GREAT THAW	CZ-SK	26. 02. 09	43 148
5.	MOSQUITOES' TANGO	SK-CZ	22. 01. 09	40 613
6.	BROKEN PROMISE	SK-CZ-USA	30. 04. 09	28 488
7.	HEAVEN, HELL,... EARTH	SK-CZ	16. 04. 09	13 059
8.	MY HUSBAND'S WOMEN	SK-CZ-HU	25. 06. 09	12 219
9.	OSADNÉ	SK-CZ	03. 09. 09	8 028
10.	BATHORY	SK-CZ-UK-HU	10. 07. 08	5 544*

* – 432 155 admissions since release

Remark: Only Slovak films and majority co-productions

Source: Union of Film Distributors of the Slovak Republic

TOP 10 SLOVAK REPUBLIC 2009

as of October 31st by admission

	TITLE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	RELEASE DATE	ADMISSION
1.	ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS	USA	02. 07. 09	392 350*
2.	HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE	UK-USA	16. 07. 09	203 826
3.	JÁNOŠÍK. A TRUE STORY	PL-SK-CZ-HU	10. 09. 09	133 622
4.	ANGELS & DEMONS	USA	14. 05. 09	131 900
5.	SOUL AT PEACE	SK	29. 01. 09	116 777
6.	FLY ME TO THE MOON	BE-USA	15. 01. 09	107 560
7.	SHAMELESS	CZ	05. 02. 09	93 470
8.	TWILIGHT	USA	15. 01. 09	86 318
9.	THE HANGOVER	USA	02. 07. 09	69 034
10.	HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE	USA	18. 06. 09	66 812

* – there of 82 938 viewers of 3D version

Source: Union of Film Distributors of the Slovak Republic

TOP 10 SLOVAK FILMS 1993 – 2009

as of October 31st by admission

	TITLE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	RELEASE	ADMISSION
1.	BATHORY	SK-CZ-UK-HU	10. 07. 08	432 155
2.	THE FOUNTAIN FOR SUZANNE 2	SK	18. 06. 93	343 206
3.	JÁNOŠÍK. A TRUE STORY	PL-SK-CZ-HU	10. 09. 09	133 622
4.	SOUL AT PEACE	SK	29. 01. 09	116 777
5.	THE FOUNTAIN FOR SUZANNE 3	SK	26. 08. 99	112 353
6.	SUZANNE	SK	14. 09. 96	98 324
7.	...CRYING FOR THE MOON	SK	28. 04. 95	76 771
8.	PASSIONATE KISS	SK-CZ	28. 01. 95	64 124
9.	BRATISLAVAFILM	SK	30. 07. 09	59 804
10.	ON THE BEAUTIFUL, BLUE DANUBE	SK	03. 06. 94	57 006

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