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+/-90 / SK / 65 MIN. / WORLD PREMIERE Ji. hlava IDFF 2022, Czech Republic

DIRECTOR Marek Kuboš PRODUCER Marek Kuboš (SK)

PRODUCTION PSYCHÉ film (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2018: Posledný autoportrét

The film is an attempt to capture the thinking of documentary filmmakers. It is a collective portrait of the soul of a Slovak documentary filmmaker.

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A cinematic essay on the limits of freedom framed by the story of a unique Czechoslovak artistic experiment from the Normalisation period. In the "Orwellian" year of 1984, artist Joska Skalník sent wooden boxes around the Czechoslovak art scene with a call for free artistic play. The works of 244 artists make up the unique "Minisalon" ensemble – a diverse and ambivalent image of the period. The diversity of the ensemble is also reflected in the film narrative which freely combines documentary techniques, animation and television archives.

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Katedrála / SK / 87 MIN. / WORLD PREMIERE Krakow Film Festival 2022, Poland

DIRECTOR Denis Dobrovoda PRODUCER Denis Dobrovoda (SK) PRODUCTION Kolsa Films SK (SK)

A Spanish monk is expelled from his monastery at the age of 28 when he contracts TB. He returns home to Mejorada del Campo, a poor village on the outskirts of Madrid. At a loss as to how to devote his life to God, he decides to sell his family lands. Over the next sixty years, without help or architectural expertise, he builds a cathedral the size of Sagrada Familia using waste and recycled materials. He works mostly alone, without ever drawing a single sketch, whilst others label him as a madman.

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A film about one of the most important personalities of Slovak acting – the actor Ivan Palúch. In 1969, Ivan Palúch starred in as many as three feature films screened at the Cannes Film Festival, in just a single edition of this highly prestigious film festival. Two of them were in the main feature film competition: Michael Kohlhaas – The Rebel by Volker Schlöndorff, It Rains in My Village by Aleksandar Petrović and the third in the non-competitive section: Marketa Lazarova by František Vláčil.

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A documentary about Dežo Hoffmann, originally born in Slovakia, who went on to become a legendary photographer of The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Marilyn Monroe and other stars. The creators of this documentary spoke to Hoffmann's former collaborators and travelled across the world to map out his adventure-filled life. Hoffmann's life oscillates between the European theatre of war and the world of show business. This duality ultimately became the main source of his artistic uniqueness and originality. Hoffmann applied the war reportage style to his showbiz photography, and most importantly to the photography of the emerging rock-n-roll scene in 1960s London. His photographs of The Beatles became iconic and set the trend for the years to come.

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PRODUCTION WE ARE BASCA (RO) COPRODUCTION LEON Productions (SK), Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

DIRECTORS' FILMOGRAPHY 2015: Tatăl meu, Lucian Blaga / 2013: Anul Dragonului / 2009: Copiii uraniului

In a small Transylvanian village, the postman, the bartender, the chief of police, a few high school students and other locals play

In a small Transylvanian village, the postman, the bartender, the chief of police, a few high school students and other locals plated football for the 5th league team Vulturul Taga. Despite their enthusiasm, they have not won a single match in a very long time. The film follows the team throughout one season – at a championship in Romania and during an international tournament in Slovakia – using football as a cover to discover both the life stories of people, their personal hopes and failures, as well as the story of a rural community trapped in a small, anonymous and hopeless world.

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The famous Soviet cinematographer Leonid Burlaka, who worked at the Odessa Film Studios, suddenly gets diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. At the same time Ihor, his grandson, a young Ukrainian cinematographer, accidentally stumbles across a heavily damaged photo archive of his grandpa's dating from the Soviet 1960s. The Ukrainian cinematographer Ihor meets a young Soviet cinematographer Leonid who started establishing his career during the "Khrushchev Thaw". However, time

is running out: soon Leonid will not remember lhor at all.

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The story of the friendship between Silvester Krčméry and Vladimír Jukl, who were known as the "generals of the secret church".

They founded "hobby groups", small islands of freedom where people could think and believe freely during totalitarianism.

They were already critical of The First Slovak Republic. After the advent of communism, they were persecuted and spent many years in prison. Their efforts culminated with the Candle Demonstration, which was attended by thousands of people who protested non-violently against the regime. Their movement later became actively involved in the Velvet Revolution.

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DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2017: DOGG (1 ep.)



The Odyssey of Czechoslovak aviators fighting across war-torn Europe. A unique poetic form of archive storytelling with never-before-seen footage following two Czechoslovak aviators, František Fajtl and Filip Jánský, who escaped to fight the Nazis. Using only archive footage, it allows the audience to experience both the momentous historical events and daily wartime life through the eyes of the airmen as if they were taking place here and now.

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What can an independent artist in 21st century Eastern Europe do if he wants to live and create without compromise? The life of Lajos Kassak extends across many historical eras; he lived under left- and right-wing dictatorships, through wars and revolutions, even peace and democracy. And in each era he knew how to behave as an artist and as a human without abandoning his ideals.

