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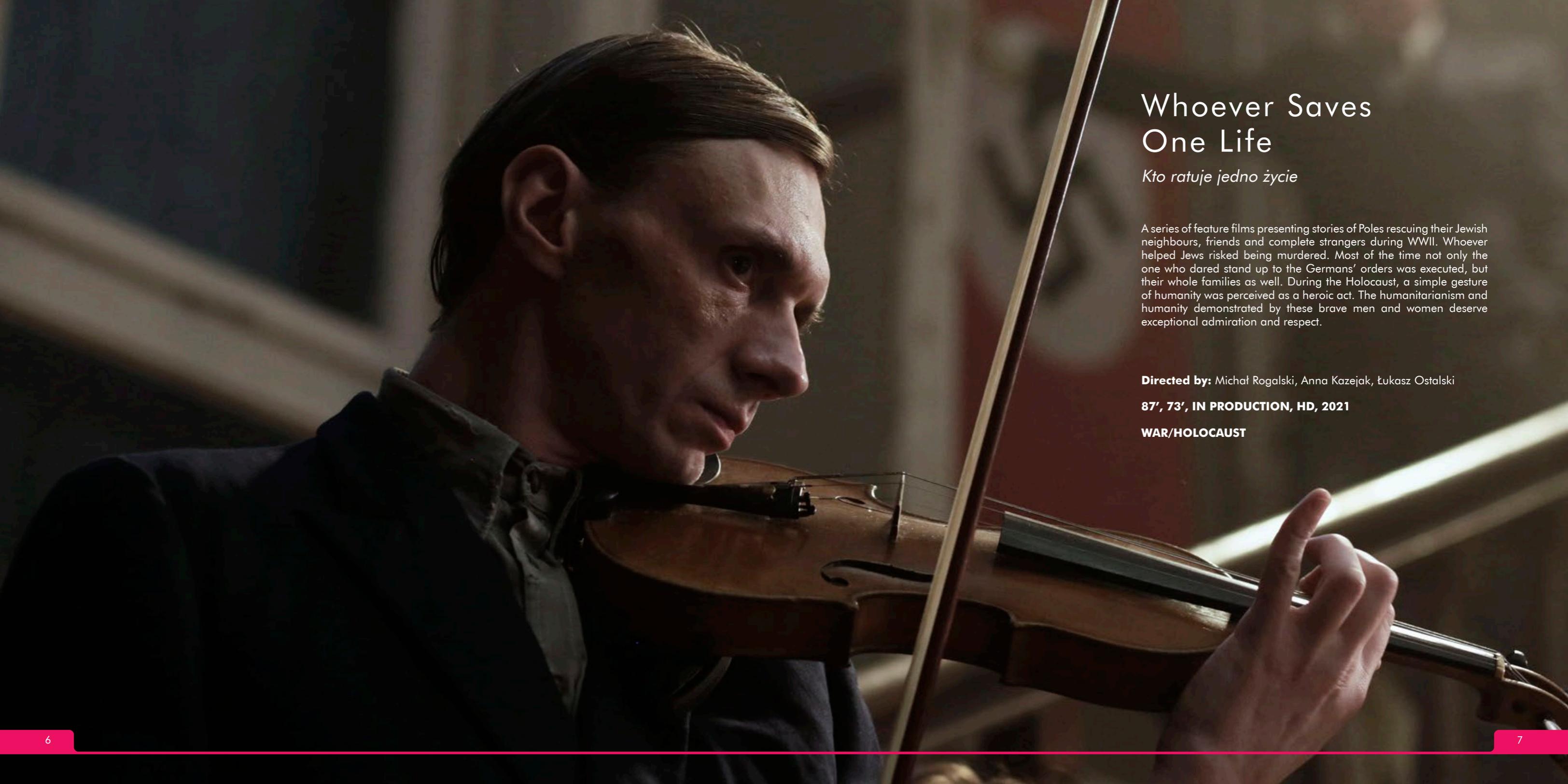
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Whoever Saves One Life

Kto ratuje jedno życie

A series of feature films presenting stories of Poles rescuing their Jewish neighbours, friends and complete strangers during WWII. Whoever helped Jews risked being murdered. Most of the time not only the one who dared stand up to the Germans' orders was executed, but their whole families as well. During the Holocaust, a simple gesture of humanity was perceived as a heroic act. The humanitarianism and humanity demonstrated by these brave men and women deserve exceptional admiration and respect.

Directed by: Michał Rogalski, Anna Kazejak, Łukasz Ostalski

87', 73', IN PRODUCTION, HD, 2021

WAR/HOLOCAUST

Beloved Neighbours

Biały potok

A comedy of errors about the vicissitudes of two married couples. Michał and Ewa lead a relatively stable life, which is governed by their good jobs and Ewa's second pregnancy. Kasia and Bartek, meanwhile, are facing severe financial problems. Unexpectedly for everyone, in the heat of a quarrel Kasia reveals to her husband that she once spent the night with Michał. In an instant, love and friendship are placed in doubt. The intricacies of their emotional and financial relations, along with their seemingly innocent little lies, lead to a spiral of misunderstandings. In this intimate atmosphere, emotions reach a peak as the absurd is accompanied by profoundly heart-touching moments. And then other people also start to get involved in the marital dispute – debt collectors, the police and a nosy neighbour. The chaos accelerates, creating many comedic situations, until the final tragedy, which also turns out to be an opportunity for both married couples – a chance to save their love and friendship.

Directed by: Michał Grzybowski

75', HD, 2021

COMEDY

The Republic of Children

Republika dzieci

In the winter of 1903 a bunch of figures created by the master painter Jacek Malczewski escape the canvas. Fauns, chimeras, vodniks, undines, and other fantastic creatures brought to life by a paintbrush of the famed artist are transported to wetlands in contemporary Poland, to a place known as Mszary. A large hydroelectric power plant is about to start operating nearby. The water will flood thousands of hectares of land. A second group of runaways sets out from an orphanage in a village designated for inundation. This one consists of children opposing the decisions of adults that are meant to separate them forever. Tobiasz, a boy who was among the figures transported to the future straight from Malczewski's paintings, decides to join them and becomes their leader. The boy is being followed by Rafał, his guardian angel. The natives of Mszary must manage the unexpected visit of outsiders on their territory. Will the residents of wetlands help the young dissidents create the Republic of Children they've been dreaming of?

Directed by: Jan Jakub Kolski

110', 3 x 45', HD, 2021

DRAMA

Everyone Has a Summer

Każdy ma swoje lato

Rebellious Agata comes to a small town to work at a religious camp. A seventeen-year old Mirek, a son of the local church organist, falls in love with her. As it turns out his grandfather, who suffers from dementia, mistakes her for his long-gone lover from his youth. Mirek uses his grandfather's weakness to his advantage to get closer to Agata. This summer also Mirek's widowed mother is swept off her feet by the power of love. This whirlwind of emotions unexpectedly uncovers a family secret, which up until now has been carefully guarded by Mirek's mother.

2020 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Distinction in the Microbudget Film Competition

Directed by: Tomasz Jurkiewicz

77', HD, 2020

DRAMA

Vocation

Powołanie

It is a TV theater play about Karol Wojtyła's path to priesthood. The story starts with Karol's arrival to Cracow to study Polish philology at the Jagiellonian University. The action concludes when Wojtyła is ordained a priest by Cardinal Adam Sapieha. The plot covers the period of WWII - the time when the future pope matures spiritually. During that time Karol reads extraordinary books and takes part in secret schooling. He meets Jan Tyranowski, who becomes his mentor, introduces him to discussions of mysticism and encourages him to work on his spirituality. After that Wojtyła makes his life decision, he leaves the theatre group of Mieczysław Kotlarczyk and enters the seminary.

Directed by: Paweł Woldan

75', HD, 2020

RELIGION



Zenek

Zenek

It is a movie based on the life story of Zenon Martyniuk and it tells the story of a boy from a village in Podlasie, who pursues his dream to sing and entertain crowds. The movie shows Zenek's pathway to a huge success, which he managed to achieve thanks to his perseverance and hard work which often entailed considerable sacrifices, in order to be crowned the king of Polish disco polo music.

Directed by: Jan Hryniak

115', HD, 2020

DRAMA



Truth Makes Free

Zieja

1977, Father Jan Zieja, an 80-year old priest, co-founder of the Worker's Defense Committee, is being interrogated by the Security Service. The questioning serves as an opportunity to revisit the priest's eventful life, to present his spiritual stance and to witness crucial events from Poland's 20th century history.

2020 – Venice Film Awards – Monthly – Honorable Mention
2020 – Camerimage International Film Festival – Best Polish Film

Directed by: Robert Gliński

110', HD, 2020

DRAMA





What a Country!

Stan wyjątkowy

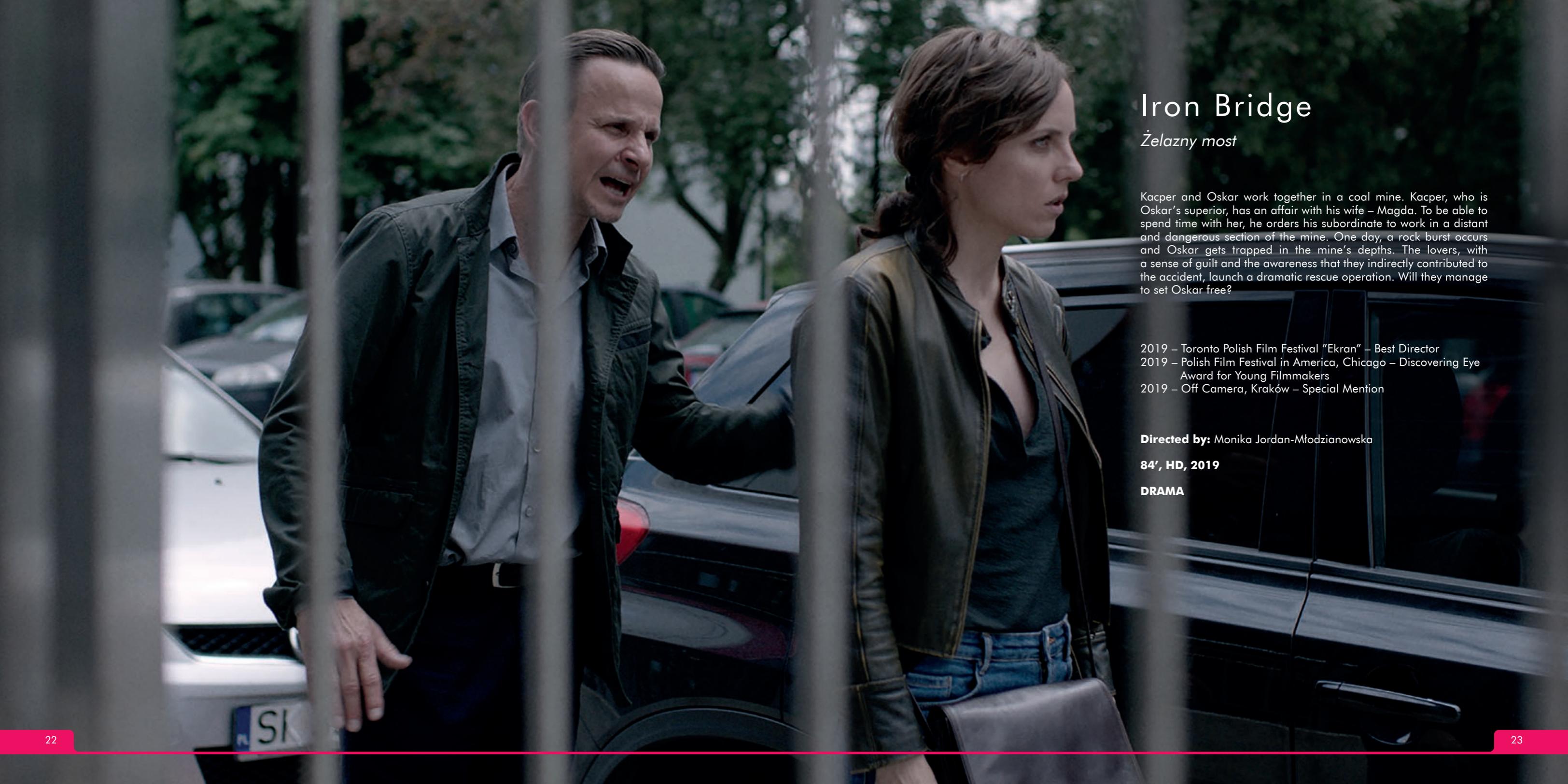
It is a black comedy with elements of surrealism. In this wacky and delirious political satire, the main characters, including a Croatian army general haunted by guilt and suicidal thoughts, a minister of the Croatian government who visits prison and, voluntarily, locks himself up in a museum-like cell dedicated to true patriots and a group of elderly pensioners who steal the coffin with the remains of the late Croatian president Franjo Tudjman, dare to challenge national taboos, encouraging a troubled country to engage in self-reflection.

2019 – Sopot Festival (SOFEST), Serbia – Grand Prix
2019 – 60th Thessaloniki International Film Festival, Greece – Audience Award

Directed by: Vinko Bresan

118', HD, 2019

COMEDY DRAMA



Iron Bridge

Żelazny most

Kacper and Oskar work together in a coal mine. Kacper, who is Oskar's superior, has an affair with his wife – Magda. To be able to spend time with her, he orders his subordinate to work in a distant and dangerous section of the mine. One day, a rock burst occurs and Oskar gets trapped in the mine's depths. The lovers, with a sense of guilt and the awareness that they indirectly contributed to the accident, launch a dramatic rescue operation. Will they manage to set Oskar free?

2019 – Toronto Polish Film Festival "Ekran" – Best Director
2019 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago – Discovering Eye Award for Young Filmmakers
2019 – Off Camera, Kraków – Special Mention

Directed by: Monika Jordan-Młodzianowska

84', HD, 2019

DRAMA



The Black Mercedes

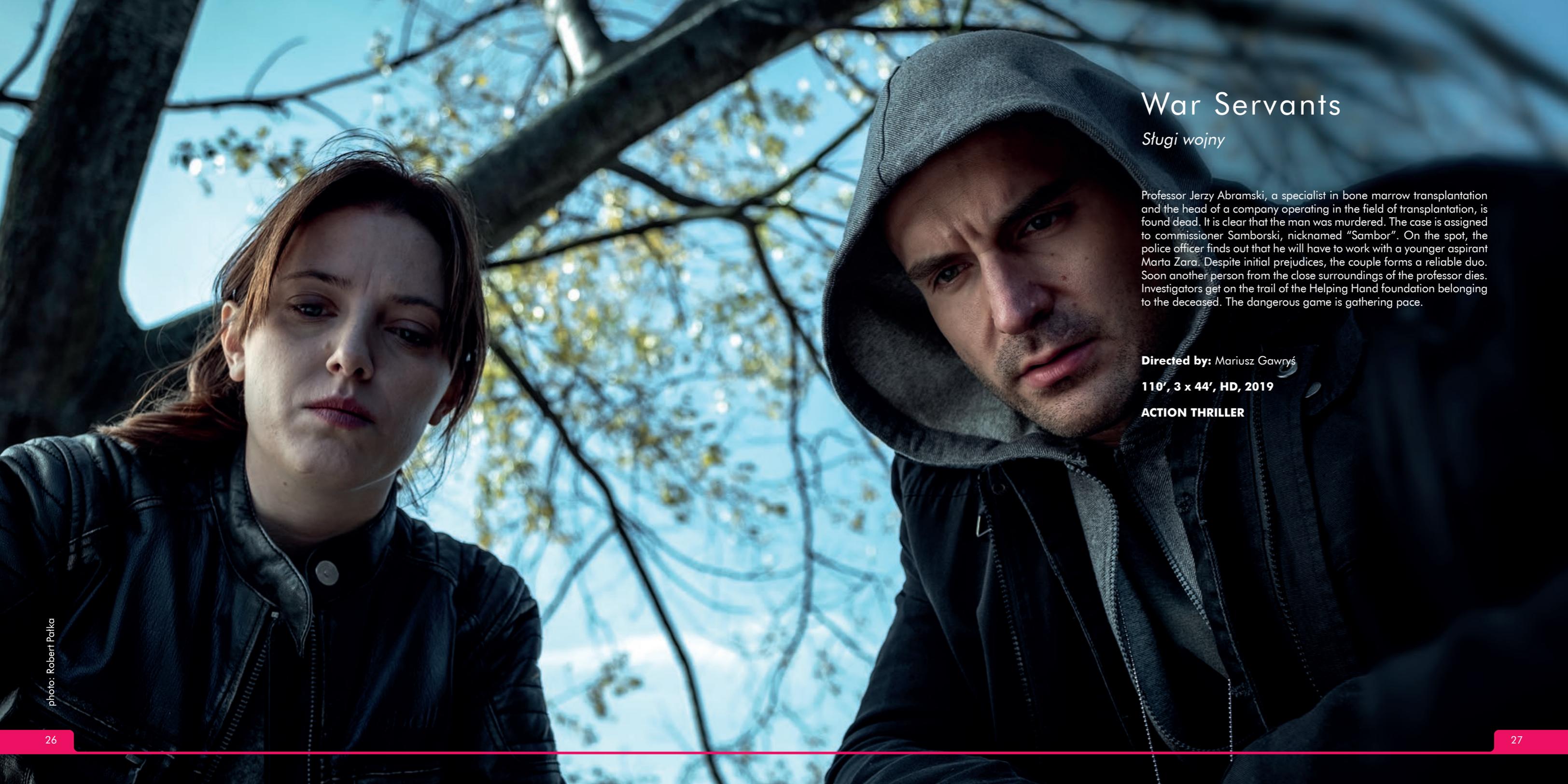
Czarny mercedes

The action of this crime story is set in Warsaw in June 1942. In suspicious circumstances, the wife of a respected lawyer is murdered. A detective, who is as an officer of the Navy Police cooperating with Germany, and at the same time a sworn soldier of the Polish underground, tries to solve the mysterious murder. Further clues multiply suspicions and reveal the deeply hidden secrets of the deceased and unclear connections of the lawyer with a high-rank SS officer. Will the inspector find the woman's murderer before he kills his next victim?

