SLOVAK FILMS AT 51ST KARLOVY VARY IFF

JULY 1–9, 2016
OFFICIAL SELECTION – COMPETITION

SK, CZ | 2016 | 102 MIN. | FICTION
DIRECTOR: JAN HŘEBEJK
SCRIPTWRITER: PETR JARCHOVSKÝ
DOP: MARTIN ŽIARAN
CAST: ZUZANA MAURÉRY, PETER BEBJAK, MARTIN HAVELKA, CSONGOR KASSAI, ZUZANA KONEČNÁ, ÉVA BANDOR
PRODUCTION: PUBRES (SK), ROZHLAS A TELEVÍZIA SLOVENSKA (SK), OFFSIDE MEN (CZ), ČESKÁ TELEVIZE (CZ)

WORLD PREMIERE: 51ST KARLOVY VARY IFF

1983. AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE TEACHER AT A SUBURBAN SCHOOL, LIFE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S INCREASING CONVICTION ABOUT THE TEACHER’S CORRUPT BEHAVIOUR, AND A RELATED SUICIDE ATTEMPT BY ONE OF THE STUDENTS MAKES HER CALL THE STUDENTS’ PARENTS TO AN URGENT MEETING THAT WILL SUDDENLY PUT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE FAMILIES AT STAKE.

THE TEACHER
UČITEĽKA

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Jan Hřebejk (1967) Filmography / Selection:

OFFICIAL SELECTION – COMPETITION
4.7. | MON | 08:30 | CONGRESS HALL (PRESS & INDUSTRY)
4.7. | MON | 20:00 | GRAND HALL (WORLD PREMIERE)
5.7. | TUE | 10:00 | PUPP CINEMA
7.7. | THU | 11:30 | BRAHOMÍRA CINEMA

ZUZANA MAURÉRY – THE TEACHER

The issue of manipulation, which is central to the story of The Teacher, remains current regardless of the political situation. What was it like to play the controversial character of the teacher?
No doubt that manipulation is an ugly thing and you see it everywhere. It seems normal at first glance, and we are all slowly getting used to it. The screenplay is excellent and the teacher was written in a way that I could work with, most importantly, I was looking forward to playing what is essentially the villain; I haven’t played many of those. What I liked about the screenplay and the character was that it wasn’t clear whether it was a comedy or a drama. I really enjoyed that and wanted to balance between those two extremes. It wasn’t very hard to do, because the screenplay was good and we were enjoying ourselves.

The teacher manipulates parents through her pupils, who are also important characters in the film. What was it like acting alongside so many child “colleagues”?
The children were selected really well, not least because they resemble their film parents. We also had the grandson of Marian Labuda, who was really good. There was a longer scene with the whole class that we had to get right in one take. I was slightly worried about that one, because by the second and third take, the children are already a bit bored.

Have you worked with any of your adult colleagues from The Teacher before, either in film or in theatre?
Yes, I knew most of the actors very well. Csongor Kassai and I play in a touring theatre performance together, Romeo and Juliet Thirty Years Later. Of my Czech colleagues, for example, I did two theatre shows with Martin Havelka at the City Theatre in Brno. And there’s of course Peter Bebjak, who directed the TV show Odsúdené where I played the main role. We had a great group of people. In fact, we had three directors on set – there was also Martin Sulík who played the janitor, which was delightful.

This is your first collaboration with Jan Hřebejk, one of the most prominent Czech directors. What was unique about working with him?
It was one of the most pleasant collaborations of my career. I feel that Mr Hřebejk is very careful when selecting his actors during casting, which means he can give them more freedom on the set. The screenplay was written so well that there wasn’t much to discuss anyway. I felt his confidence in me and it seemed that he was enjoying himself. Working with him was a very pleasant experience and I’m grateful for the opportunity.