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DIRECTOR Alena Činčerová PRODUCERS Viktor Schwarcz (CZ), Silvia Panáková (SK)
PRODUCTION CINEART TV Prague (CZ) COPRODUCTION Czech Television (CZ), Productions Marcova (CA), ARINA (SK)

The story of Professor Emil Skamene, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P. (C), F.A.C.P., F.R.S.C., O.Q., one of the world's most acclaimed immunologists and geneticists, physician, teacher, and researcher, who was nominated for the Nobel Prize. His contribution to genetics has had a significant impact on the world's history. However, he had not known his own identity for decades. The story of his life is full of incredible situations that are too absurd to actually happen yet have taken place in real life.

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Documentary opera exploring the nature of memory, music, and narration through imprints of controversial and progressive composer Jan Kapr, awarded by Stalin and later completely banned in communist Czechoslovakia, but performed abroad by prestigious musical bodies. Kapr Code transfers Kapr's strong and ambivalent life story into opera music composition.

The storyline follows the "documentary libretto" based on Kapr's personal, never before published archive full of his magnetic tapes, letters, notes and funny sketches on 8 mm films.

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Leaving to Remain is a film with three protagonists: Ondrej Olah, Denisa Ganon and Peter Toták. They represent a generation of Roma children who emigrated to the United Kingdom in the 1990s and at the beginning of the new millennium. They were given chances in England that they were denied in their native lands – Slovakia and the Czech Republic – and now they are educated and confident Europeans. However, Brexit and the world-wide pandemic have intervened in their lives. We observe the consequences very closely, through the eyes of the film's protagonists.

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Michael Kocáb is an inherently significant figure in Czech culture, politics and civil society. Michael Kocáb contributed greatly to the dialogue between the communist power and dissent in the dramatic post-revolution days after 17 November 1989 and, as a Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission, he managed the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Czechoslovakia. The film is built by blending three motifs: Michael Kocáb – private life, Michael Kocáb – the musician and Michael Kocáb – citizen and politician.

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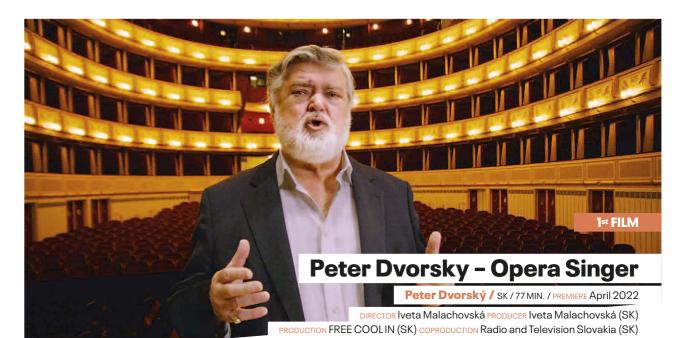


PRODUCTION K2 studio (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY (SELECTION) 2020: Salto je kráľ / 2019: Svetozár Stračina / 2018: Tieň jaguára / 2017: Vábenie výšok / 2016: Sloboda pod nákladom / 2015: Suri / 2010: Mongolsko – V tieni Džingischána / 2007: Tepuy: Cesta do hlbín zeme / 2004: Amazonia Vertical

It has been 150 years since the beginning of organised mountain guiding in the High Tatras. The ancient tradition has remained in essence unchanged. Even today, mountain guides are part of the magical world of the Tatra peaks. They are still helping others to fulfil their dreams and desires. They enter the mountains like a temple, a refuge, because for many people, they are the last bastion of freedom. But there is more to this craft than beauty, romance, and adventure...

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The high quality of art, performances pushing the limits, many international awards and Peter Dvorský's attitude and philosophy themselves constitute the unique basis for our film. We would like to draw attention, in an attractive way, to the importance of artists and their impact in their work. Addressing young audiences too, we would like to show not only what singing operatic roles on the biggest stages in the world entails, but also how the world of serious music changes.

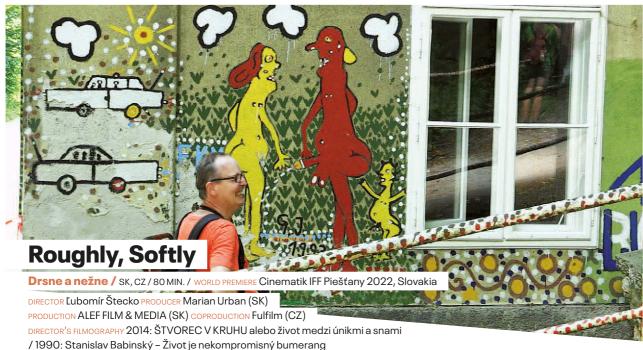
We would like the accounts of Mr. Dvorský to become an inspiration for all who dare to dream.

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Štefan Pongo is a Roma lorry driver. Fifteen years ago, he emigrated with his family from the Czech Republic to the UK to protect them from racial discrimination. The children have graduated from universities and the family is doing well. Mission completed. But the echoes of hate carry over from the old country. When the Czech president Zeman claims that the Roma are work-shy, angry Štefan issues an appeal for photos of Roma working. Thousands are sent and Štefan becomes a well-known media figure. He produces vlogs, organises antiracist demonstrations and provides humanitarian aid to Slovak Roma settlements in need. He establishes a civic association and fights an online battle with the "haters". All that comes at the cost of lost time with the family. Štefan's temperamental wife Iveta has had enough. Will it be possible to get some harmony back into the life of this prominent Roma lorry driver?

