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THREE MEN LONGING TO BECOME HEROES.

FILM BY PAVOL PEKARČÍK, IVAN OSTROCHOVSKÝ, PETER KEREKES SLOVAKIA / CZECH REPUBLIC / CROATIA 2013 87 MIN, HD

PETER KEREKES, CZECH TELEVISION, RADIO AND TELEVISION SLOVAKIA HYPERMARKET FILM, NUKLEUS FILM, SENTIMENTALFILM, PARTIZANFILM



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★★★ VELVET TERRORISTS

A FILM BY PAVOL PEKARČÍK, IVAN OSTROCHOVSKÝ, PETER KEREKES

Original title: Zamatoví teroristi

Country of production: Slovakia, Czech Republic, Croatia

Year of production: 2013 Shooting format: HD Duration: 87 min

Screening format: DCP (16:9 / 1:1,78, Dolby 5.1, 24fps) HDCAM, Blu-ray (16:9, stereo, 25fps)

Language: Slovak, Czech

Subtitles: English Color or b/w: color

Production: Peter Kerekes, Czech Television, Radio and Television Slovakia, Hypermarket Film,

Nukleus film, sentimentalfilm, partizanfilm

★ SYNOPSIS

The aim of all political association is the preservation of the natural and imprescriptible rights of man. These rights are liberty, property, security, and resistance to oppression. Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen

There were robust figures of local highlanders towering up in the gloomy back of the carriage. Their mute faces were sending off fear and I tried to get back to my seat quickly. "You don't have to worry," my guide said. "Those are Slovaks. They look frightening but they are actually harmless."

Bram Stoker, Dracula

Three romantic heroes, who had a go at armed resistance against the communistic power in Czechoslovakia. All of them were sentenced according to the paragraph 93 - terror, neither of them, however, had killed nor injured anybody. A night before May Day, Stano had wanted to blow up a tribune, on which communistic fat cats were to sit. But he'd got drunk and the policemen found him staggering around the tribune with a bag full of explosives. He spent 5 years in prison.

Fero had wanted to assassinate president Gustáv Husák. But he didn't manage to contact the CIA (they didn't take his calls seriously). The police discovered his weapon and explosives hideaway and he was sentenced for 14 years. Vladimír used to blow up bulletin boards of the Communistic Party. 53 altogether. He spent more than 4 years in prison.

But even terrorists have their private lives, their loves, their families. And that is what this film is about.





★ DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

If director duos exist (Coen brothers, Ilf and Petrov, Kadár-Klos), why couldn't there be a director trio? In this case, the director trio (Pavol Pekarčík, Ivan Ostrochovský, Peter Kerekes) guarantees the topical professionalism in Ivan Ostrochovský, the military academy graduate at the "weapons systems technician" division, in Pavol Pekarčík, the experienced director and cinematographer in extreme natural conditions and last, but not least, Peter Kerekes, as the cook, driver, director and the producer of this project.

Each one of us wanted to shoot a film about something else (in fact, everybody shoots a film about one's self). Pavol's intention was to shoot a film about people, who tried to fight the communistic regime during normalization in Czechoslovakia. Their attempts didn't come to action, they were only desperate cries of lonesome heroes in the midst of a grey crowd. Peter was interested in the historical context, how the former "terrorists" live nowadays. For what it is worth to fight in the contemporary society. What the relationships with former pursuers are, what their rats are up to. And Ivan wanted to make a film about love.

★ CREDITS

Authors and directors: Pavol Pekarčík, Ivan Ostrochovský, Peter Kerekes

DoP: Martin Kollár

Editors: Marek Šulík, Zuzana Cséplő Sound: Tobiáš Potočný, Peter Lenděl

Music: Marián Čurko

Commissioning editor: Jana Hádková (Czech Television) Miroslava Tomaníková (Radio and Television Slovakia)

Producers: Peter Kerekes (SK), Filip Remunda, Vít Klusák (Hypermarket Film, CZ), Siniša Juričić (Nukleus film, HR),

Ivan Ostrochovský (sentimentalfilm, SK), Pavol Pekarčík (partizanfilm, SK)

World Sales: Deckert Distribution

★ FESTIVALS AND AWARDS

Karlovy Vary International Film Festival 2013, Czech Republic, East of the West (FEDEORA Award) Berlin International Film Festival 2014, Germany, Berlinale Forum





★ BIOGRAPHIES & FILMOGRAPHIES OF THE DIRECTORS

Pavol Pekarčík (1972) Director and Producer

Born in Spišská Sobota, lives in Košice.

Graduated in documentary filmmaking from the Film and Television Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts

Together with Ivan Ostrochovský, he shot films Lesser Evil (2004), Wind (2004), Karakorum (2005), Uli Blaho (2008), Velvet Terrorists (2013).

Editor and cinematographer on Ivan Ostrochovský's film Ilja (2010). Assistant director on Martin Šulík's Gypsy (2011). Co-producer, line producer and assistant director on Iveta Grófová's Made in Ash (2012).

Ivan Ostrochovský (1972) Director and Producer

Born in Žilina, lives in Bratislava.

Graduated in documentary film-making from the Film and Television Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava.

Directed films Pietro Pascalo (2000), A Screenplay to a Documentary Film (2001), Ilja (2010), Velvet Terrorists (2013), together with Pavol Pekarčík directed films Lesser Evil (2004), Wind (2004), Karakorum (2005), Uli Blaho (2008). Co-producer of Erika Hníková's Matchmaking Mayor (2010), Bells of Happiness (2012) by Marek Šulík and Jana Bučka and Pavel Štingl's Eugenic Minds (2013).

Producer of the Celluloid Country (2012) TV series by Martin Šulík and Ivan Ostrochovský and Iveta Grófová's Made in Ash (2012).

Peter Kerekes (1973) Director and Producer

Born in Košice, lives in Vištuk.

Graduated in film directing from the Film and Television Faculty of the Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava. Directed Morytats and Legends of Ladomira (1998), 66 Seasons (2003), Across the Border: Five Views from Neighbours segment Helpers (2004), Cooking History (2009) and Velvet Terrorists (2013) together with Pavol Pekarčík and Ivan Ostrochovský.

Producer of 66 Seasons (2003), Cooking History (2009), Velvet Terrorists (2013).





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