Directed by: Janusz Majewski

110', HD, 2019

THRILLER



War Servants

Sługi wojny

Professor Jerzy Abramski, a specialist in bone marrow transplantation and the head of a company operating in the field of transplantation, is found dead. It is clear that the man was murdered. The case is assigned to commissioner Samborski, nicknamed "Sambor". On the spot, the police officer finds out that he will have to work with a younger aspirant Marta Zara. Despite initial prejudices, the couple forms a reliable duo. Soon another person from the close surroundings of the professor dies. Investigators get on the trail of the Helping Hand foundation belonging to the deceased. The dangerous game is gathering pace.

Directed by: Mariusz Gawryś

110', 3 x 44', HD, 2019

ACTION THRILLER

The Butler

Kamerdyner

The film tells the story of a tragic yet reciprocal love of a young German aristocrat to a Polish butler. The social and moral differences are the reason why the feeling, which brought them together, has no chance of existence. A complicated history of people of three nations living in the northern region of Poland – Poles, Kashubian, and German, forms the background of the main story. Their lives are shown in a broad perspective over the period of 25 years, from 1920 until 1945. At the same time, the Second Republic of Poland is formed and many German estates are situated on the Polish side of the border. This situation not only generates numerous conflicts, but it also gives excellent ground for the birth of Nazism. The dramatic events of the war and an equally strong trauma caused by the entry of Soviet troops permanently cause a personal tragedy of the main characters – Marita von Krauss and Mateusz Kroll. Will their love survive in the worst moments in the history of Europe?

2018 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago – Special Jury Award

2018 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Silver Lion

2018 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Actor, Best Make-Up, Best Score

2019 – Polish Film Awards – Best Production Design, Best Costume Design

2019 – New York Polish Film Festival – Special Award, The Elżbieta Czyżewska Award for best Actress

Directed by: Filip Bajon

150', 6 x 42', HD, 2018

DRAMA/WAR



Pardon

Ułaskawienie

It is a story of parents of a cursed soldier*, who died in 1946, told from a perspective of their 17-year-old grandson Janek. Department of Security digs up his body four times to make sure that the enemy of the state is truly dead. The mother cannot bear the humiliation, she steals away the coffin with the body, forces the husband to travel to Pałacowska Calvary to bury their son again. The journey is full of dramatic events. Travellers are joined by Jurgen, a German fugitive from a prisoner-of-war camp.

The film, which is written into the dramatic history of the post-war Poland, still remains universal in its story – a struggle of two parents to regain their dignity and balance in life after losing their child.

*cursed soldiers – The end of the struggle of WWII in Europe did not mean peace for all. Thousands of people joined the partisan movements. The scale of their resistance resulted in a regular war being fought on numerous territories of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Ukraine up to the mid-50s. Today, we call those people the Forgotten Soldiers, Forest Brothers or insurgents.

2018 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Actress, Best Costume Design, Best Screenplay

2018 – World Film Festival, Montreal – Grand Prix des Amériques, Nomination

2018 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago – Society Humanitarian Award

2019 – Polish Film Festival “Vistula”, Moscow – III Prize

Directed by: Jan Jakub Kolski

90', HD, 2018

DRAMA

photo: Łukasz Bąk

Inspection

Inspekcja

It is a shocking picture of the last few months in a military prison for Polish officers before the Katyn massacre. Wasilij Zarubin, a Soviet secret service officer, after a failed mission in Germany is about to be executed but, in the face of a sudden outbreak of WWII, Stalin gives him a new task: his new mission is to enlist Polish officers from Kozielsk, Starobielsk, and Ostaszków camps to the Soviet Army. Zarubin's methods are cynical. By abusing his position in a treacherous way, he tries to antagonize officers, extract crucial information and encourage them to cooperate with Soviet communists. A success of Zarubin's mission depends on the attitudes of Polish officers' towards his manipulations. This TV movie depicts the horrific situation of Polish officers living under pressure in captivity. The screenplay is based on true, evidenced story.

2020 – ProToPost – Communism International Film Festival – Best direction

Directed by: Jacek Raginis-Królikiewicz

88', HD, 2018

DRAMA/WAR

Frédéric

Fryderyk

A TV movie about the first months of Frédéric Chopin's stay in Paris, which was an extremely difficult and painful period for the composer because of his personal problems, his current musical career, as well as the political situation in Poland and in Europe. After coming to Paris, Chopin tries to break into Paris's music salons at all costs, but for a long time he remains completely unknown, even rejected. Lack of spectacular success during his first public concert results in a deep psychic crisis, which soon paradoxically leads to a triumph. The play presents an unknown image of the artist, it is an insightful psychological portrait of a person who has to face poverty, uncertainty, a sense of unfulfillment, humiliation, and finally, an outbreak of cholera, a civil war raging on the streets of Paris after the attempt of overthrowing the French monarch, and the consequences of the fall of the November Uprising.

Directed by: Agnieszka Lipiec-Wróblewska

80', HD, 2018

DRAMA

Lullaby Killer

Ach śpij kochanie

For years many people have been disappearing in Cracow and its vicinity, 67 people in total. Young militia detective Karski constructs his own hypothesis of a serial killer, contrary to convictions of his superiors. Shortly, just one person remains in a circle of the suspects: Władysław Mazurkiewicz called "Pretty Władek." This king of life, handsome, elegant playboy, wealthy adulterer, but also respected citizen, a man of surprising connections, a hypnotic charm and a murky past. During his ongoing investigation Karski stumbles across increasingly more obstacles: material evidence and records of the case are missing, the trusted people turn against him, and a very strange relationship comes into existence between the investigator and the suspect. In the background of the whole case a beautiful mysterious woman shows up like a ghost.

2018 – Buffalo International Film Festival – Gold Bison, Nomination

Directed by: Krzysztof Lang

100', HD, 2017

THRILLER

The Stars

Gwiazdy

The film tells the story of Jan Banaś, a famous right-wing midfielder of Polish national team, who had a Polish-German origin and whose goal let Poland take the lead in the match against England in Chorzów in 1973. The film is a remarkable experience for the fans of football, but it is also a well-told story of an uneasy path to glory, its ups and downs.

Jan Banaś grows up in Silesia. From his childhood, his greatest passion is football, and his greatest rival, a devoted friend, Ginter. As time passes by, friends' competition transfers from the backyard to the stadiums of Silesian football clubs: *Polonia Bytom* and *Górnik Zabrze*. However, this is not the end of their rivalry. True emotions emerge when beautiful Marlena shows up in the life of both sport stars. When they both court her, Jan and Ginter quickly discover that there are no rules in the game of love. When a serious injury ends Ginter's career and in the same time brings Banaś closer to joining *Górski's Eagles* team, the main character faces a difficult choice that will determine the rest of his life. From now on, a chance to participate in the Olympic Games and the Football World Cup can be irreversibly lost.

2017 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago – Special Award of the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the Festival

Directed by: Jan Kidawa-Błoński

106', HD, 35 mm, 2017

DRAMA

The Damned One

Wyklęty

It is a story based on true events that took place in Poland after WWII. The heroes of the film are members of the Polish anti-communist resistance organisation, fighting for the post-war shape of Poland against the People's Government. The film focuses on people who despite the enormous advantage of the Security Ministry, supported by the Soviet NKVD, fight till the end for their cause.

Directed by: Konrad Łęcki

105', HD, 2017

DRAMA/WAR

Bodo

Bodo

What could be a better way of depicting a biography of a cabaret and movie star than a musical drama? Glitter, scandals, roaring twenties' music and amazing acting: the film contains all that and much more. It depicts the life of Eugene Bodo – the Polish star of the interwar period and presents his pathway to success. His career was international the same as his origin. Eugene's father was Swiss while his mother was Polish. In the interwar period, Bodo was a major star in Europe since he was an actor, a director, a producer, a businessman and the central figure of numerous gossip and scandals. Viewers can follow his difficult decisions and life choices which include not only running away from home, early steps on stage in a provincial theatre or love affairs but also his relationship with a possessive mother. Moreover, the drama contains original footage of Bodo's performances and movies. The movie follows the 13-episode series which was completed earlier this year and was very enthusiastically received by the Polish audience.

Directed by: Michał Kwieciński, Michał Rosa

110', 13 x 45', HD, 2017

DRAMA/MUSICAL

Blindness

Zaćma

The film shows an obscure episode from the life of a Stalinist criminal Colonel of the Office of Public Security, Julia Brystiger. Her nickname was "Bloody Luna" because during interrogations she tortured prisoners with extreme cruelty. At the beginning of 1960s she appeared in Laski near Warsaw, in the Institute for the Blind, where the Primate of Poland, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, was also a frequent visitor. His imprisonment in the years 1953-1956 was supervised by none other than Julia Brystiger herself. During the difficult and tempestuous conversation with the Primate, Julia Brystiger rejects the communist ideology, asks for her crimes to be forgiven and for help in finding God.

2016 – Polish Film Festival in America – Chicago Film Critics Award

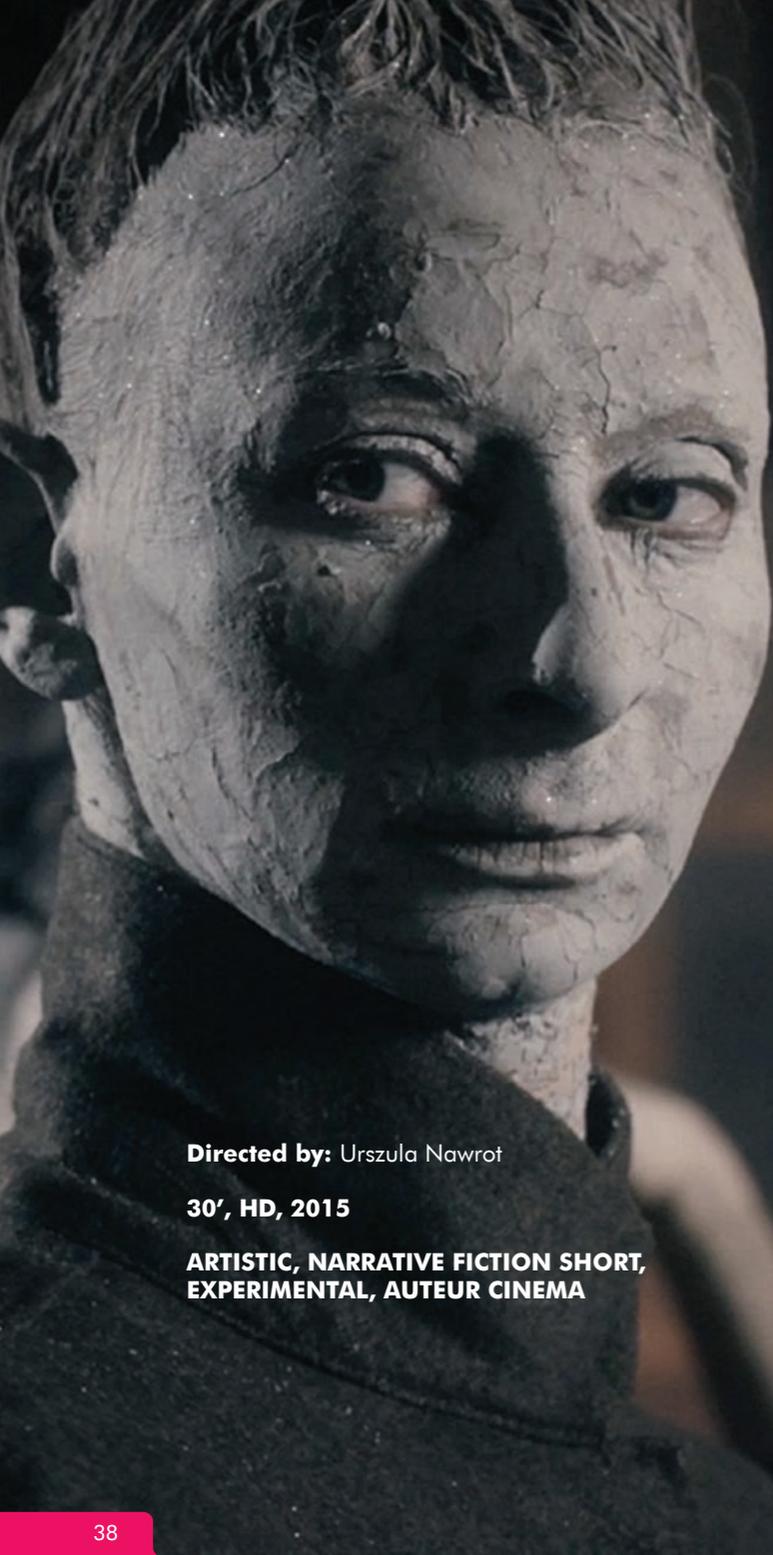
2017 – New York Polish Film Festival – Beyond Borders Award for Best Picture, in the name of Krzysztof Kieślowski

2017 – New York Polish Film Festival – Award for Best Actor, in the name of Elżbieta Czyżewska

Directed by: Ryszard Bugajski

109', HD, 2016

DRAMA/HISTORY



Umbra

Umbra

An allegorical picture about discovering oneself on a conscious and subconscious level, about reaching out into the deepest, hidden secrets. Through symbols, music, and dance it tells a story of a girl gone missing and later a woman seduced by the evil touch who cannot break free from it and fights her emotions towards her tormentor. The protagonist, Alice, experiences sexual abuse as a child, which is ignored and negated by those in her surroundings. Silence causes the abuse to be pushed out of her consciousness. The consequences, however, are apparent in her life, which appears to her as a dream in which the boundaries between the real and surreal are elusive. Alice struggles alone with her illusions about the world and herself. To discover the truth, she embarks on a journey inside herself.