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By looking into and penetrating the inner world of mentally ill people, the director examines the causes that frequently underlie

these diseases and, at the same time, contribute to a change in the prevalent negative and discriminatory view of mental diseases which are, in particular, perceived as a degradation of man. However, these people often have valuable attributes which we, the "normal" ones, have already lost or consigned to oblivion, so a further aim of this project is to examine and discover the positive aspects of mental diseases and, especially, the human beings who have to cope with these diseases.

Sheep Ouca - (Ne)skutoční príbech / SK / 79 MIN. / WORLD PREMIERE Cinematik IFF Piešťany 2022, Slovakia

DIRECTOR Peter Pavlík PRODUCERS Peter Pavlík (SK), Igor Kovács (SK) PRODUCTION Artactive production (SK) COPRODUCTION Filmpark (SK)

Ľuboš has insight, he has his own opinion and he doesn't trust the media, who seek only after profit and never write the truth. Luboš is one of the few who has kept his "common" sense. That is why he has to endure the fate of a man who has revealed secret facts about what is happening around us. Especially about the so-called pandemic, by means of which the elites want to control us. Ľuboš lives with his sister Kamila and is unemployed. Therefore, he has enough time to make a gripping documentary about himself which will help to bring humanity back to freedom and break free from the shackles of Covid slavery.

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Shift depicts the lives of people who have to travel back home after working hard on their so-called weekly tours through the fates of three characters - a truck driver, a care-worker in Austria and a group of manual workers. The film reflects their dreams and desires, but also the sacrifices they have to make when their relatives are dependent on their incomes, when they are in foreign cities - in hostels, in the households of other people. What happens to them? What do they dream about? A social probe into the phenomenon of weekly tours, where the time spent away from their homes actually destroys what they are working for: their families and relationships with their loved ones.



The young anthropologist arrives with her family in the Svalbard archipelago in order to study how life changes in the polar regions. After the initial falling in love with her new home she soon finds out that it's not "only" the icebergs and permafrost what is vanishing in the High Arctic. Zdenka inevitably has to face the question of how much she may allow herself to get involved in the local community that she was only supposed to observe.

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For two years, filmmakers in a busy metropolis, often a mere stone's throw away from historical monuments, recorded life in the "Prague wilderness". Nature in the big city is much richer than one might imagine, as shown in a new unique documentary from the creators of the successful film *Planet Czech Republic*. Through animal heroes, *Wild Prague* depicts the city's microcosm and a completely new view of places in Prague, where one would hardly expect a real wilderness.

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Henrieta Cvangová (SK), Juraj Krasnohorský (SK) PRODUCTION Analog Vision (CZ) COPRODUCTION ARTICHOKE (SK), FAMU (CZ)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2021: Bratrství

Under the burning sun, a solitary bull awaits tireless, whilst a man jumps deep into the darkest waters of his persona, in their common attempt to defeat death.

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Prázdna množina / SK / 25 MIN. / WORLD PREMIERE Doclisboa 2022, Portugal

DIRECTOR Barbara Vojtašáková PRODUCER Patrícia Alexia Pošová (SK) PRODUCTION FTF VŠMU (SK)

No Elements is an audiovisual dialogue between two young people, Michal and Tereza. Four years after break-up they reflect back on their relationship through the joint film footage. Gradually we discover what was the main reason for their breakup and whether it is possible not to feel emotions. Will they turn documentary observations into a film with a story?

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Strigov / SK / 10 MIN. / WORLD PREMIERE Docaviv 2022, Israel

DIRECTOR Barbora Berezňáková producers Barbora Berezňáková (SK), Eva Pavlovičová (SK) production Známa firma (SK) DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2019: Skutok sa stal

The last farewell to the beloved person and goodbye to the community of Ruthenian people who are disappearing from the world map. Reflection of the death picturing the traditional life of the old community in the country in middle of nowhere.

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Ten years ago, in March 2011, damaged by an earthquake and a tsunami, three reactors went into meltdown at the nuclear power station in Fukushima, Japan. Everyone within 20 kilometres of the plant was evacuated, but Naoto Matsumura chose to stay – out of 80,000 residents, the sole person remaining. The short film from Fukushima is a first spin off that presents and extends the upcoming feature documentary *We Have to Survive* about the current and future impacts of climate change on our lives.

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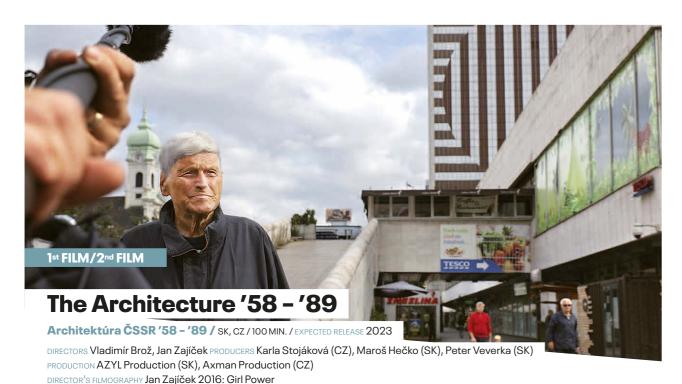


DIRECTOR Robert Kirchhoff PRODUCERS Robert Kirchhoff (SK), Jiří Konečný (CZ), Tibor Búza (SK)
PRODUCTION atelier.doc (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK), endorfilm (CZ), Czech Television (CZ)
DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2016: Diera v hlave / 2015: Para nad riekou / 2013: Kauza Cervanová

A film about the phenomenon of Alexander Dubček, a Czechoslovak politician, one of the most prominent personalities of the Prague Spring of 1968, author of the concept of "socialism with a human face".