Source: official film’s press kit.
For full interview see: www.aic.sk.
THE WOLF FROM ROYAL VINEYARD STREET

VLK Z KRÁLOVSKÝCH VINOHRAD

OFFICIAL SELECTION – COMPETITION

CZ, SK, FR | 2016 | 68 MIN. | FICTION
DIRECTOR: JAN NĚMEC
SCRIPTWRITER: JAN NĚMEC
DOP: JIŘÍ MAXA
CAST: JIŘÍ MÁDL, MARTIN PECHLÁT, HYNĚK CHMELAŘ, GABRIELA MÍČOVÁ, MARKÉTA JANOUŠKOVÁ, ROBIN KVAPIL, TÁŇA PAUHOFOVÁ
PRODUCTION: MASTERFILM (CZ), BOCALUPO FILMS (FR), ČESKÁ TELEVIZE (CZ), MEDIA FILM (SK), UPP (CZ)

THE SUN IN A NET

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OFFICIAL SELECTION – COMPETITION

CS | 1962 | 90 MIN. | FICTION
DIRECTOR: ŠTEFAN UHER
SCRIPTWRITER: ALFONZ BEDNÁR
DOP: STANISLAV SZOMOLÁNYI
MUSIC: ILJA ZELJENKA
CAST: MARIÁN BIELIK, JANA BELÁKOVÁ, OĽGA ŠALAGOVÁ, ELIŠKA NOSÁĽOVÁ, PAVOL CHROBÁK

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Jan Němec (1936–2016)

Filmography / Selection:
2016: The Wolf from Royal Vineyard Street,
1964: Diamonds of the Night

THE WOLF, A SAVAGE, TRICKY AND UNCONTROLLABLE CREATURE. WOLF IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING AND THE OTHER WAY ROUND. EVERYTHING IN THE FILM ACTUALLY HAPPENED. OR MAYBE IT IS SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED.

Štefan Uher (1930–1993)

Studied film directing at FAMU (Prague). From 1955, he worked as a director at the Studio of Artistic Documentary Films (later renamed Documentary Film Studio) in Bratislava. In March 1960, he joined the Fiction Film Studios and made his directing debut Class Nine A in 1961. At the Fiction Film Studios, Uher started working with author and screenwriter Alfonz Bednár and cinematographer Stanislav Szomolányi.

Filmography / Selection:

SEVEN CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

2.7. | SAT | 08:00 | CONGRESS HALL
2.7. | SAT | 17:00 | GRAND HALL
3.7. | SUN | 10:00 | PUPP CINEMA
5.7. | TUE | 09:00 | BRAHOMÍRA CINEMA

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Jan Němec (1936–2016) Filmography / Selection:
2016: The Wolf from Royal Vineyard Street,
1964: Diamonds of the Night

THE SUN IN A NET IS A LYRICAL STORY ABOUT THE EMOTIONS ARISING AMONG TWO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PRETEND CYNICISM AND REJECTION TOWARDS SOCIETY IN AN ATTEMPT TO HIDE THEIR INSECURITIES, LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND FEAR OF ADULT LIFE. IT IS THE VERY FIRST SLOVAK FILM TO TAKE ON THE THEME OF THE NATURAL DIFFERENCES OF VALUES AND SOCIAL LIFE IN URBAN AND RURAL SETTINGS.

SEVEN CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

2.7. | SAT | 13:00 | NÁRODNÍ DŮM CINEMA
5.7. | FRI | 15:30 | ČAS CINEMA

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The film was handpicked by Miroslav Janek.
**5 October**

A Quiet Story about a Man Waiting for an Important Surgery. After he learns he is facing the possibility of only having a few months to live, he embarks on a vagrant journey with only a "deadline" – 5 October.

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**Filmography:**

**Martin Kollar (1971)**

**2016:** 5 October

Eva would do anything to regain the love of the one she hurt the most – her son. She is a recovered alcoholic but decades ago she was a movie star.

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**Marko Škop (1974) Filmography:**

**2015:** Eva Nová, 2009: Osadné, 2006: Other Worlds
In Your Dreams!

A 16-year-old girl is a natural parkour expert. Despite no previous background in the sport, she sets her sights on conquering the parkour routes of her hometown with no trouble. Her co-stars are not so sure about her skills, but little do they know about her secret weapon. Břetislav is a top表面上的专家, but he is also the parkour king. The line between dream and reality begins to blur.

Festivals & Sales:
Negativ | Daniel Vadocký, +420 777 697 543, daniel@negativ.cz, www.negativ.cz

Czech Films 2015–2016
2.7. | Sat | 11:30 | Lázně III Cinema
4.7. | Mon | 12:30 | Husůvka Theatre
7.7. | Thu | 11:30 | Cinema B

I, Olga Hepnarová
Ja, Olga Hepnarová

A true story of the last woman to be executed in Czechoslovakia.