- 2016 – Cannes Art Film Festival – 2nd Prize
- 2016 – New York City International Film Festival – Best International Short Film
- 2016 – West Chester Film Festival – Best Femal Director
- 2016 – Women's Independent Film Festival, Los Angeles – First Place Experimental, Best Cinematography, Best Directing, Best Editing
- 2017 – Action On Film International Film Festival – Polish Short Film Festival, Las Vegas – Golden Sava for Best Direction and Best Film
- 2017 – European Short Film Festival, Berlin – Best Short Film
- 2018 – Art Movie Film Festival, Los Angeles – Best Short Experimental Film
- 2018 – Arte Non Stop Festival, Buenos Aires – Best Medium Lenght Film, Best Female Direction, Best Cinematography, Best Actress, Best Actor

Directed by: Urszula Nawrot

30', HD, 2015

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EXPERIMENTAL, AUTEUR CINEMA**



Karski

Karski

Jan Karski has become an international icon of the fight for dignity and human rights, as well as a voice for the opposition to totalitarianism. He personified universal human values: courage, bravery and the responsibility for the lives and safety of others. Karski, an extremely intelligent and skilled diplomat, was assigned as an emissary of the Polish Underground State during WWII. In that role, throughout 1942 and 1943, he reported to the British and to the Americans, providing the allies with one of the earliest and most accurate accounts of the Holocaust. *Karski* is a multi-narrative TV drama which shows not only the story of Jan Karski himself but also his influence on future generations. Through intertwining plots, one depicting a contemporary group of young people aiming to create a film about Karski, and the other, a historical portrayal of Karski's life during WWII, the film shows us the significance of Karski's dilemmas and moral choices, which to this day influence young peoples' attitude towards the reality that surrounds them. The gripping plot is further enhanced by incorporating both archival footage and current media coverage into the film.

- 2015 – Prix Europa – Nomination
- 2015 – The Television Festival of La Rochelle – Nomination
- 2015 – Polish Film Festival in America – Special Award

Directed by: Magdalena Łazarkiewicz (The Deep End)

90', HD, 2015

TV DRAMA

One Way Ticket to the Moon

Bilet na księżyc

A story of two brothers set in the age of The People's Republic of Poland. Adam is drafted to the Navy. In his trip to the military harbour in northern Poland he is accompanied by his brother Antoni. In the course of the trip they visit Antoni's acquaintances that include his ex-girlfriend and friends from the army and they also make new friends. Antoni's aim is to prepare his younger brother to the tough life in army so that he will not be a laughing stock. Adam meets a beautiful, mysterious woman and that meeting starts a chain of unpredictable events. During the trip, several significant historical events take place, including the landing of Neil Armstrong on the Moon on July 19th and the 25th anniversary of People's Republic of Poland on July 22nd. The events are widely commented in mass media and by the brothers themselves.

2013 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Script Award, London Project Award

2014 – Tiburon International Film Festival – Best Director Award

2014 – Toronto Polish Film Festival – Audience Award

Directed by: Jacek Bromski

120', HD, 2013

COMEDY

Last Floor

Ostatnie piętro

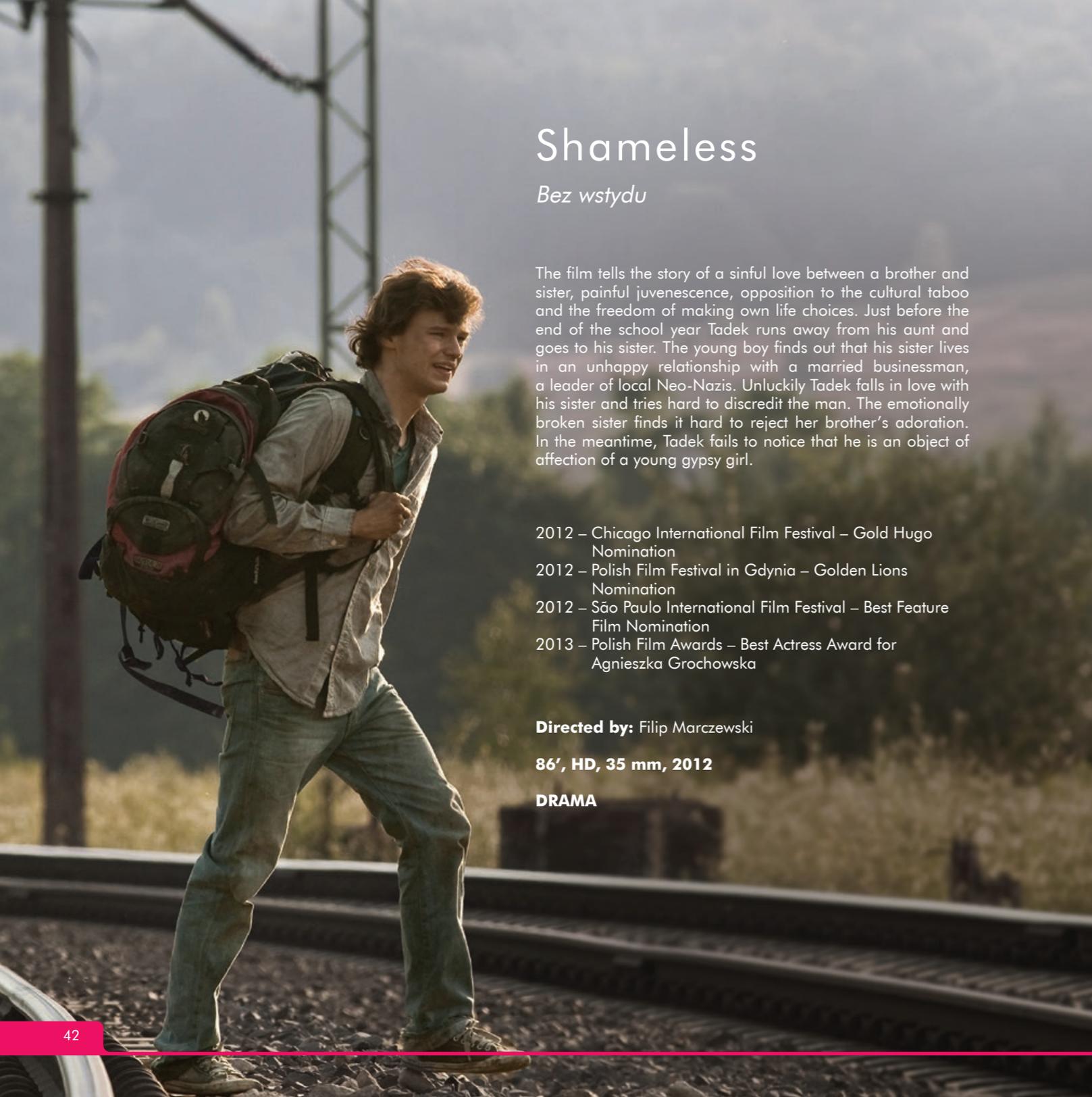
A psychological thriller, based on events that took place in a small town in southern Poland several years ago. The captain of the Polish Army tracks down a swindle committed by his superiors that will change his entire life. The belief that he must defend his family from the evil and ensure safety makes him break all the military regulations. Is love to the dearest ones the reason to take them hostage? At a time when patriotism for most people is an empty phrase, for the captain it becomes the meaning of his life. A story inspired by true events that provides excitement and gives a thrill.

2013 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Golden Lions Nomination

Directed by: Tadeusz Król

85', HD, 2012

THRILLER



Shameless

Bez wstydu

The film tells the story of a sinful love between a brother and sister, painful juvenescence, opposition to the cultural taboo and the freedom of making own life choices. Just before the end of the school year Tadek runs away from his aunt and goes to his sister. The young boy finds out that his sister lives in an unhappy relationship with a married businessman, a leader of local Neo-Nazis. Unluckily Tadek falls in love with his sister and tries hard to discredit the man. The emotionally broken sister finds it hard to reject her brother's adoration. In the meantime, Tadek fails to notice that he is an object of affection of a young gypsy girl.

2012 – Chicago International Film Festival – Gold Hugo Nomination

2012 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Golden Lions Nomination

2012 – São Paulo International Film Festival – Best Feature Film Nomination

2013 – Polish Film Awards – Best Actress Award for Agnieszka Grochowska

Directed by: Filip Marczewski

86', HD, 35 mm, 2012

DRAMA



Blind Date

Randka w ciemno

A full of twists and turns comedy about love and relationships. Karol, a full-time womanizer, is convicted of his irresistible appeal. He decides to take part in a popular TV show *Blind Date*. Majka, who just broke up with her boyfriend, is manipulated by her friends and also joins the show. The two win the show and go on an exotic trip together. Will they find love or perhaps they trigger a ruthless sex war between girls and boys?

Directed by: Wojciech Wójcik

Written by: Ilona Łepkowska

95', HD, 35 mm, 2010

ROMANTIC COMEDY

Venice

Wenecja

The film tells the story of a journey never taken in which the power of dreams helped to transform the flooded cellar of a rural family house into the most romantic city on Earth. The main character of the movie is a young boy Marek who loves Venice, which is the city visited by his parents and grandparents but never visited by himself. The trip is to take place in summer 1939. Unfortunately, the conflict with Germany escalates and instead of going to Venice, the boy is sent to his aunt, who builds a Venice in the cellar so that Marek can make his dream come true. *Venice* is a film based on two stories by an outstanding Polish writer Włodzimierz Odojewski, who was considered a candidate for the Nobel Literary Prize.

- 2010 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Cinematography Award, Best Production Design Award, Actor Debut Award for Marcin Walewski
- 2010 – World Film Festival, Montreal – Best Artistic Contribution, Grand Prix des Ameriques
- 2010 – Camerimage – Golden Frog Award for Best Movie Operator
- 2011 – Lume International Film Festival – Jury Award
- 2011 – Polish Film Awards – Best Production Design Award, Best Cinematography Award, Best Sound Award, Best Costume Design Award
- 2011 – Cleveland International Film Festival – Jury Special Mention
- 2011 – Moscow Golden Knight International Film Festival – Golden Knight Award
- 2011 – Polish Film Festival in Los Angeles – Piotr Łazarkiewicz Award for Young Talent (Marcin Walewski)
- 2011 – Golden Rooster and Hundred Flowers Film Festival, Hefei – Golden Rooster for Best Director
- 2011 – Manaki Brothers Award for International Movie Operators

Directed by: Jan Jakub Kolski

114', 3 x 45', HD, 35 mm, 2010

DRAMA

Chernobyl. Four Days In April

Czarnobyl. Cztery dni w kwietniu

The memorable catastrophe in the Chernobyl power plant took place on 26th April 1986 at 1:27 am, affecting lives of over 300,000 people inhabiting the surrounding areas of the former USSR territory in a direct and immediate manner. The long-term consequences of the released radiation, the biggest in the history, are felt to this day and are expected to be still harmful for human health in the next decades. The docu-drama reconstructs four days following the disaster from the point of view of Polish communist political and military circles, alarmed by the medical centre for science in Warsaw, as well as reactions of foreign journalists based in Moscow. Poland, the first country on the way of the radioactive cloud, was anxious about possible harm it might bring to people.

- 2011 – Prix Italia – Student Jury Prize
- 2011 – Prix Europa Nomination
- 2011 – Seoul Drama Award – Nomination
- 2011 – International TV Festival Bar – Best Directing Prize

Directed by: Janusz Dymek

77', HD, 2010

TV MOVIE

Born of the Sea

Miasto z morza

Krzysztof Grabień is a young orphaned son of a school teacher. He arrives at the seaside to look for a job in a newly built port of Gdynia. It is early 1923 and a lot of people from the whole Poland go there, hoping to achieve wealth and to take part in a new great national initiative that is building a new, major industrial centre at the Baltic Sea. Young Krzysztof does not know what to do and how to cope with the rapidly changing reality of the beginnings of the city of Gdynia. Against the background of the youth loves and struggles, appears the work of engineers and thousands of people from all the levels of society. They are all united in the effort of building the city that has changed the political and economic situation of the Baltic Sea region in the 1920s.

2009 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Movie Award Nomination

2010 – Camerimage – Golden Frog Award for the Best Actor

2011 – Polish Film Awards – Best Costume Design Nomination, Best Production Design Nomination

Directed by: Andrzej Kotkowski

114', 4 x 43', HD, 35 mm, 2009

DRAMA



Little Moscow

Mała Moskwa

A heartbreaking story of a forbidden love in the time when even the most intimate matters were decided by the Soviet Empire. The film takes us to the world in which Russians and Poles lived together in one city divided by walls and bans. They loved, suffered and dreamed in spite of the fear of being caught by nosy political commissars called politruks. Widely acclaimed by critics, audience and the jury of the 33rd Polish Film Festival in Gdynia, the film contains everything that we usually look for in entertaining films: love, tears, great drama, joy and emotions. The story takes place in 1967. A young pilot and an unsuccessful astronaut called Yura finds his way to Legnica, a city known as *Little Moscow* because at that time it was the location of the largest garrison of the Soviet Army in Eastern Europe. He is accompanied by his young and beautiful wife Vera, whose life changes when she meets Michał, a Polish Army officer and a musician. The two falls in love and now the forbidden love between a Russian woman and a Polish serviceman has to be kept a secret.

2008 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Golden Lions Award

2009 – Moscow International Film Festival – Audience Award

2009 – Polish Film Festival in America – City of Chicago Award for the most universal film of the Festival

2009 – Polish Film Awards – Best Screenplay Award, Best Production Design Award, Discovery of Year (Elena Leszczyńska), Best Sound Award, Best Costume Design, Best Film Nomination, Best Director Nomination, Best Actress in a Leading Role Nomination

Directed by: Waldemar Krzystek

115', 3 x 45', HD, 35 mm, 2008

DRAMA



Katyń

Katyń

This film is the first account of the long-suppressed Katyń massacre of 1940, in which more than fourteen thousand Polish prisoners-of-war were murdered by the NKVD, the Soviet secret police.

A story of the Katyń tragedy told from the perspective of individual soldiers and their families. A picture of unaware women who were waiting for their husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers to come back home. An uncompromising reckoning with the lie, which aim was to forget the Polish heroes. A film about an invincible struggle for the memory and truth, thanks to which Poles live in a free country today.

- 2008 – Academy Awards – Oscar Nomination for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year
- 2008 – European Film Awards – Prix d'Excellence
- 2008 – Denver International Film Festival – Best Feature Film
- 2008 – Ljubljana International Film Festival – Audience Award
- 2008 – Washington DC Film Festival – Audience Award
- 2008 – Polish Film Awards – Best Film Award, Best Supporting Actress Award, Best Cinematography Award, Best Production Design Award, Best Costume Design Award, Best Film Score Award, Best Sound Award, Best Actor Nomination, Best Supporting Actor Nomination, Best Director Nomination
- 2009 – Czech Lions – Best Foreign Language Film Nomination
- 2009 – Golden Globes, Italy – Best European Film, Best Distributor
- 2009 – Sannio Film Festival – Special Mention, Best Picture and Best Costume Design Nomination For Golden Capital
- 2010 – Argentine Film Critics Association Awards – Best Foreign Film Nomination
- 2010 – London Critics Circle Film Awards – Foreign Language Film of the Year Nomination
- 2010 – Sun in a Net Awards – Best Foreign Language Film Nomination

Directed by: Andrzej Wajda

117', HD, 35 mm, 2007

DRAMA

Let's Go to the Movies Tomorrow

Jutro idziemy do kina

A romantic story of senior year high school students who get their diplomas in May 1938, reaching maturity on the brink of war. The three friends are convinced that their lives will be special and their friendship will last forever. Even though they receive alarming news from Europe, they are more concerned with their own love affairs than disturbed by the political situation. Months of careless sowing wild oats pass by during which they can drink, smoke and meet girls. Each of the three young people is different, but all of them mostly think about love, when the summer of 1939 comes along.

- 2007 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Golden Lions for Best Cinematography Award, Best Script Award, Best Costumes Design Award
- 2008 – Polish Film Festival in Los Angeles – Hollywood Eagle Award
- 2008 – Shanghai International Television Festival – Magnolia Award
- 2008 – La Rochelle International TV Production Festival – Best Feature Film Award
- 2008 – Prix Europa – TV Fiction Award
- 2008 – Seoul International Drama Awards – Best Cinematography
- 2008 – International TV Festival Bar – Cinematography Award

Directed by: Michał Kwietniński

Written by: Jerzy Stefan Stawiński

101', SD, 2007

DRAMA



Immensity of Justice

Bezmiar sprawiedliwości

A young law school graduate talks to a famous defense lawyer who tells her a story of a trial which took place a long time ago. A TV journalist, who was then eight months pregnant, was murdered. The person accused of the murder was her married co-worker with whom she had been having an affair for a year. Despite pleading not guilty and the lack of any evidence against him, he was convicted to 25 years in prison. The film is an analysis of court trials and the process of passing sentences in criminal cases based on only circumstantial evidence when the judge and defense lawyer's conduct is solely determined by external circumstances, not directly related to the case. First of all, this film attempts to describe the human nature, the state of mind of people who judge others and determine their fate.