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FESTIVALS atelier.doc / Nicole Brlej, niki@atelierdoc.sk



Architecture is the soul of the urban landscape, it remains for hundreds of years and it clearly reflects the time and its specifics. This documentary will take you beyond the facades of the key Czechoslovak architectural landmarks from the communist era. It'll introduce you to the most important architects of that period. Despite the brute force of the regime and its ideology, there was a unique personality and a great creative force behind each of the landmarks.

A Happy Man

Šťastný človek / SK, CZ / 90 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE April 2023

DIRECTOR Soňa Gyárfáš Lutherová PRODUCERS Maroš Hečko (SK), Peter Veverka (SK)
PRODUCTION AZYL Production (SK) COPRODUCTION HBO EUROPE, Company F (CZ)

For people R. was a happy woman. A woman from Brno in her thirties who moved to Sweden together with her Slovak husband, psychiatrist Ivan. They bought a house and had two children. As a distraction from the routine, she created a male alter-ego and started writing novels for LGBTQ+ audiences. R. was happy, but felt empty on the inside. She could only fill it by living out her true self. R. is now Marvin and Marvin is a man. To become truly happy, he must deconstruct his life and create it anew.

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PRODUCTION partizanfilm (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2019: Hluché dni / 2013: Zamatoví teroristi (co-dir.)

The film is an insight into the fates of the inhabitants of the Donetsk Region marked and changed by war. It observes their struggle for survival intertwined with everyday worries. It shows the lives of people on the front line in a naturalistic and observational manner. The conflict has been going on for four years and the lives of the population adjust to the conditions. Children retreat into their other worlds.



An exploration of the potential of artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies in dealing with the complex global problems we generate – climate change and the crisis of parliamentary democracy. From a curious, playful and critical standpoint, it questions the ideal techno-optimistic model of the future. It presents a window onto an unspecified future, where some of the technological solutions have accidental or ambivalent downsides. It is also a hands-on, personal film, a sort of audiovisual postcard sent by the author to the future, based on a fictitious conversation with the author's future virtual copy. It combines super 8 and 16 mm diary style footage with LiDAR point cloud technology, also formally emphasising the tension between the analogue and digital futures of mankind.

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Vesmírny kovboj / SK / 80 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE 2023

DIRECTOR Lukáš Teren PRODUCER Monika Lošťáková (SK) PRODUCTION Super film (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK), Slovak Film Institute (SK)

The documentary about Richard Krivda is dedicated to the significant Slovak director of photography, known both at home and abroad. Richard Krivda is not only a cinematographer who made dozens of films with important directors, but also a traveller and adventurer who has innumerable thrilling stories from his filmmaking journeys in store.

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Územie fantázie / SK / 70 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE Spring 2023

DIRECTOR Paula Reiselová PRODUCER Tereza Tokárová (SK) PRODUCTION CinePunkt (SK) COPRODUCTION FTF VŠMU (SK)

The film explores the representation of war in a period of enduring peace. To a background of mass events, which primarily serve as a necessary reminder of historical events, but look more like bizarre celebrations of war, we play an imaginary game of Chinese Whispers with the viewer-where the concept of war changes with variations across generations.

War, as a permanent exhibition in the museum of our society.

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House of Velvet / SK, CZ / 15 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE 2023

DIRECTORS Igor Smitka, Ivana Hucíková PRODUCER Monika Lošťáková (SK)

PRODUCTION Super film (SK) COPRODUCTION mondance (SK)

A short documentary portraying the first Czechoslovak kiki ballroom house which was established in Bratislava, Slovakia. *House of Velvet* connects dancers and performers from two countries, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Politically separated by the events following the Velvet Revolution (1989), they are now re-united by the common goals and values of the young generation.

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30 — 41 / IN PRODUCTION

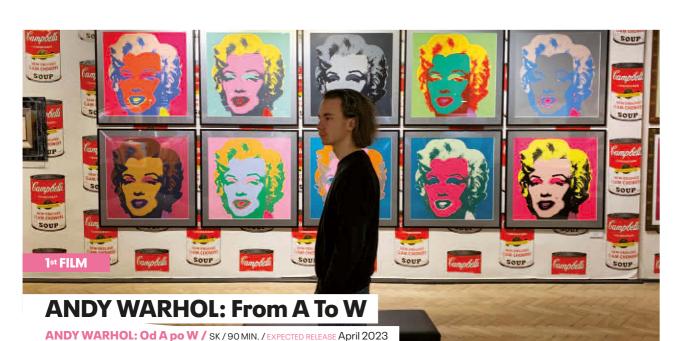




The film takes us on a journey of the author and her diary. Something strange is happening in her life. A moose is appearing constantly. Is it trying to tell her something? She has to follow. On the way, in different places, she meets protagonists who all have something in common: they have played a part in various human attempts to deal with the moose, to control it. While the moose stayed the same, the people ended up completely changed after these encounters.