Festivals & Sales:
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Family Film
Rodinný Film

Jan is a veterinarian in his sixties getting tired of life. The suicide of his father-in-law who lost his will to live is the last straw. Jan realizes that he is following in his footsteps and if he doesn’t do something soon, he will end up the very same way. At first, he flees mentally into himself, later physically as well. He sets out on a journey to fulfill something like the dream of his life.

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PITCH & FEEDBACK

PITCH & FEEDBACK is a presentation of selected Czech and Slovak film projects in various stages of development, with the potential to succeed internationally and to attract foreign co-producers. This annual event is organized by Czech Film Center, Slovak Film Institute and Karlovy Vary IFF; MIDPOINT Script Center and Creative Europe Desk (CZ and SK) are partners of the project.

Experts:
Laufey Gudjonsdottir – Icelandic Film Centre (fund representative), Guillaume de Seille – Arizona Productions (producer), Riina Sildos – EAVE / AMRION OÜ (training programme representative), Tine Klint – Level K (sales agent), Mira Staleva – Sofia Meetings (co-production event representative)

WAITING ČAKANIE

scriptwriter, director: Zuzana Liová | production: HITCHHIKER Cinema | Barbara Janišová Feglová | www.hitchhikercinema.sk | co-production: Rozhlás a televízia Slovenska (SK), Mimesis Film (CZ), Jana Cišar Filmproduktion (DE) | presented by: Zuzana Liová, Barbara Janišová Feglová, Jan Macola

Ivan has just turned 60. Shortly after he learns that he is dying. His life in a village, clinging to property, his painter job, boring relationship with his wife and the feeling of emptiness come into confrontation with mortality. The sudden banality of life forces him, his wife, and their two adult children to existential questions and searching for authentic feelings.

SUMMER WITH BERNARD LETO S BERNARDOM


Jonas (11) is excited to be spending the summer holidays at his grandpa’s place. Grandpa Bernard (57) is a great guy, game for everything – someone you can not only have fun with but also fish with – in places where fishing is prohibited. But this time he doesn’t seem to be his old self anymore. Since he lost his job, he has started drinking. It won’t be easy to get his old grandpa back.

THE MESSAGE SPRÁVA

scriptwriter: Jozef Paštéka | director: Peter Bebjak | production: DNA Production | Rasto Šesták | www.dnaproduction.sk | koprodukcia: Rozhlás a televízia Slovenska (SK), Česká televize (CZ), Koi Studio (PL) | presented by: Peter Bebjak, Rasto Šesták, Natália Rau Guzikiewiczová

On April 7, 1944, Alfred Wetzler accomplished something inconceivable – together with his friend, he escaped from the highly-guarded death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau and compiled a report about the genocide of the “inferior races”. The report finally reached the Allies and influenced the course of WW2, as it was the first report to be considered credible.

Find more in Book of Projects 2016 and on www.aic.sk/slovakfilms.
FURTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS

**MIDPOINT INTENSIVE @KVIFF**  5.– 8. 7. | Tue–Fri
MIDPOINT Intensive @KVIFF with Sundance Institute experts Paul Federbush (International Director, Feature Film Program) and Gyula Gazdag (Artistic Director, Sundance Filmmakers Lab) offer unique individual script consultations for feature film projects in early development.

**COOK, F****K**, **KILL | ŽABY BEZ JAZYKA**
**Scriptwriter, director, producer:** Mira Fornay

**TORINO FILMLAB ALUMNI MEETING**  6.– 9. 7. | Wed–Sat
The annual TorinoFilmLab Alumni Meeting is a networking event conceived to exchange experience and to share ideas with former participants from all TFL programmes. The topic of the meeting will be "Challenges of writing comedy today".

This year TFL in collaboration with script development programme MIDPOINT also bring together six MIDPOINT Alumni, who are currently dealing with the genre of comedy. Slovak participants are Peter Gašparík, Naďa Clontz a Biba Bohinská.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE – EUROPA DISTRIBUTION**  3.– 7. 7. | Sun–Thu
Member distributors meet in panels, round tables and case studies presentations revolving around different key themes for distribution and the film industry in general, including current topics of the digital and territoriality.

**Slovak participant:** Film Europe Media Company (Ivan Hronec)

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