2006 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Journalists Award
2007 – Polish Film Festival in America – Golden Tooth Award
2007 – Polish Film Festival in Perpignan – Special Mention
2008 – Batumi International Art House Film Festival – Best Actor Award
2008 – WorldFest Independent Film Festival, Houston – Special Jury Grand Prix Award
2008 – Moscow Polish Film Festival – White Elephant Critics Award

Directed by: Wiesław Saniewski

123', 4 x 45', HD, 35 mm, 2006

DRAMA



Jasminum

Jasminum

A story of love that is full of overwhelming scents, mystery, and magic. The plot of the movie is set in a cloister that would seem ordinary if it was not for the fact that three of the monks living there possess a special gift. Each of the men smells of a different scent: bird cherry, sweet cherry, and a plum. What is more, these three scents also have magic powers. One day a young picture restorer comes to the cloister together with her daughter, in order to restore one of the paintings there. The fact that the 5-year-old girl is so curious and inquisitive brings along a lot of turmoil in the peaceful lives of the monks.

2006 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – The Silver Screen Audience Award, Best Production Design Award
2006 – Camerimage – Golden Frog Nomination
2006 – Polish Film Festival in America – Golden Tooth Award
2007 – Polish Film Awards – Audience Award, Best Film Award, Best Cinematography Award, Best Production Design Award, Best Costume Design Award, Best Film Score Award, Best Sound Award

Directed by: Jan Jakub Kolski

107', HD, 35 mm, 2006

COMEDY DRAMA



Saviour's Square

Plac Zbawiciela

The film was inspired by true events. It tells the story of a modern family in crisis. An everyday struggle with reality as well as the need to fulfill plans can lead to the disintegration and break-up of a family. It turns out that love is the only thing which can make us notice and understand the needs of others, to overcome the most difficult moments and hopeless situations. The main characters are a young couple who has been living with their mother-in-law for some time. The situation is rather tense as sharing the apartment has not been a bed of roses. When they learn about some new apartments being built, they struggle to collect the down-payment no matter how they manage to do so and are ready to move to their new place. Unfortunately, the developer goes bankrupt and both the money and the new apartment are gone. It builds even more tension between the women. Soon after that during a major argument, the mother-in-law throws Beata with her two children out of the house. In the act of desperation Beata gives poison to her children and cuts her own wrists.

- 2006 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Grand Prix, Best Actress Award, Best Score Award, Best Supporting Actress, Critics Award
- 2006 – Camerimage – Golden Frog Award
- 2007 – Polish Film Awards – Best Film Award, Best Actress Award, Best Supporting Actress Award, Best Director Award, Best Screenplay Award
- 2007 – Chicago International Film Festival – Golden Hugo Nomination
- 2007 – Ghent International Film Festival – Grand Prix Nomination
- 2007 – Karlove Vary International Film Festival – Crystal Globe Nomination
- 2007 – China Golden Rooster & Hundred Flowers Film Festival, Suzhou – Direction Award
- 2008 – Valladolid International Film Festival – Silver Ear Award, Best Actress Award
- 2008 – Trieste International Film Festival – Grand Prix
- 2008 – Seattle Polish Film Festival – Best Drama Award
- 2008 – Moscow Golden Knight International Film Festival – Best Supporting Actress Award
- 2009 – International Images Film Festival for Women, Zimbabwe – Best Script Award

Directed by: Krzysztof Krauze,
Joanna Kos-Krauze

105', HD, 35 mm, 2006

DRAMA



Solitude @ The Net

S@motność w sieci

A story of love and dates in times of Internet, text messages, online communicators and planes, which dangerously reduce the time from the temptation to sin. Ewa is a romantic, professionally fulfilled married woman living in Warsaw. She is unhappy in her marriage with a man who can give her everything except for love and time. Jakub is a Polish immigrant living in Germany, a scientist working in the most recognized genetics laboratories. He is so busy with his work and career that he does not have time for any feelings. The two meet online by coincidence when they take a liking to the same painting on an internet auction. From that moment they start meeting on the net and become closer and closer to each other. Safely, from a distance, they take a chance and it seems they are close to winning. Eventually, they decide to meet in person. He makes a journey from New Orleans, she takes off from Warsaw. This time their paths cross in Paris.

Directed by: Witold Adamek

124', HD, 35 mm, 2006

DRAMA



The Extras

Statyści

A comedic parable on crossing the borders between the familiar and the alien, on natural understanding in spite of private prejudice and cultural stereotypes. The action of the film is set in a small Polish town. A Chinese film production company decides to make a film in Poland. Since they need some extras with sad faces, they believe that Poland is the right place, because it is full of unsmiling people. This multi-thread screenplay follows tiny and big events in the lives of six main film extras, from the casting stage till the very last day of filming. An incomprehensible Chinese movie storyline runs in the background of everyday matters, only to become the pretext to show the evolution of characters in their interpersonal relations. The title characters are very ordinary individuals, constantly unhappy about their lives, with various problems and dilemmas. Every day they struggle with their difficult fate and misfortunes.

2006 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Special Award for Best Movie

2008 – New York Polish Film Festival – Audience Award

Directed by: Michał Kwieciński

115', 3 x 45', SD, 35 mm, 2006

COMEDY DRAMA



The Collector

Komornik

Lucjan Bohme is a debt collector in a small town in Lower Silesia. He is young, go-getting, well set in the world of lawyers, uncompromising and extremely effective. This is why Lucjan can enjoy the support of the local notables. As he reaches for new positions and honours, he arouses fear among his victims, who are the debtors. One day due to some dramatic events his life changes. He wants to repair the damage done, but will he succeed?

2005 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Golden Lions for Best Picture Award, Best Script Award, Best Leading Role Award

2006 – Moscow Golden Knight International Film Festival – Best Actor Award for Andrzej Chyra

2006 – Polish Film Awards – Best Film Award, Best Screenplay Award, Best Production Design Award, Best Actress Award, Best Actor Award, Best Audience Award

2006 – Berlin International Film Festival – Ecumenical Jury Award

2007 – Teheran International Film Festival – Award for the Script

2007 – WorldFest Independent Film Festival, Houston – Golden Award

Directed by: Feliks Falk

93', SD, 35 mm, 2005

DRAMA



Edi

Edi

Gentle Edi and his friend Jurek work as scrap-metal pickers in a grimy urban area. They spend their money on vodka. Interestingly, in the hovel they share at the edge of town, Edi's most valuable possession is a library of found classics that he keeps in an abandoned refrigerator. Unfortunately, Edi's literary bent draws the attention of the fearsome brothers, who are two vulgar and ruthless men who run various illegal businesses. They demand that Edi tutor their 17-year-old sister Princess, whom they try to keep under lock and key. Princess, however, is not interested in studying. She is having an illicit relationship with an associate of her brothers called Gypsy. When Princess discovers that she is pregnant, she accuses Edi of rape and sparks a painful cycle of revenge and redemption.

- 2002 – Camerimage – Golden Frog Award
- 2002 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Cinematography Award, Best Production Design Award, Best Supporting Actor, Critics Award, Special Jury Prize
- 2002 – Warsaw International Film Festival – Grand Prix
- 2003 – Art Film Festival – Don Quijote Plaque – Special Mention, International Film Critics Award
- 2003 – Berlin International Film Festival – Don Quixote Prize, FIPRESCI Prize, Prize of the Ecumenical Jury
- 2003 – Karlove Vary International Film Festival – Philip Morris Award
- 2003 – Molodist International Film Festival – Best Film Award Nomination
- 2003 – Polish Film Awards – Audience Award, Best Supporting Actor Award, Best Film Award, Best Actor Award, Best Director Award, Best Screenplay Award
- 2003 – Sochi International Film Festival – Best Actor Henryk Gotlibowski
- 2003 – Sao Paulo International Film Festival – International Jury Award Nomination
- 2003 – Tbilisi International Film Festival – Silver Prometheus Award
- 2004 – Annonay International Festival of Firts Films – Audience Award

Directed by: Piotr Trzaskalski

98', SD, 35 mm, 2002

DRAMA



The Hexer

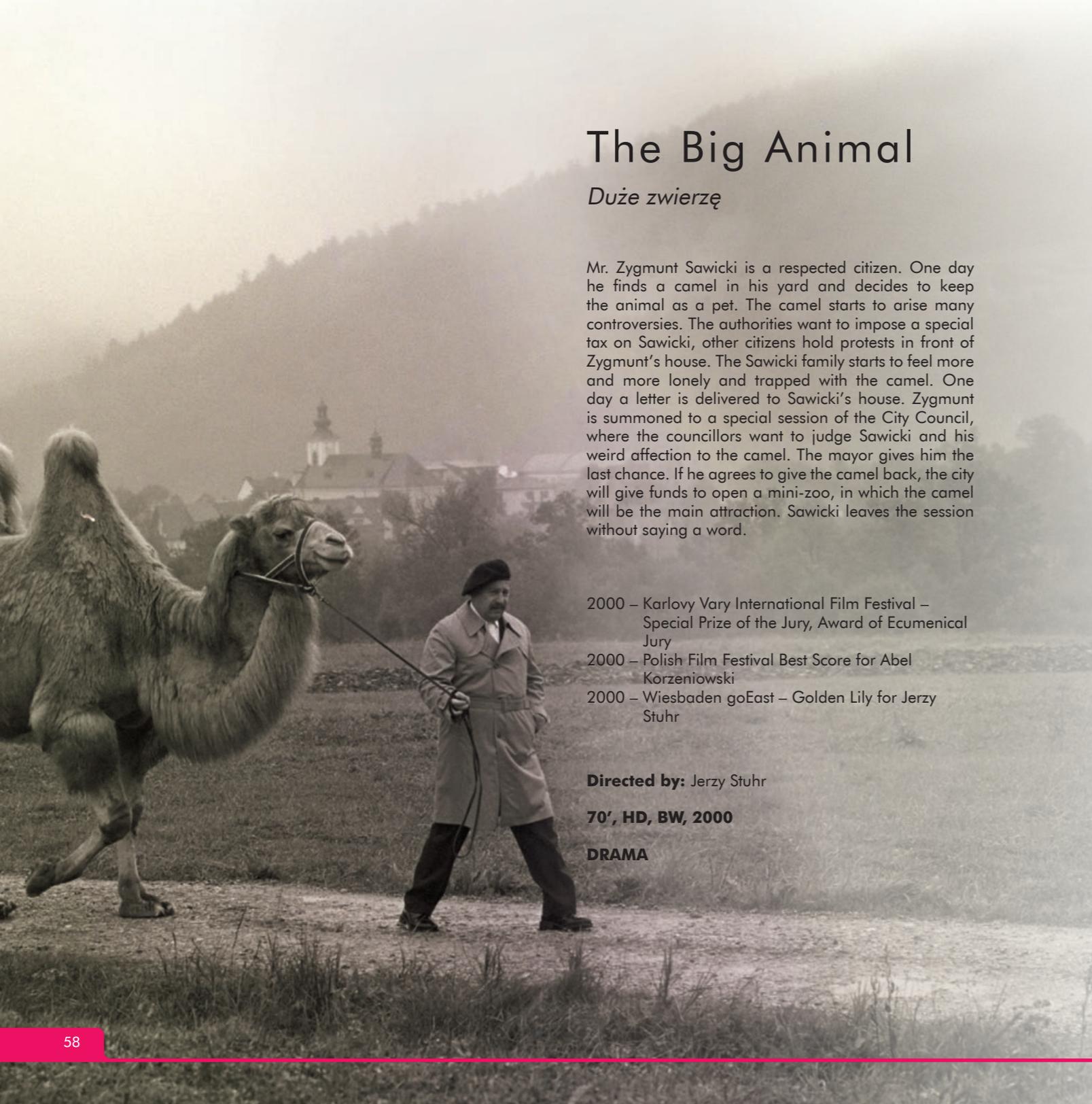
Wiedźmin

A dynamic fantasy story, produced with great verve, abundant with spectacular battle scenes and extraordinary special effects. Middle Ages, the border between the two ethnic worlds – one has developed national entities (small aggressive nation state), the other consists of the “elder folk” or “people of old blood”, that is gnomes, dwarfs, elves, dryads. The borderline areas are the site for endless struggle and birth of various monsters. Tirelessly fighting against them over hundreds of years people have created a special guild of Wolf Warriors, otherwise known as the Hexers. Geralt is one of them. Known also as the White Wolf, he is an effect of genetic mutations. He is not only an expert in all kinds of weapons but also knows the basics of magic and can fight against every opponent. To kill all kind of monsters that are haunting people is the sense of his life. Geralt is not just a killing machine lacking any humanity. He is a real human of flesh and blood, who pays an enormous price for his mutations. Although most people treat him like a soulless mutant, Geralt fights for recognition of his own humanity defending the inhabitants of his world against all beasts, also the human ones.

Directed by: Marek Brodzki

105', 13 x 30', HD, 35 mm, 2001

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The Big Animal

Duże zwierzę

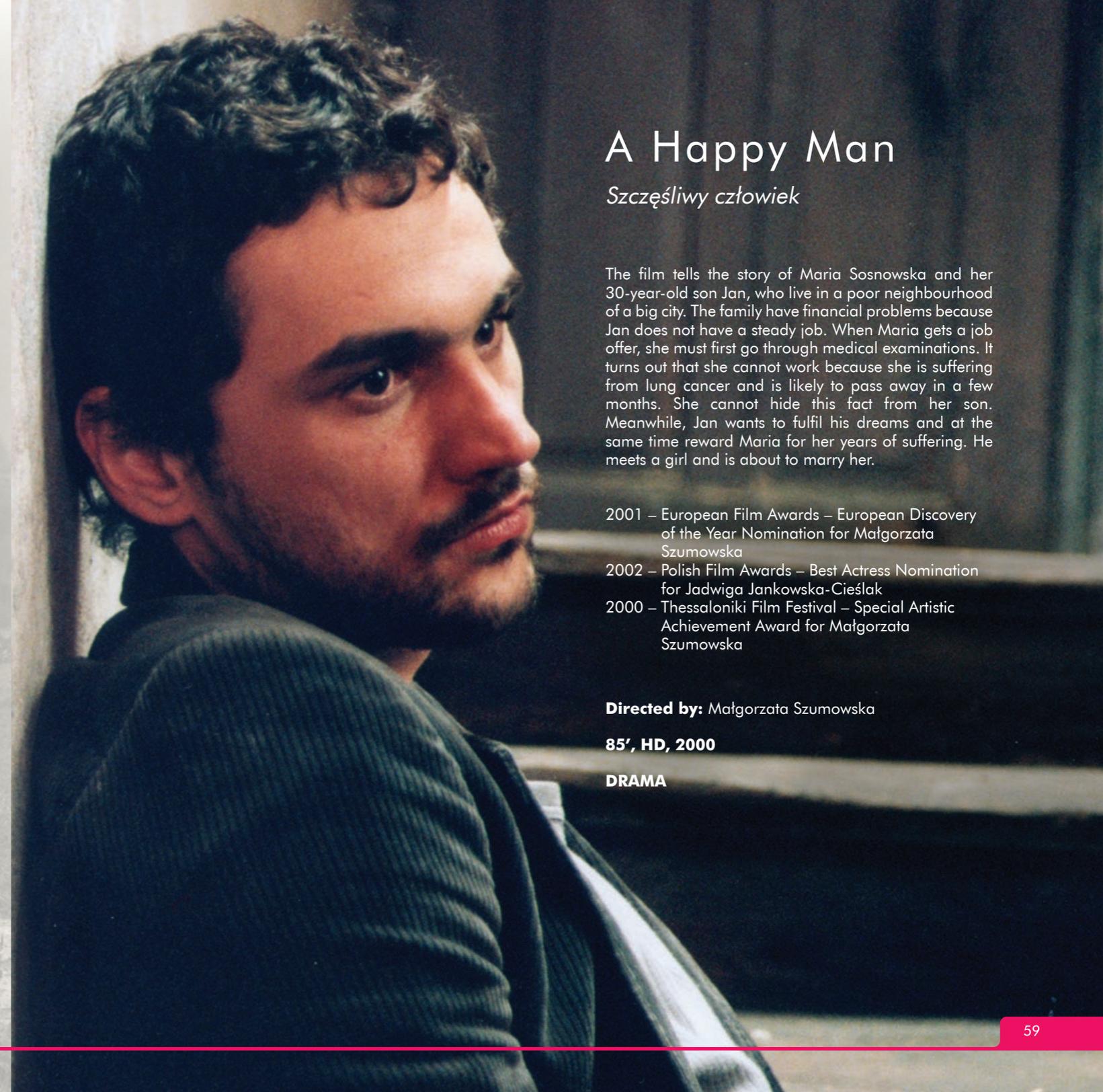
Mr. Zygmunt Sawicki is a respected citizen. One day he finds a camel in his yard and decides to keep the animal as a pet. The camel starts to arise many controversies. The authorities want to impose a special tax on Sawicki, other citizens hold protests in front of Zygmunt's house. The Sawicki family starts to feel more and more lonely and trapped with the camel. One day a letter is delivered to Sawicki's house. Zygmunt is summoned to a special session of the City Council, where the councillors want to judge Sawicki and his weird affection to the camel. The mayor gives him the last chance. If he agrees to give the camel back, the city will give funds to open a mini-zoo, in which the camel will be the main attraction. Sawicki leaves the session without saying a word.