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Andy Warhol remains unmapped by filmmakers with regard to his origins and personal life. The story of the icon connected with the history of Czechoslovak emigration, a hard life and whose dreams subsequently come true in a country which provided him with the opportunity to achieve personal self-fulfilment and success despite being different. This personality, a Slav by feeling and looks, managed to change the view of the art created up to then, whose uniqueness was based on Eastern art and a talent influenced by his origin.

DIRECTOR Ľubomír Ján Slivka PRODUCERS Ľubomír Ján Slivka (SK), Peter Poch (SK) PRODUCTION ATTACK FILM (SK)

COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK), Andy Warhol Museum of Modern Art in Medzilaborce (SK)

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PRODUCTION FilmWorx (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2016: Finále / 2015: Čakáreň / 2013: Exponáty alebo Príbehy z kaštieľa

The stories of five women from the village of Devičany near Banská Štiavnica. They decided to "redbrand", to improve, to change the settings of their lives and gender status. They took an axe and cut a hole in the ice on the Velká Vodárenská taich and started to harden themselves. And that was the beginning of their rebellion... The village watches them suspiciously and has its own opinion. But laughter gives them courage to break the barriers of gender stereotypes. The Aquabelles of Prandorf tells the stories of women in the story of a changing history.

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Better Go Mad in the Wild is not a cataloguing of weirdos or an alternative guide to the Czech Republic's largest mountain range. It is a plunge into the mysterious realms of the human soul, into long-term solitude and seclusion, a parallel world that nevertheless poses very disturbing questions to ours. It is an intimate quiz in the magical space of the Šumava region, alluding to our fateful life choices and our ability to face them.

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The inhabitants of a Central European urban district called Bird Hill, their nesting, relationships and ideas of home. While this place's past is associated with Maria Theresa's legendary vineyards and a colourful bird population, the future seems to be writing power and money into the tarmac. Whatever the outcome, this film shows man as one of many forms of settlement. After all, birds were here before him. And to this day they are the only inhabitants whose movements and relationships are not defined by fences and land.

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DIRECTORS Jana Durajová, Lena Kušnieriková PRODUCERS Zuzana Mistríková (SK), Ľubica Orechovská (SK) PRODUCTION PubRes (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

Alexandra is CEO of the Slovak National Gallery. After decades of deterioration, the neglected main building of the gallery, whose visionary architectural concept was ruined by its execution and therefore never fully accepted by the public, is undergoing a full-scale renovation. For eight years, Alexandra struggles with the authorities, contractors, naysayers, and a lack of resources. Can one person change the fate of an important cultural institution? What price will Alexandra have to pay for her efforts?

racism and his past mistakes, he starts work in a circus and keeps on fighting to make his dreams come true.

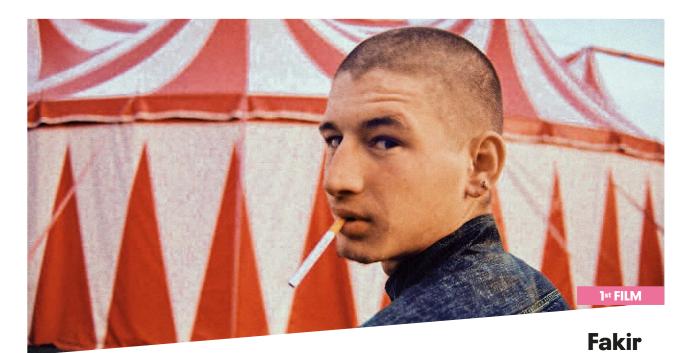
This social documentary depicts the efforts of 22-year-old Roma Dalibor to find his own place in society. Despite systemic

Emília Vášáryová Emília Vášáryová / SK / 75 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE September 2023 DIRECTOR Martin Šulík PRODUCERS Dávid Čorba (SK), Mario Homolka (SK) PRODUCTION LEON Productions (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK), Slovak Film Institute (SK) v's FILMOGRAPHY (SELECTION) 2020: Milan Sládek / 2020: Muž so zajačími ušami / 2018: Tlmočník / 2011: Cigán / 2005: Slnečný štát / 2000: Krajinka / 1999: Praha očima.... (1 ep.) / 1997: Orbis Pictus / 1995: Záhrada

A film about the actress Emília Vášáryová should be a look back at her life and work. The scope of her work is incredibly wide. She co-created the shape of modern Slovak and Czech theatre, film, television and radio. In the course of her journey, she came into contact with important personalities of our own and European culture, many of whom she met in person and collaborated with. Through the subjective testimony of Emília Vášáryová, the film should map the transformation of culture in Slovakia over the last seventy years.