- 2000 – Karlovy Vary International Film Festival – Special Prize of the Jury, Award of Ecumenical Jury
- 2000 – Polish Film Festival Best Score for Abel Korzeniowski
- 2000 – Wiesbaden goEast – Golden Lily for Jerzy Stuhr

Directed by: Jerzy Stuhr

70', HD, BW, 2000

DRAMA



A Happy Man

Szczęśliwy człowiek

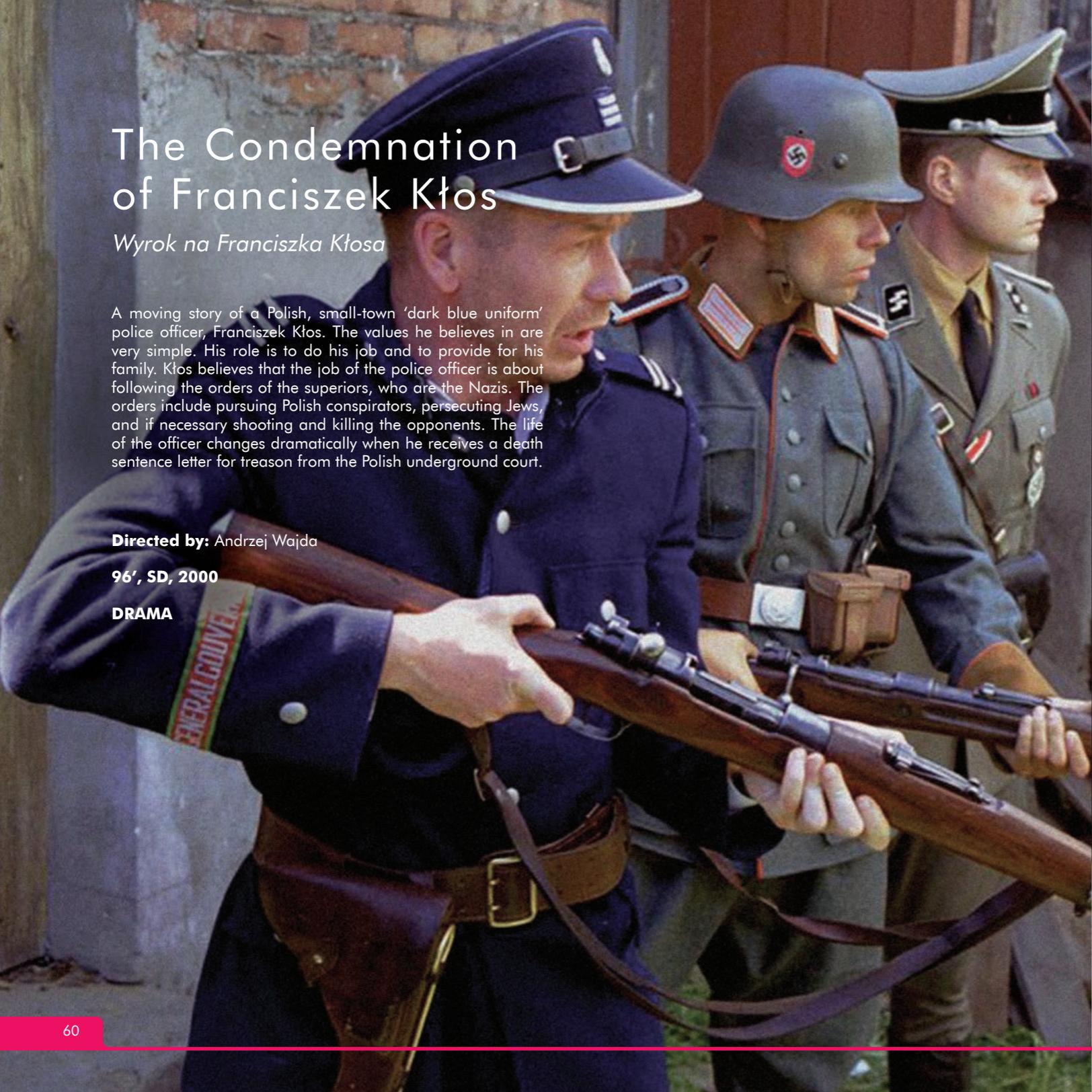
The film tells the story of Maria Sosnowska and her 30-year-old son Jan, who live in a poor neighbourhood of a big city. The family have financial problems because Jan does not have a steady job. When Maria gets a job offer, she must first go through medical examinations. It turns out that she cannot work because she is suffering from lung cancer and is likely to pass away in a few months. She cannot hide this fact from her son. Meanwhile, Jan wants to fulfil his dreams and at the same time reward Maria for her years of suffering. He meets a girl and is about to marry her.

- 2001 – European Film Awards – European Discovery of the Year Nomination for Małgorzata Szumowska
- 2002 – Polish Film Awards – Best Actress Nomination for Jadwiga Jankowska-Cieślak
- 2000 – Thessaloniki Film Festival – Special Artistic Achievement Award for Małgorzata Szumowska

Directed by: Małgorzata Szumowska

85', HD, 2000

DRAMA



The Condemnation of Franciszek Kłosa

Wyrok na Franciszka Kłosa

A moving story of a Polish, small-town 'dark blue uniform' police officer, Franciszek Kłosa. The values he believes in are very simple. His role is to do his job and to provide for his family. Kłosa believes that the job of the police officer is about following the orders of the superiors, who are the Nazis. The orders include pursuing Polish conspirators, persecuting Jews, and if necessary shooting and killing the opponents. The life of the officer changes dramatically when he receives a death sentence letter for treason from the Polish underground court.

Directed by: Andrzej Wajda

96', SD, 2000

DRAMA



The Gateway of Europe

Wrota Europy

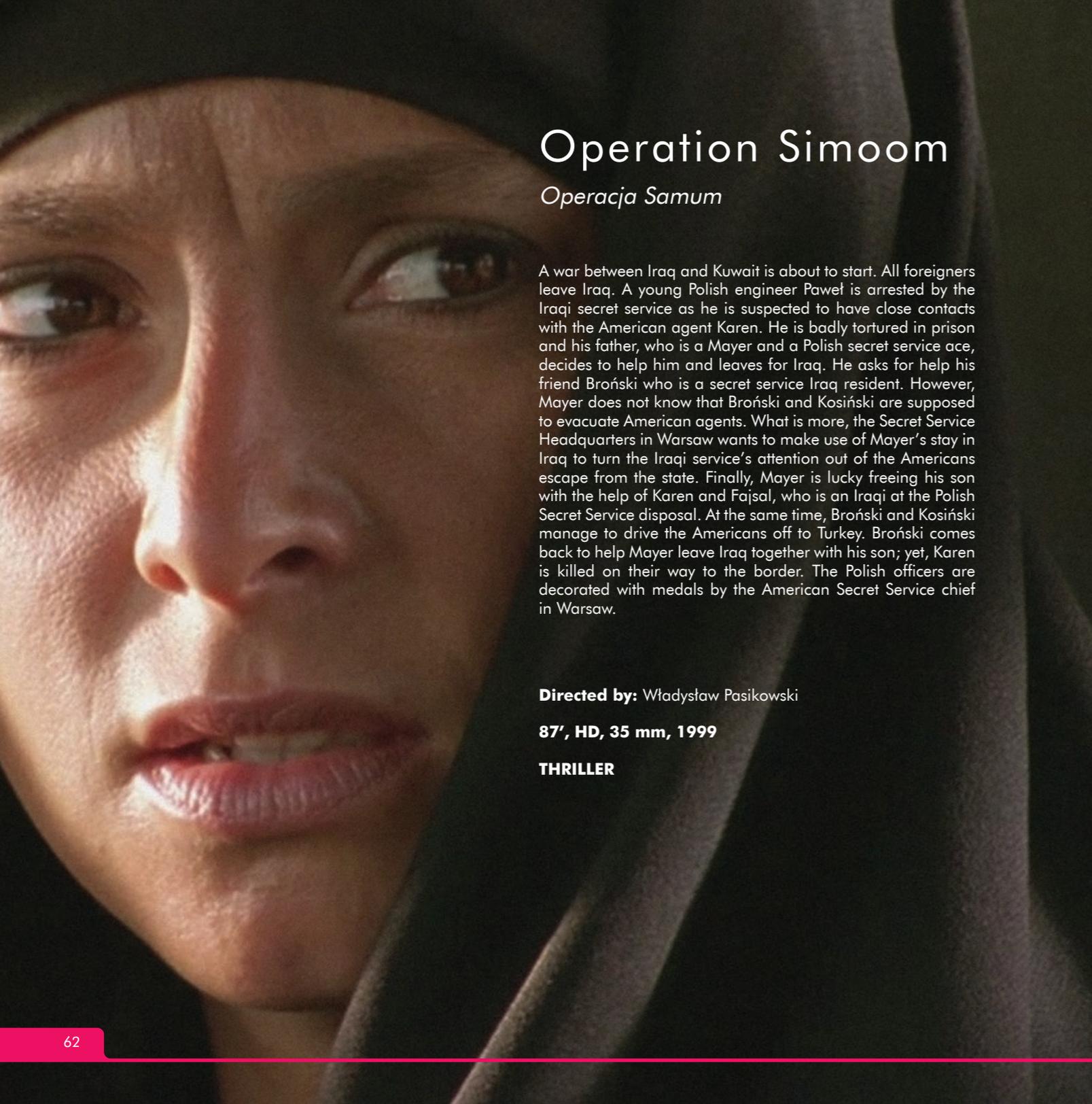
In January 1918, three volunteer nurses set off for a field hospital near the frontier. They treat their decision not only as the fulfilment of a patriotic duty but also as a romantic adventure. The 17-year-old Zosia has additional motivation. She hopes she finds her brother Paweł somewhere near the front. When the girls reach the hospital, they soon find out about the very difficult conditions in which they are about to work. Already on the first day they are sent to a nearby town to collect missing dressings. Taking advantage of the situation Zosia feverishly looks for Paweł. Unfortunately, as a result of the increasing artillery fire, the sisters have to return to the hospital. Panic-struck preparations for evacuation begin. The nurses decide to stay in place and do not return to the hospital. They do not know yet that with the coming of the Bolsheviks they will have to face perhaps the heaviest struggle in their entire lives.

1999 – Polish Film Awards – Best Cinematography Award, Best Costume Design Award, Best Production Design Award

Directed by: Jerzy Wójcik

74', HD, 1999

DRAMA



Operation Simoom

Operacja Samum

A war between Iraq and Kuwait is about to start. All foreigners leave Iraq. A young Polish engineer Paweł is arrested by the Iraqi secret service as he is suspected to have close contacts with the American agent Karen. He is badly tortured in prison and his father, who is a Mayer and a Polish secret service ace, decides to help him and leaves for Iraq. He asks for help his friend Broński who is a secret service Iraq resident. However, Mayer does not know that Broński and Kosiński are supposed to evacuate American agents. What is more, the Secret Service Headquarters in Warsaw wants to make use of Mayer's stay in Iraq to turn the Iraqi service's attention out of the Americans escape from the state. Finally, Mayer is lucky freeing his son with the help of Karen and Fajsal, who is an Iraqi at the Polish Secret Service disposal. At the same time, Broński and Kosiński manage to drive the Americans off to Turkey. Broński comes back to help Mayer leave Iraq together with his son; yet, Karen is killed on their way to the border. The Polish officers are decorated with medals by the American Secret Service chief in Warsaw.

Directed by: Władysław Pasikowski

87', HD, 35 mm, 1999

THRILLER



Self-portrait with the Mistress

Autoportret z kochanką

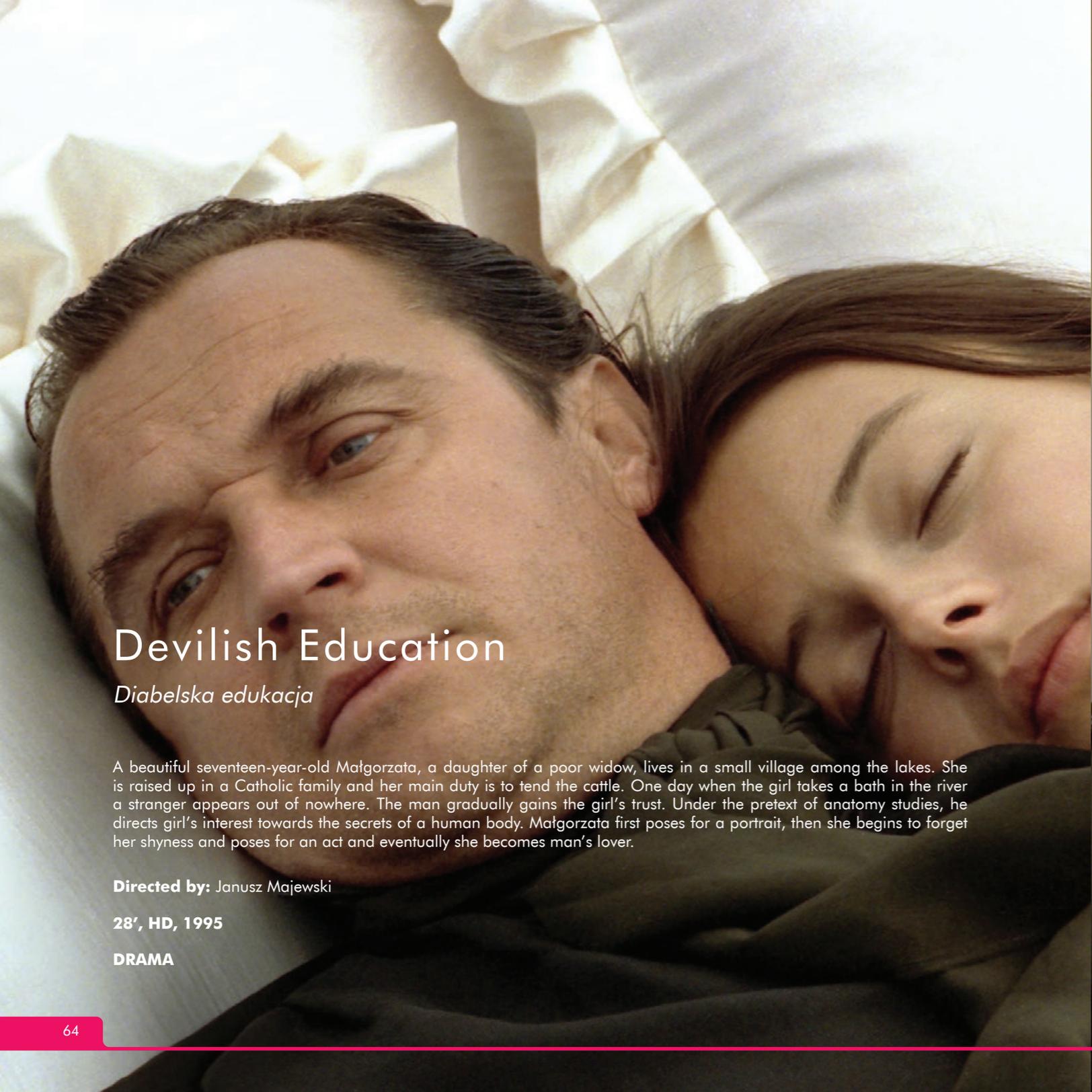
It is July 1995. Kuba Mitura attends with his little daughter Zuza a charity concert. The father reminisces about the story of his youth. In 1988, Kuba is a rebellious 19-year-old boy with two-color hair. He neither works nor studies and lives with his father, a retired military officer. One day Kuba meets Diana, a beautiful and eccentric woman, much older than him. The two hit it off, but when Kuba introduces Diana to his father as his fiancé, the father throws Kuba out of his house. Diana and Kuba get married, but soon Kuba is taken to the army. While attending military oath ceremony Diana confesses to Kuba that she is pregnant and wants to give birth to their child. Kuba, however, does not want to become a father. A few months later, Kuba's superior in the army informs him about the birth of his daughter and his wife's death. After a few years, Kuba returns home and finds his daughter taking care of his elderly father. After years of careless living Kuba has to reconcile with the adult world.

1996 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Actor in Supporting Role Award for Jerzy Trela, Child Actor Award for Marcelina Ziawińska

Directed by: Radosław Piwowarski

84', HD, 1996

DRAMA



Devilish Education

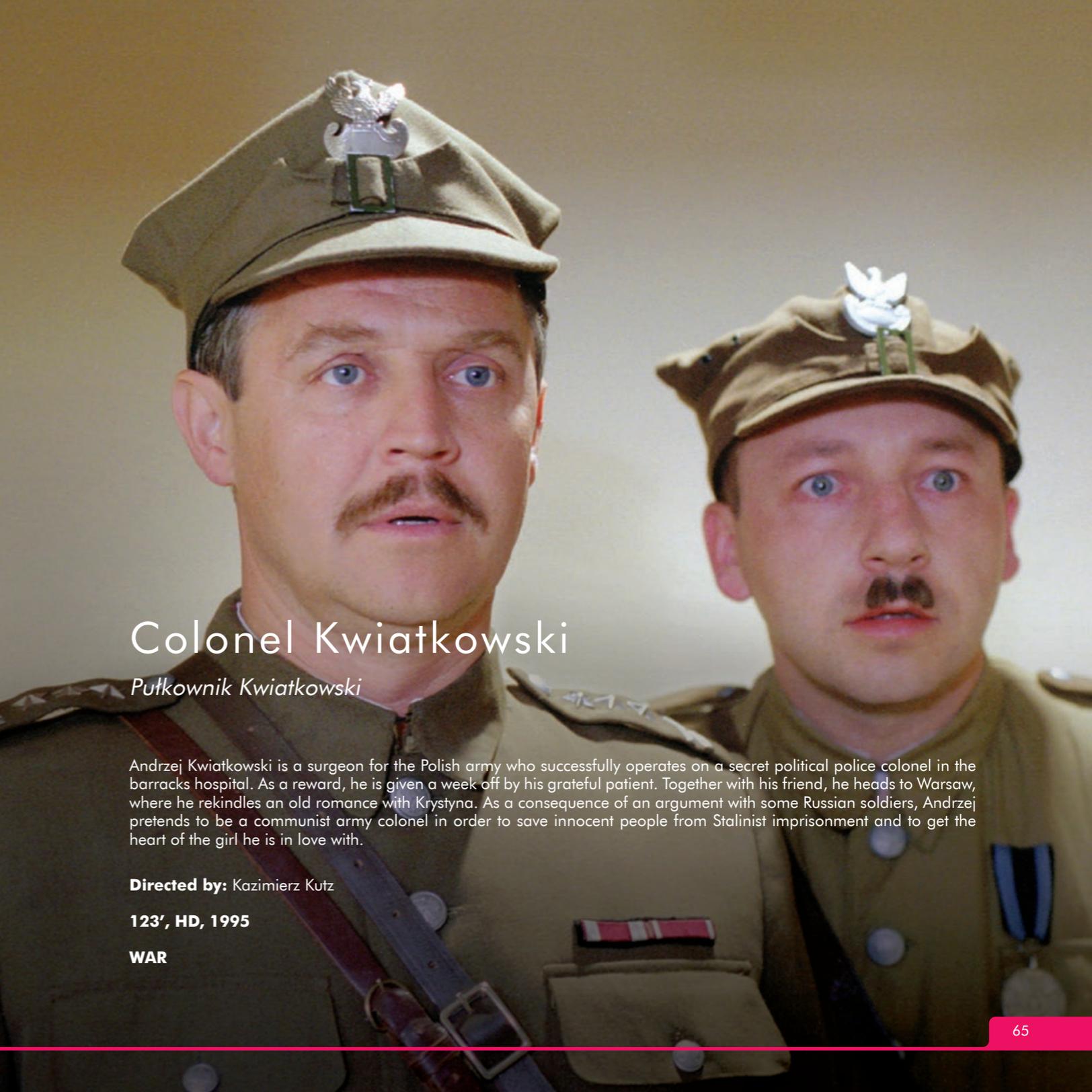
Diabelska edukacja

A beautiful seventeen-year-old Małgorzata, a daughter of a poor widow, lives in a small village among the lakes. She is raised up in a Catholic family and her main duty is to tend the cattle. One day when the girl takes a bath in the river a stranger appears out of nowhere. The man gradually gains the girl's trust. Under the pretext of anatomy studies, he directs girl's interest towards the secrets of a human body. Małgorzata first poses for a portrait, then she begins to forget her shyness and poses for an act and eventually she becomes man's lover.

Directed by: Janusz Majewski

28', HD, 1995

DRAMA



Colonel Kwiatkowski

Pułkownik Kwiatkowski

Andrzej Kwiatkowski is a surgeon for the Polish army who successfully operates on a secret political police colonel in the barracks hospital. As a reward, he is given a week off by his grateful patient. Together with his friend, he heads to Warsaw, where he rekindles an old romance with Krystyna. As a consequence of an argument with some Russian soldiers, Andrzej pretends to be a communist army colonel in order to save innocent people from Stalinist imprisonment and to get the heart of the girl he is in love with.

Directed by: Kazimierz Kutz

123', HD, 1995

WAR



Faustina

Faustyna

A biography of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Helena Kowalska was born in 1905 and as a child she was very religious and dreamed of entering a convent. As a teenage girl she could join the convent, but she had to bring a dowry which was mandatory at that time. Young Helena leaves her family house and finds a job as a maid. She saves every penny for her modest dowry. Eventually, Mother Superior agrees to take her to the convent. Contrary to expectations Helena, now as Sister Faustina, experiences a huge disappointment in the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. It turns out that the monastery is a place not only for mortification, fasting and performing good deeds, but also for envy, pettiness, pride, and laziness. Against all odds, Faustina decides to stay in the Congregation and her faith is invincible. She has visions, she feels the presence of Christ, she talks with him. Faustina prays fervently and works beyond her strength. When she is 33-year-old she goes down with tuberculosis and dies.

1994 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Video Studio Gdańsk Award for Dorota Segda
1995 – International Catholic Film and Multimedia Festival in Niepokalanów – Feature Film Award

Directed by: Jerzy Łukaszewicz

74', HD, 1994

DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY/RELIGION



The Lady of the Camellias

Dama kameliowa

The action of the film takes place in the mid-19th century. The main character of the film is Małgorzata Gautier, a Parisian courtesan, known for showing up at opera performances with a bouquet of white or red camellias. After the death of the woman, all her properties are auctioned. Alexander Dumas, who is a writer, buys a book that used to belong to Małgorzata. A few days later, a man named Armand Duval, for whom the purchase of the writer is an extremely valuable souvenir, pays him a visit. It turns out that Duval was a lover of Małgorzata, but their relationship ended tragically. An unusual guest decides to tell the writer the dramatic story of their love.

Directed by: Jerzy Antczak

94', HD, 1994

PERIOD DRAMA

Andrzej Wajda – Film Collection

Andrzej Wajda – kolekcja filmów

Andrzej Wajda (1926-2016) – a Polish documentary, theatre and feature film director, screenwriter and set designer, one of the world's most renowned filmmakers. Winner of an Oscar (2000) and Golden Lion (2006) for lifetime achievement. Four of Andrzej Wajda's works (*The Promised Land*, *The Maids of Wilko*, *Man of Iron* and *Katyn*) were nominated for the Academy Award (Oscar) for Best Foreign Language Film. *Man of Iron* won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 1981. His last film *Afterimage* was chosen as Polish candidate for Foreign Language Film Oscar in 2016.

Miss Nobody
Panna Nikt
98', SD, 1996

Sir Thaddeus, or the Last Lithuanian Foray *Pan Tadeusz, czyli ostatni zajazd na Litwie*
147', HD, 1999

Birch Wood
Brzezina 90', HD, FULLY RESTORED, 1970

The Promise Land
Ziemia obiecana
4 x 49'-54', HD, 1975

Holy Week

Wielki Tydzień
93', HD, 1995

As Years Go by, as Days go by
Z biegiem lat, z biegiem dni
8 x 58'-92', HD, 1980

Roly Poly
Przekładaniec
35', HD, BW, 1968



Krzysztof Zanussi – Weekend Stories

Opowieści weekendowe

Krzysztof Zanussi is considered to be one of the greatest Polish film directors. His movies are always unique, original and above all filled with shrewd observation and reflection. The director focuses on morality, psychology and human inner lives. As an acknowledged filmmaker he performs multiple functions: works as a lecturer in Łódź Film School and National Film School in Great Britain, he is also a member of Cinematography Committee and Felix Awards Committee, prepares theatrical performances and has written a few books on filmmaking. His *Weekend Stories* are works about individuals facing moral dilemmas. A binding feature of the eight stories is their duration of one weekend. The series includes the following titles:

A Woman's Business
Damski interes
56', SD, 1996

Deceptive Charm
Urok wszeteczny
55', SD, 1996

Little Faith *Słaba wiara*
54', SD, 1997

The Dilatory Line
Linia opóźniająca
56', SD, 1997

The Soul Sings
Dusza śpiewa
55', SD, 1997

Unwritten Laws
Niepisane prawa 54',
SD, 1998

The Last Circle
Ostatni krąg
56', SD, 1997

Hidden Treasures
Skarby ukryte
54', SD, 2000



Krzysztof Kieślowski – Early Films

Krzysztof Kieślowski – wczesne filmy

Krzysztof Kieślowski was a documentary and feature film director, a graduate of the Łódź Film School and a winner of numerous Polish and international awards for his films including the Oscar nomination, Cesar, Felix and many others. He was a honorary member of the British Film Institute and a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (Oscars). His most famous films: *The Decalogue* (1988), *La double vie de Veronique* (1991) and *Trois Couleurs. Bleu. Blanc. Rouge* (1993-1994).

The Photograph
Zdjęcie 31', HD, 1968

The First Love
Pierwsza miłość
52', HD, 1974

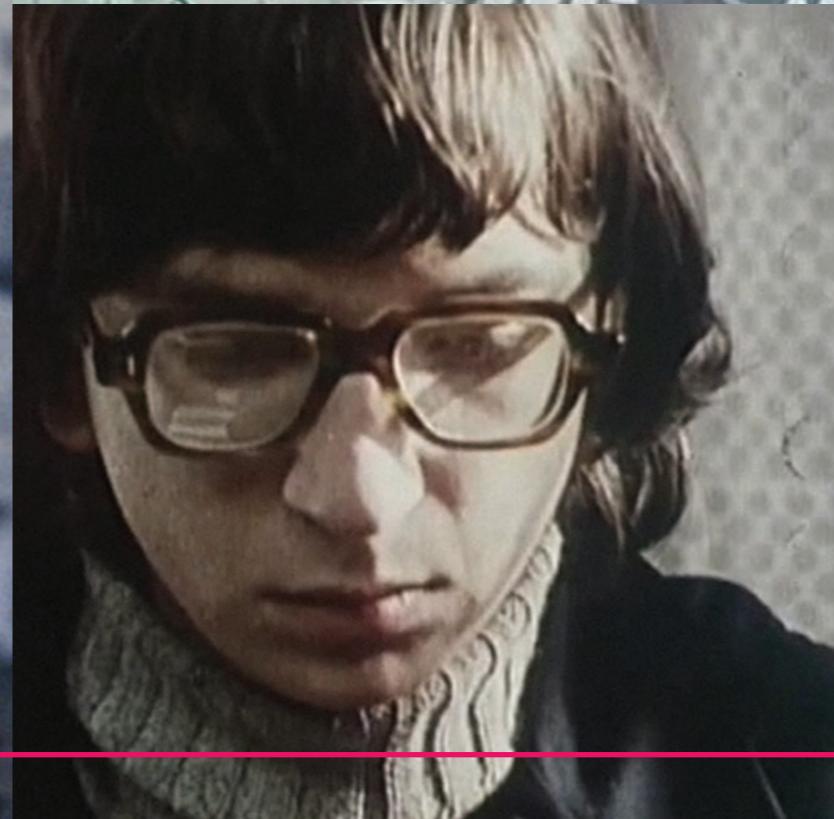
Underpass
Przejście podziemne
30', HD, 1974

The Legend
Legenda
25', SD, 1975

Staff
Personel
70', HD, 1975

Peace and Quiet
Spokój 82', HD, 1982

A Short Working Day
Krótki dzień pracy 73', HD, 1996



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Crusade

Krucjata

It is a contemporary crime drama. The plot focuses on the investigations conducted by Detective Jan "Manjaro" Góra and his colleagues from the Crime and Criminal Terror Division of the Warsaw Metropolitan Police. At first glance, the cases are not linked together. However, it soon becomes clear that the kidnappings and murders are connected. The victims include celebrities and powerful people, such as a TV journalist, a juror from a talent show, a banker, or an MP. The detectives eventually discover that behind these crimes stand an anti-system terrorist organization operating in Warsaw.

Directed by: Łukasz Ostalski

13 x 45', HD, 2021

CRIME



Osiecka

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Agnieszka Osiecka was a poet, a director, a journalist, and a leading figure in the pantheon of great Poles. She authored over 2000 songs, skits and stage works. 'The poetess of broken colour', as she was named by Jan Kott, wrote lyrics for songs which remain all time top hits in Polish popular music. Her songs were performed by the most celebrated Polish singers, such as Maryla Rodowicz, Edyta Geppert, Sława Przybylska, Anna Szatapak, Seweryn Krajewski or Skaldowie. On the one hand Agnieszka was a brilliant poet, the life and soul of the party, but on the other she was also a restless spirit, a sensitive and delicate human. The viewers can follow dozens of years of her fascinating life – from her early youth, through years of studying at the Łódź Film School and working in famous student theaters, until times of her spectacular success and great fame. The action is set against the backdrop of the Polish colorful social life between mid-1950s until mid-90s and it is focused not only on her professional career, but also it centers on some facts from her private life, which was very complicated, full of hard choices and suffering. The decisions she used to make were often very difficult to accept by her nearest and dearest. Osiecka, however, remained independent and faithful to her principles until the end of her days.

Directed by: Robert Gliński, Michał Rosa

13' x 45', HD, 2021

DRAMA



Everything's Gonna Be All Right, Darling

Będzie dobrze, kochanie

The main characters of this series are Justyna and Artur, a young, engaged couple who has been planning a grand wedding. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has thwarted their plans. On top of that Artur is stuck in Australia where he travelled for work and was supposed to return a month before the ceremony. The couple is worried about their wedding as well as not being able to see each other in the foreseeable future. With the support of their friends, parents and Justyna's grandma, they strive to finally be reunited. Amid COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first Polish TV series that does not have traditional filming locations. In its form, it resembles a sequence of online video calls. The actors record themselves at their own homes, where they dress up and take on the roles of their characters.