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/ 1992: Všetko čo mám rád / 1991: Neha



Pokial' ja žijem / SK, CZ / 90 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE September 2023

DIRECTOR Roman Ďuriš PRODUCERS Simona Bago Móciková (SK), Radka Babincová (SK) PRODUCTION Bright Sight Pictures (SK) COPRODUCTION Lonely Production (CZ)

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DIRECTOR Peter Gasparik PRODUCER Peter Gasparik (SK)
PRODUCTION PEGART (SK) COPRODUCTION Radio and Television Slovakia (SK)

The film is a search for Peter Gašparík's grandfather, who was a resistance fighter and concealed the persecuted, defectors and Jews during World War II. At the same time, he was a police superintendent in Štiavnické Bane and his duties largely comprised diversionary and reconnaissance activities. He was a spy. His grandson never met him and so his quest will be to uncover not only him as a person, but also the war-time events in the Banská Štiavnica region. Through private history we get to global history.

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The Four Of Us is a documentary that follows the turning year in the lives of four family members, whose shared past has grown into a present fundamentally at odds. While Pepa, the film's author and narrator, has "order" in her life, her brother and two cousins David and Marco have taken to the streets, where each faces addiction. A balancing act between love and contempt, care and destruction, in a film that seeks to discover whether family saves our life or – on the contrary – destroys it.

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Geamăna: niekoľko poznámok k odchádzaniu (pracovný názov) / SK / 90 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE 2026

DIRECTOR Miro Jelok PRODUCERS Katarína Jonisová (SK), Miro Jelok (SK)

PRODUCTION VINȚAFILMS (SK) COPRODUCTION dog 95 film factory (SK), MPhilms (SK)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2014: Slovensko 2.0 (1 ep.)

Geamăna has been sinking into toxic mud for 40 years. It's flooded with waste from nearby mining activity. The village is almost buried, only the tip of the church tower and a few houses remain. The copper mine pours fourteen thousand tons of waste into the valley every day, so the level of sludge rises by one metre every year. However, there are still people living there who refuse to leave their homes. They are mainly lonely widows and one young woman, Valerica, who has found her private paradise in this surreal land.

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DIRECTOR Klára Tasovská PRODUCERS Lukáš Kokeš (CZ), Jakub Viktorín (SK)

PRODUCTION Somatic Films (CZ) COPRODUCTION nutprodukcia (SK), Mischief Films (AT)

DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2017: Nic jako dřív (co.-dir.) / 2014: Gottland (1 ep.) / 2012: Pevnost (co.-dir.)

Libuše has been capturing her "rock-n-roll" life full of twists and turns in thousands of pictures and self-portraits. Yet her sudden photographic success after 53 years of work has not helped her to see her real self in the mirror. She is still searching for herself, the place where she belongs, as she goes through piles of negatives and diaries while working on a new book.

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Two past stories of imprisonment from the totalitarian reality of Burma undergoing transformation, one banal and one fatal, frame the journey of the main protagonist back to the country which, for a few years, has been ranked among the top countries as regards the personal generosity of the population, and which was, for many decades, among the top countries as regards the cruelty of the regime. The general film about the search for the meaning of time, the other side of hostility and the possibilities of reconciliation.

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/ 2019: Univerzity a svoboda (co-dir.) / 2017: Selský rozum (co-dir.) / 2016: Ťažká voľba / 2012: Krehká identita / 2012: Od Fica do Fica / 2011: Muži revolúcie / 2008: Babička

Slovakia is a country of drinking water. We have no oil, no gold, no gems, but we do have huge water resources. Corn Island is our greatest wealth. Many people from Bratislava decided to buy or build a house there, one of the reasons being the high-quality water with its own well. However, new houses were also built in places where they shouldn't have been – and there are consequences. A full-length film about water, about what you won't read much about anywhere else, and also why...

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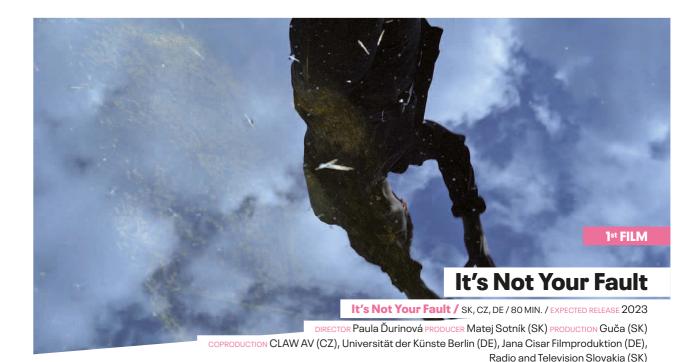
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Investigators wants to look into the phenomena and controversial topics that are found throughout society but which have no scientific basis – such as some kinds of alternative medicine, or popular esoteric themes (aura, out-of-body experience, bioresonance, telepathy or clairvoyance). They try to explore each topic – sometimes in an amusing manner, but always clearly and in detail. All the other protagonists – mainly supporters of one side or the other – are there (not) to help them.

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An essay on collective anxiety and the problems triggered by life in a performance-oriented society. Today, Berlin represents the metropolitan area of European cities. Through young Eliana, the director's alter ego, we follow the story of burnout, work retraining and healing of her soul using new forms of therapeutic strategies. Everyday life merges into dream spaces – emotional incubators, where the individual becomes collective. And the making of the film becomes a part of the personal journey of the author and Eliana.