Directed by: Bartosz Kubera

Written by: Krzysztof Gureczny

20 x 13', HD, 2020

COMEDY/DRAMA



People and Gods

Ludzie i bogowie

The story of the liquidation unit of the Home Army Counter-intelligence Section. The action centres on the lives of two commanders, Leszek Zaremba (a.k.a "Onyks") and Tadeusz Korzeniewski (a.k.a "Dager"). The first one is dutiful and calm. He handles his tasks precisely and effectively, but with each passing day, he has more doubts whether his actions are moral and the feeling of remorse does not let him fall asleep. The second character, on the contrary, has different feelings. A desire for revenge against the Germans is fueling his motivation. In his opinion, the cruelty of crimes committed by the Nazis, allows him to use evil in the name of higher purposes.

Directed by: Bodo Kox

13 x 45', HD, 2020

DRAMA/WAR

The Health Resort

Uzdrowisko

A docu-reality series set in a private health resort. It follows the medical and administrative staff of the sanatorium. Their stories intertwine with those of the resort's guests. Each of the 64 episodes is a closed-ended story of the guests, with involvement from the sanatorium's staff. The plots revolve around love, family, relationships, things that the daily life at a sanatorium is all about. The producers try to avoid the difficult topic of illness – the stay at the resort above all should be an opportunity for a break from the daily routine. Coming to the sanatorium the visitors have a chance, or even expect to make new acquaintances, friendships, romance, both with fellow patients as well as the staff. Sometimes they even find life-long partners. There's also place for entertainment, partying, dancing, opportunities to get to know each other. Love, sex, betrayal, money, affinities and dislikes become a daily routine for the resort guests. The resort staff members are involved in two main plots that unfolds throughout the series.

Directed by: Piotr Konstantinow, Joanna Kaczmarek

60 x 25', 2020, HD

COMEDY





The Better Half

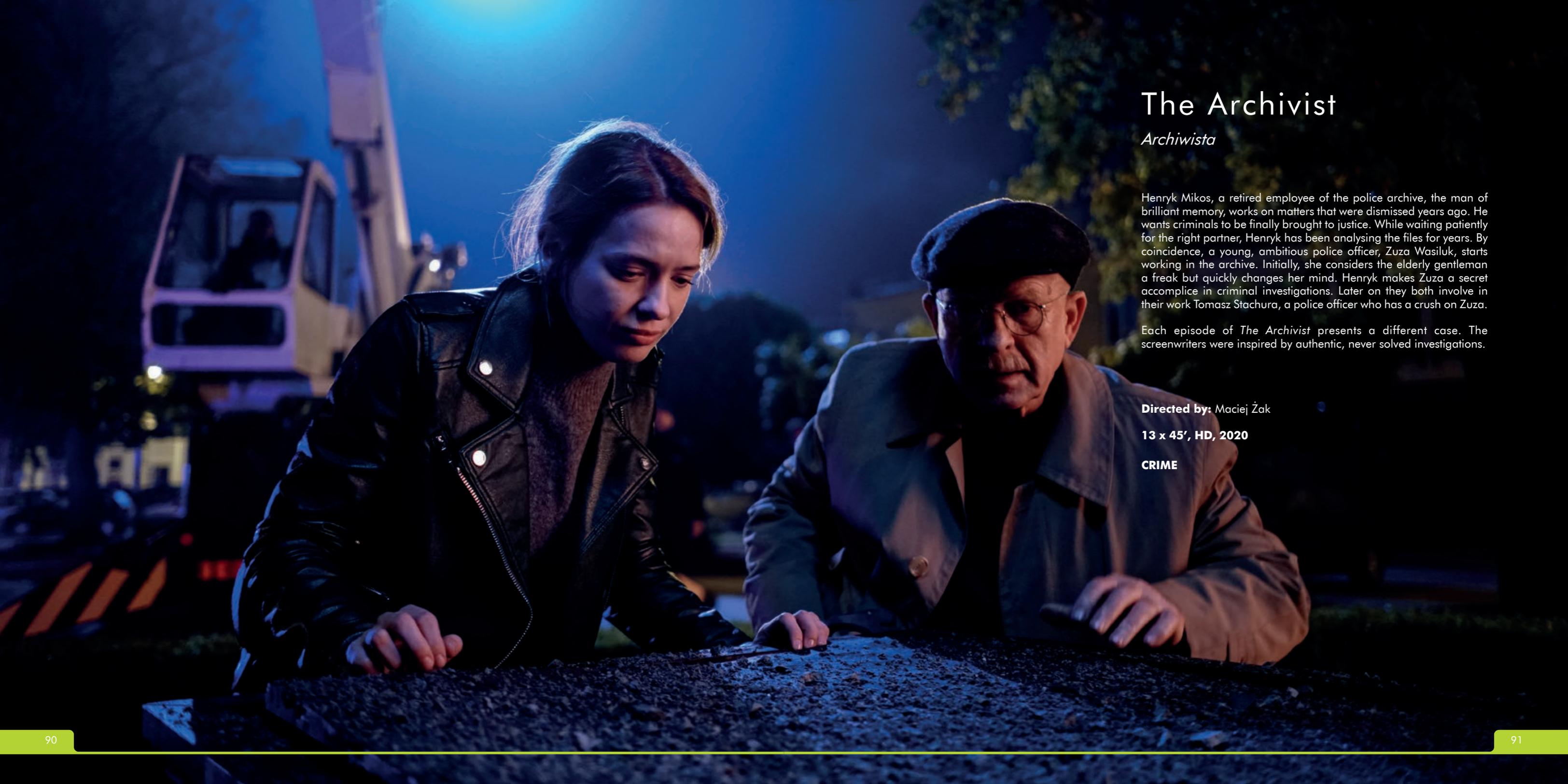
Lepsza połowa

It is a family comedy TV series that follows a group of friends. To raise kids, one has to grow up. To understand them, one has to stay young. These are the major dilemmas faced by the main characters, who regularly meet at a local restaurant where they support and help resolve each other's problems. Each of them is at a different stage in life and with a different background. All of the characters value family relations most but they often have to deal with generation gaps. The focus is on the Nowakowski family; Jola, Marek and their two adolescent children. They are friends with two eccentric couples, who had their ups and downs, and with Marek's brother Borys, who made a fortune trading coffee but decided to move back to Poland making a brash entrance into the lives of the Nowakowski family and their friends.

Directed by: Kristoffer Rus

2 seasons, 13 x 25', HD, 2020

COMEDY



The Archivist

Archiwista

Henryk Mikos, a retired employee of the police archive, the man of brilliant memory, works on matters that were dismissed years ago. He wants criminals to be finally brought to justice. While waiting patiently for the right partner, Henryk has been analysing the files for years. By coincidence, a young, ambitious police officer, Zuza Wasiluk, starts working in the archive. Initially, she considers the elderly gentleman a freak but quickly changes her mind. Henryk makes Zuza a secret accomplice in criminal investigations. Later on they both involve in their work Tomasz Stachura, a police officer who has a crush on Zuza.

Each episode of *The Archivist* presents a different case. The screenwriters were inspired by authentic, never solved investigations.

Directed by: Maciej Żak

13 x 45', HD, 2020

CRIME



Conspirators

Młody Piłsudski

It is a story of a group of conspirators, who fight against tsarism at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. The main character is young Józef Piłsudski – later Chief of State and First Marshal of Poland – and his closest friends. The action is set in various locations including Vilnius, St. Petersburg, Łódź, Warsaw, and Kraków. The series begins with the assassination of Tsar Alexander II in St. Petersburg in 1881 and ends with an attack on a train in Bezdany near Vilnius in 1908.

Directed by: Jarosław Marszewski

13 x 45', HD, 2019

DRAMA

Our Century

Stulecie Winnych

It is a story about the fate of the multigenerational Winny family, woven into the dramatic events of the 20th century. The action begins with the outbreak of WWI and ends after one hundred years, in modern times. The series tells an extremely emotional story about the strength of family ties, love, sacrifice and deeply hidden family secrets. It is also an insightful portrait of Polish society depicted against the background of the turbulent, 100-year history of Polish statehood. The long years of WWI, the Polish-Bolshevik war of 1920 and the Spanish flu epidemic have severely affected the Winny family. In front of the family members and with their participation, an independent Polish state is reborn. Despite the differences in characters, professions and the tragedies they face, they try to stay together. Years pass, the family elders die but support and mutual respect remain, becoming an inseparable part of the lives of future generations.

2019 – Seoul International Drama Awards – Nomination

Directed by: Piotr Trzaskalski

3 seasons, 13 x 45', since 2019

DRAMA/WAR





Heartbeat

Echo serca

A psychologist, Magdalena Borska, returns to Poland after a few years of absence in the country and undertakes work in a hospital. On the very first day, the doctor must face not only the problems of patients but also the reluctance of the entire medical team. The hospital staff hide from Magdalena the trauma they have experienced after an unsuccessful rescue action that took place six months earlier when a shopping mall and a cinema had burned down. On that day, dozens of heavily burned victims were submitted to the hospital. Most of them could not be saved, and one of the best hospital surgeons – Jan Sowiński – was accused of a mistake in art. Will the main character, after difficult experiences gained in London, find herself in a new place? How will her relationship with the team develop?

Heartbeat is a medical series in which episodic threads of patients admitted to the hospital are intertwined with stories of doctors and hospital staff. One of the biggest advantages of the production is the fact that most of the scenes are filmed in the interiors of a real hospital.

Directed by: Tomasz Szafrński

41 x 43', HD, 2019-2020

MEDICAL DRAMA

Paths to Freedom

Drogi wolności

The action of *Paths to Freedom* centres on the lives of three young sisters who fight for female emancipation. The plot is largely inspired by the memoirs of Polish women from the early twentieth century. The heroines set up a weekly magazine *The Spark* in Kraków. Its first issue, after many perturbations, appears on November 11, 1918 – the day on which Poland regained independence. A magazine published by young female characters allows to scratch the historical background of the series.

2019 – Shanghai International Film & TV Festival – Magnolia Award Nomination

Directed by: Maciej Migas

13 x 52', HD, 2018

DRAMA



Chasing Dreams

Za marzenia

A story about friendship, love, and ambitions of young people, who are about to enter their adult life. The action is set in a big city. The fate of three friends in their mid-twenties fuels the action of the series. The young friends experience numerous ups and downs, they support each other in difficult times, they laugh, joke and share their worries together. Having finished their studies, they wonder what to do next. Should they look for a permanent job or rather enjoy their youth? Should they settle down and get married or perhaps they should avoid relationships? Will they be able to plan their lives despite the constant pressure from their parents and various unexpected accidents? One thing is certain, despite diverse obstacles, they do not give up and fight for their dreams.

Directed by: Olga Chajdas

2 seasons, 13 x 45', HD, 2018-2019

COMEDY/DRAMA



The Crown of the Kings

Korona królów

This colourful costume drama is dedicated to the medieval history of Poland. The series portrays country's glory during the reign of the last king of the Piast dynasty. The script is based on historical facts and enriched with some fictional elements. Besides the contemporary language used in the series, the realities of the past times are faithfully reconstructed.

The telenovela presents the secrets of power, intrigues at the royal court and the love affairs of main heroes. Wawel Royal Castle, a meeting place of people of different cultures, knights and ambassadors serves as the setting of the action that begins in 1326 when King Władysław I the Elbow-high dreams about the unification of Polish lands and plans to weaken the alliance between Masovia region and the Teutonic Knights. Władysław decides to enter into an alliance with Lithuania by ordering his son Casimir to marry Aldona, who is the daughter of the Grand Duke of Lithuania – Gediminas. Even though the girl loves another man, she agrees to the will of her father and comes to Poland where she is baptised and receives a new name – Anna. From the very beginning, Jadwiga, Queen of Poland is reluctant towards her future daughter-in-law. After the death of Władysław I the Elbow-high, his only living son, Casimir, is heir to the throne. How will his reign change the shape of Poland and Europe?

Directed by: Wojciech Pacyna

over 376 x 25', since 2018

HISTORICAL PERIOD DRAMA

Girls From Ukraine

Dziewczyny ze Lwowa

Love, drama, humour and well depicted characters guarantee that this exciting series will win over hearts of viewers around the world. It follows life stories of four friends from Ukraine who come to Warsaw in an attempt to find jobs and better lives for themselves. Each girl starts her career in Poland by working below their qualification or experience, however, soon their lives are about to change dramatically. Intriguing and complex life stories set in the world where millions of people move to different countries in order to find jobs, escape some problems or simply enrich their lives. All these make this series a universal journey into the heart of any big city where dreams and hopes are just around the corner and every day may bring a breakthrough.

Directed by: Wojciech Adamczyk (The Ranch)

4 seasons, 13 x 45', HD, 2015-2019

COMEDY/DRAMA

Wartime Girls

Wojenne dziewczyny

The series presents the Nazi occupation from the perspective of three young Poles. Irka, Ewka, and Marysia are three ladies whose adulthood coincides with the outbreak of WWII. Each girl comes from a different milieu. Irka was raised by well-educated parents in a patriotic family, Ewka was brought up by some petty criminals and Marysia is a daughter of a wealthy Jewish industrialist from Łódź. Their paths cross together in occupied Warsaw. Young girls cannot stand that their beloved country is occupied, they do not want to sit idly and safely at home, instead they bravely take the fight against the Nazis.

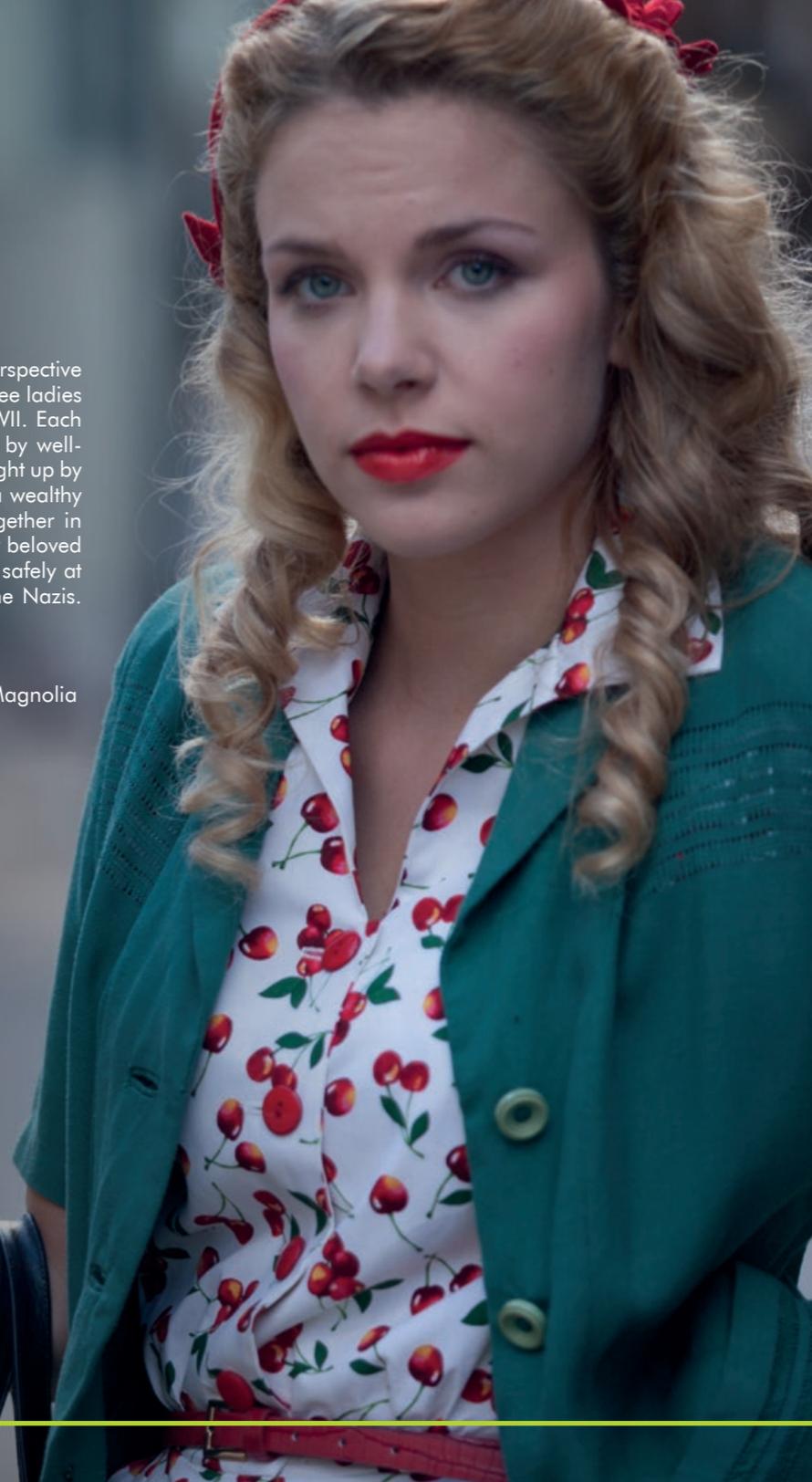
2018 – Shanghai International Film & TV Festival – Magnolia Award Nomination

Directed by: Michał Rogalski

Written by: Marek Kreutz

3 seasons, 13 x 45', HD, since 2017

DRAMA/WAR



Murder Unit

Komisja morderstw

It is a story of a group of police officers from Murder Unit in Poland, who deal with unsolved cases. The group tries to solve some inexplicable mysteries from the past, which pertain to the Forgotten Soldiers, the history of the Recovered Territories and other mysterious cases from the WWII period that have an impact on the present time. The series underlines the fact that behind every case there is a human being with all his weaknesses, desires, madness or love that make him commit the crime.