The Limits of Europe follows the lives of people on the periphery of public interest. In a world of great social inequalities, they have left to earn money for their families, they labour to the point of exhaustion and can see no bright tomorrows. Their employers know that they are capable of doing practically anything to earn a living and do not hesitate to take advantage of it. This creates an endless cycle of labour exploitation. A continuation of the successful project by Apolena Rychlíková and Sasha Uhlová, this time from the environment of Eastern Europeans seeking their fortune in the West.

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The documentary *Ms. President* captures Zuzana Čaputová in her post as President of the Slovak Republic. We are interested in how decisions are made, how attitudes are formed, and how conversations with politicians of the executive are led. What dilemmas does the President resolve with her team and how does performing her function influence her personal life? What is the relation of the public to this position? We follow the processes in the course of her complete performance of the presidential mandate.



Olympic Halftime is a documentary that shows and reflects on the gestalt and economic impact of the Olympic architecture and urban development in several selected locations in Europe and Asia, that have already hosted the event and are preparing for another round. We will visit Olympia and Athens where most stadia are currently decaying, Paris where the Olympics took place twice and a third edition is in preparation for 2024 on the backdrop of the typically French public protests, and Beijing, the city that have the organising experience and is now in "halftime" of preparations for the upcoming Winter Games in 2022.

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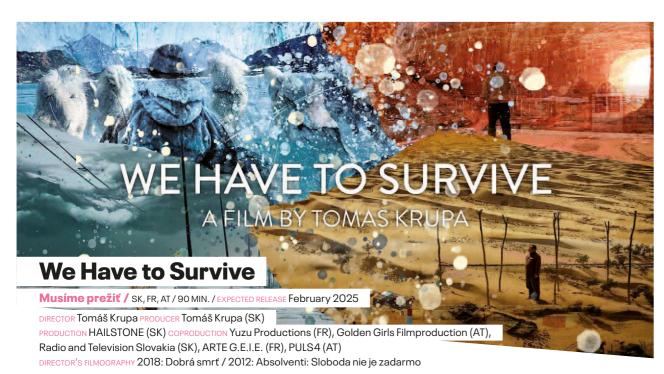
DIRECTOR Paula Ďurinová PRODUCER Matej Sotník (SK) PRODUCTION Guča (SK)

Experimental essay on empathy for minerals and a life that no longer exists. The stones lead us on a journey shaped by mourning processes. A story about the influence of disappearing water on rock formation and a gentle memory of grandparents who were taken over by the pandemic from director Paula Ďurinová. Combining feeling and landscape, environmental and emotional. An intimate depiction of the transformation of the inner landscape of one person the author, who decided to say goodbye through the medium of film.



Our film is a story of the American dream. A dream shared by many around the world, only a small fraction of whom manage to make it happen. Marie came to America hoping to give her life new meaning. The small town she came from, Mikulov, with its lazy, almost static atmosphere, was no challenge for a young painter. America has been a dream for Czechs for hundreds of years – a dream of fame, success, exoticism, and unlimited opportunities.

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Mankind is unlikely to stop climate change, but it can adapt to the new, harder conditions. The human stories driven documentary We Have to Survive takes us on a journey to the four corners of the planet to meet men and women who are already forced to change their lifestyle and customs in order to survive and continue to live where they were born and raised. The process of adaptation to climate change impacts that protagonists go through is the basis of the film's narrative.

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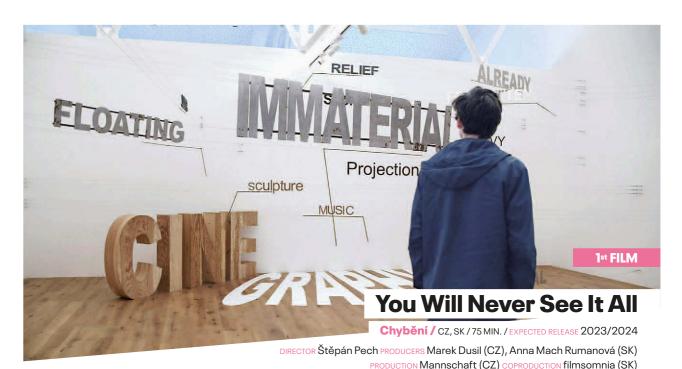


A comedy documentary about the search for happiness. The Italian astrologist Lucciana can alter the destinies of people.

On their birthdays they have to travel to whatever location on Earth has the ideal constellation of planets over it.

They will be reborn on that day and so be able to change their nature. On the one hand, the film follows the everyday (and unchanging) life of the fortune-teller who changes the lives of people while, on the other hand, it follows five protagonists who set out to various places in the world in order to change their lives.

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The film is a window on the life and work of the artist Jan Mančuška, who died in 2011 aged 39, after he made a significant mark in the context of global contemporary art. Mančuška's story exposes many angles which show aspects of his life ranging from artistic brilliance to the philosophical dimension of his work, as well as human warmth, humour and nobility. The experimental nature of the film originates from inspiration by the vast creative world of its protagonist.

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44 — 48 / IN DEVELOPMENT





DIRECTORS Martina Buchelová, Debora Pastirčáková producer Michaela Kaliská (SK) production NINJA FILM (SK)

If people migrate because they want to explore the world, broaden their horizons, it is obviously great that they have the opportunity to go. However, there are people, mainly from eastern bloc countries, living in poorer conditions, who feel that leaving for work abroad is their only chance to make their family survive, even though they do not really wish to go. This imposes a lot of pressure on everyone involved.

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DIRECTOR Patricia Drati PRODUCERS Sidsel Lønvig Siersted (DK), Marcel Pázmán (SK) PRODUCTION Good Company Pictures (DK) COPRODUCTION FRAME FILM (SK), PlayLab Films (ES)

Becoming Ema is a filmic exploration of motherhood as a calling, a struggle and above all a journey. It shows the immense fragility and strength that comes when a woman becomes a mother, as well as the beauty of authentic living, but also examines the consequences of our choices.

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An intimate story of a married couple who try to break out from the established patterns of behaviour and put their relationship to the true-false test. The documentary is a deep and intimate probe into the partner relationship, its dynamics and fragility. It follows a couple who, in an attempt to keep their family together, embark on an experiment of radical openness. This entails unexpected challenges, twists and turns and consequences for other family members.

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Happy Days is an intimate documentary portrait of the icon of Czech, Czechoslovak and Slovak cinema - Iva Janžurová. Her personal and professional life reflects the history of the second half of the 20th century and more than two decades of the 21st century. The associative way of film narration allows us to look not only into the life of this exceptional actress but also behind the scenes of the filming of groundbreaking works of Czech-Slovak cinema.

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The film follows the story of Katka who, as a child, experienced sexual abuse in a summer camp. The narrative is structured as a documentary whodunnit revealing how the incident occurred and how it is possible that an unequal and unhealthy relationship between a child and an adult could have continued for so long, despite the entire camp community knowing about it. We focus on the coming-of-age story of a woman who struggles with her own trauma stemming from the abuse, but who does not give up and ultimately finds her due place in society.

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The story of the Košice Peace Marathon is part of the bigger history of a small town in Central Europe, Košice. It is a tale of a marathon, and marathon runners, about ordinary people who run, run for pleasure, run for freedom, run to escape a disaster. People who run to cross the space and be faster than history. One hundred years of Košice marathon and hundred years of turbulent historical events across Europe framed by individual personal stories.

Operation Monaco

Akcia Monako / SK, CZ, FR / 80 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE 2024

DIRECTOR Dušan Trančík PRODUCERS ZUZANA MIStríková (SK), Ľubica Orechovská (SK)
PRODUCTION PUBRES (SK) COPRODUCTION CINEART TV Prague (CZ), KOLAM (FR)
DIRECTOR'S FILMOGRAPHY 2018: Svetlé miesto / 1990: Keď hviezdy boli červené / 1988: Mikola a Mikolko
/ 1988: Sedem jednou ranou / 1987: Víkend za milión / 1985: Iná láska / 1983: Štvrtý rozmer / 1982: Pavilón šeliem
/ 1981: Fénix / 1978: Víťaz / 1976: Koncert pre pozostalých
A suspense historical-political docu drama that bring out the most successful Czechoslovak Communist Secret Service (ŠtB)

operation (MONACO). After the communist Prague Coup in 1948, Étienne Manac'h became the French General Consul in Bratislava. ŠtB blackmailed the consulate administrator, forcing him to handing over secret documents that were later used to accuse the Consul's friends to stage a monster trial. In the end, two persons were executed, and many others sentenced to life imprisonment.

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Tskaltubo / SK / 80 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE 2024

DIRECTOR Andrea Kalinová PRODUCERS Monika Lošťáková (SK), Zuzana Jankovičová (SK) PRODUCTION Super film (SK)

Thirty years ago, Tskaltubo was the most sought-after spa town in the USSR. After its collapse, followed by a war between Abkhazia and Georgia, the spa became the largest refugee camp in the country. Around 6,000 refugees found a home in the sanatoriums. Whole Abkhazian families were uprooted from their prosperous lives in seaside towns and tea and citrus plantations and crammed into a single hotel room. One hotel – one village.



Velvet Generation / SK, CZ / 80 MIN. / EXPECTED RELEASE 2024

DIRECTOR Ivana Hucíková PRODUCERS Jakub Viktorín (SK), Monika Lošťáková (SK) PRODUCTION NUTPRODUCTION NUTPRODUCTION NUTPRODUCTION (SK), Super film (SK)

A portrait of contemporary youth on the search for identity, values and a place in modern society, against the backdrop of an emerging Czech and Slovak ballroom scene.

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World of Walls is a documentary sci-fi set in the close future and environment of an extreme social disparities and escalating state of the climate crisis. Rich are closing to their strictly protected luxury resorts and safe infrastructure while others starve behind walls. An unnamed country plunders the enviro catastrophe that the world knew about years in advance but ignored. A movie is built on a double portrait of children from both sides of the barricade. Dystopian reality revealed through the curious eyes of the child protagonists, who form their own image of the surrounding world and confront parents with their exploratory questions.

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