Directed by: Jarosław Marszewski, Adrian Panek

12 x 45', HD, 2016

CRIME





The Artists

Artyści

It is a story about eminent theatre artists of the young generation. The series begins on the day when a deserved director, after many years of being in charge of the theatre, commits a spectacular suicide. After that, a young small-town regisseur with very ambitious repertoire plans, substitutes for the deceased. However, it soon becomes apparent that the theatre's budget makes these plans impossible. What is more, it turns out that the new director is a toy in the hands of municipal officials, who look for an excuse to shut the institution down. The struggle for the theatre survival is intertwined with the artistic struggles of the actors. The series is full of intrigues and the young director feels that he is a part of a tragicomic masquerade.

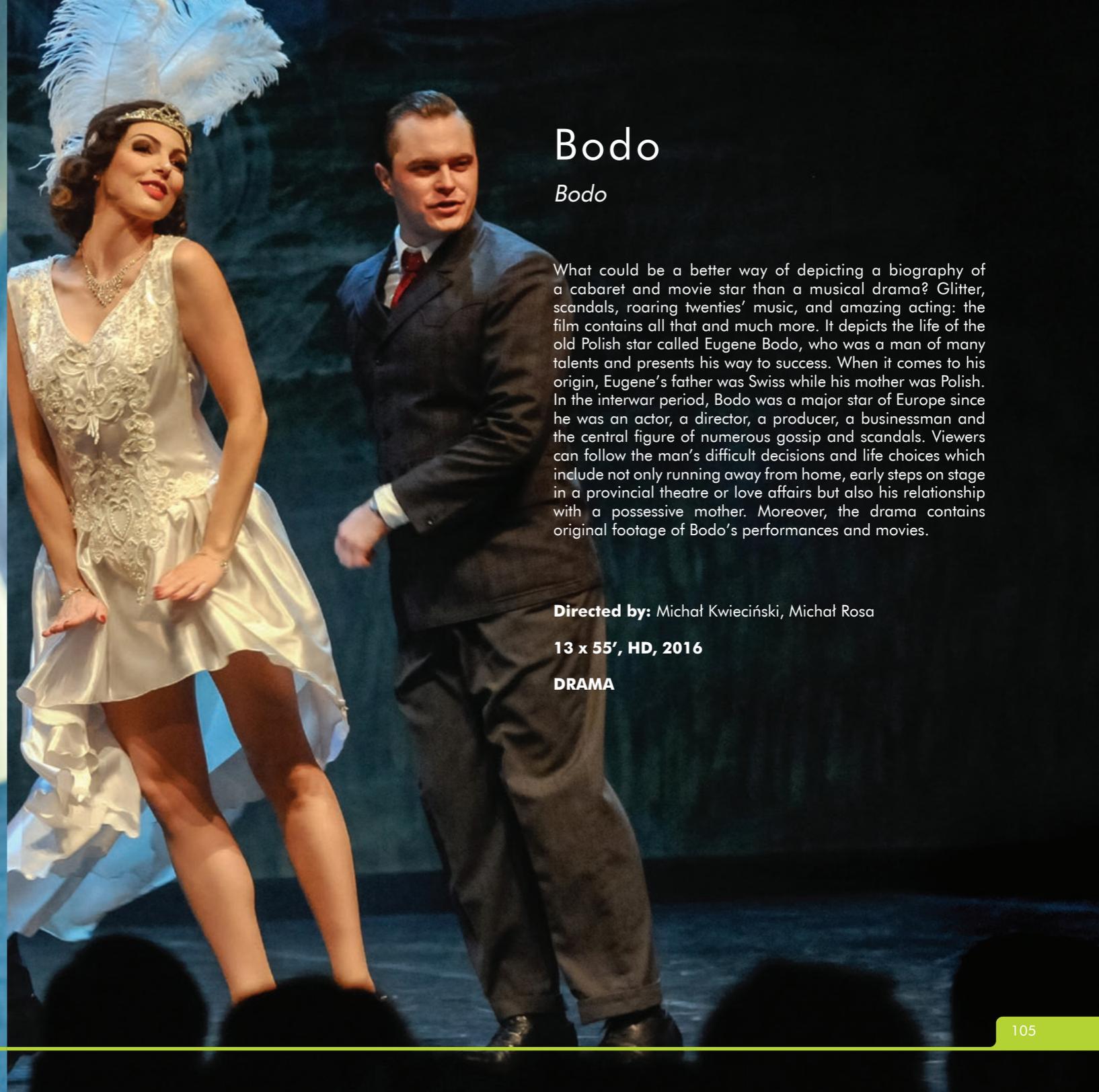
2017 – Prix Europa – Nomination
2017 – Prix Italia – Nomination

Directed by: Monika Strzępka

Written by: Paweł Demirski

8 x 46', HD, 2016

COMEDY/DRAMA



Bodo

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What could be a better way of depicting a biography of a cabaret and movie star than a musical drama? Glitter, scandals, roaring twenties' music, and amazing acting: the film contains all that and much more. It depicts the life of the old Polish star called Eugene Bodo, who was a man of many talents and presents his way to success. When it comes to his origin, Eugene's father was Swiss while his mother was Polish. In the interwar period, Bodo was a major star of Europe since he was an actor, a director, a producer, a businessman and the central figure of numerous gossip and scandals. Viewers can follow the man's difficult decisions and life choices which include not only running away from home, early steps on stage in a provincial theatre or love affairs but also his relationship with a possessive mother. Moreover, the drama contains original footage of Bodo's performances and movies.

Directed by: Michał Kwieciński, Michał Rosa

13 x 55', HD, 2016

DRAMA



I'll Be Fine

O mnie się nie martw

A top-notch comedy series, full of humour and laughter, in which two different worlds collide. The first one is the world of ordinary people who live from hand to mouth, while the second is the world of rich lawyers. The series proves that an ordinary girl can become a better defender than many advocates. The main heroine, Iga Matecka, is a twice divorced, unemployed mother of two children, without higher education, who speaks the truth straight in the eyes. The woman possesses an amazing sense of observation, a soft heart and a sharp tongue. She is direct and excessively honest, which does not help her in dealing with other people. Her life changes when she meets a young and talented lawyer Marcin Kaszuba, who treats life as an endless party. The relation between the two is not an easy one and it results in many hilarious events. Is love between people from such different worlds possible? Will the affection survive all the adversities and challenges?

Directed by: Michał Rogalski, Filip Zylber, Agata Puszczyńska, Łukasz Wiśniewski, Maciej Kowalczyk, Maciej Bochniak, Łukasz Ostalski

13 seasons, 13 x 45', HD, since 2014

COMEDY/DRAMA

The Blonde

Blondynka

Leaving the big city behind, a young vet Sylwia rebels against the world where rules of the game are defined by cynical careerists. She feels uncomfortable with subtle schemes whose winners climb the social ladder. She heads for the countryside where she finds a world mirroring the reality she has escaped. Yet, this time she is determined not to give up. Her persistence and commitment change the village which has become her new home. She fights the local clique featuring customs officers, the head of local administration and the local finance tycoon. Her energy crumbles the old order in the village. Sylwia is a person to whom the audience will easily relate. Human to the bone, she makes mistakes but always has the courage to go on. We may sympathise with her naivety or envy her the ability to see things as they are. The direction she follows will eventually lead her to a bit of love.

Directed by: Mirosław Gronowski

8 seasons, 13 x 45', HD, since 2009

COMEDY/DRAMA



The Story of Roj

Historia Roja

It is a rebellious story of a twenty-year-old boy, nom de guerre Roj (which means Swarm), who after WWII formed his own anti-communist guerrilla branch. The film depicts the six-year long struggle of partisans and numerous spectacular armed fights. It is a story of executing law in places affected by the communist lawlessness and also a story of love, happiness, rebellion, and treason, which experienced young partisans in the most intense period of their life. The story of Roj was completely distorted in the communist period and it still remains virtually unknown.

Directed by: Jerzy Zalewski

5 x 43', 133', HD, 2016

DRAMA/WAR

By the Backwater

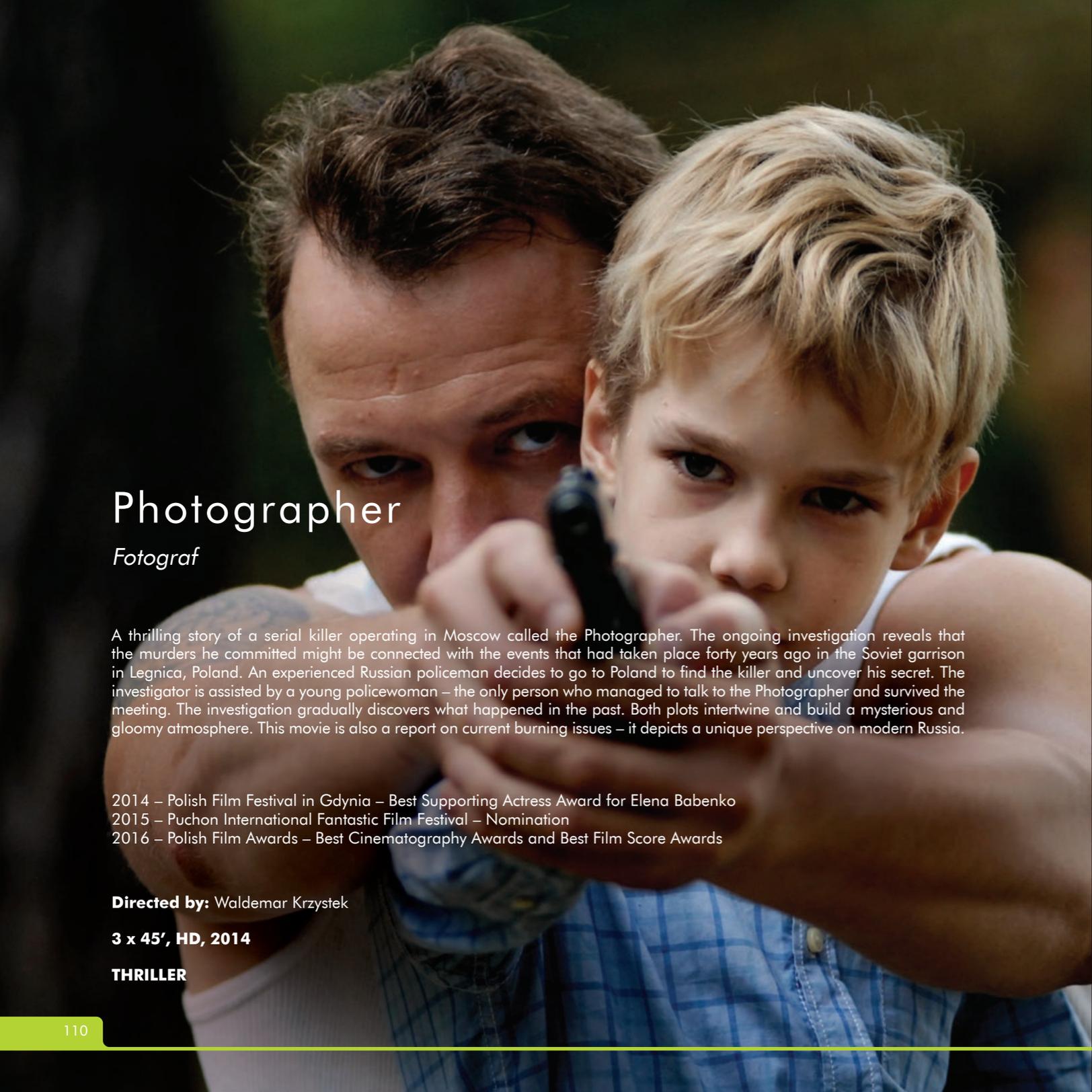
... nad rozlewiskiem

The series includes romantic love stories of three generations, revolving around twists of the plot. The series shows various types of love that are all equally important. It may be teenage or mature, between man and woman, the disabled, mother and daughter or it may be love for nature or animals. The main character Gosia leaves the urban rat race and moves to a village where resides her mother. She restores relations with her mother and looks for love and happiness.

Directed by: Adek Drabiński

6 seasons, 13 x 45', HD, 2009-2018

DRAMA

A man with dark hair and a young boy with blonde hair are looking through a handgun together. The man is on the left, and the boy is on the right, both looking intently at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

Photographer

Fotograf

A thrilling story of a serial killer operating in Moscow called the Photographer. The ongoing investigation reveals that the murders he committed might be connected with the events that had taken place forty years ago in the Soviet garrison in Legnica, Poland. An experienced Russian policeman decides to go to Poland to find the killer and uncover his secret. The investigator is assisted by a young policewoman – the only person who managed to talk to the Photographer and survived the meeting. The investigation gradually discovers what happened in the past. Both plots intertwine and build a mysterious and gloomy atmosphere. This movie is also a report on current burning issues – it depicts a unique perspective on modern Russia.

2014 – Polish Film Festival in Gdynia – Best Supporting Actress Award for Elena Babenko
2015 – Puchon International Fantastic Film Festival – Nomination
2016 – Polish Film Awards – Best Cinematography Awards and Best Film Score Awards

Directed by: Waldemar Krzystek

3 x 45', HD, 2014

THRILLER

A close-up shot of a man's face, looking slightly to the right with a serious, intense expression. He is wearing a maroon t-shirt with the word 'PIONEERS' visible in white letters. The background is dark and out of focus.

Secret Wars

Służby specjalne

A story revealing the backstage of Secret Intelligence Agency operations. When an elite unit of Military Information Services is dismissed, politicians realize that the country intelligence is blinded. A top-secret unit responsible for special tasks is formed, including Alex, Jonas, and Marian. Alex is a rebellious former Internal Security Agency member. Jonas is the Army captain who returned from Afghanistan and Marian used to be a Security Service colonel. While working on the front page scandals and swindles they have to face some old unsolved cases. Soon they realize that they do not really know for who they work.

Directed by: Patryk Vega

5 x 45', HD, 35 mm, 2014

ACTION THRILLER

The City of Treasures

Miasto skarbów

It is a story about two sisters, Alicja – a brilliant art historian and Ewa – a talented art dealer, who handles, not always legitimate, orders for wealthy art collectors. Alicja quits her job as an expert at the Ministry of Culture in Warsaw and returns to Krakow. She helps the police department to chase criminals illegally trading works of art. Meanwhile, her sister Ewa is one of the most important figures of a criminal group robbing valuable treasures. Alicja and Ewa stand on the opposite sides of the barricade. Their relations are complicated and tense. Their mutual lust for beauty will lead to a murder.

Directed by: Marcin Ziębiński, Piotr Jaworski

13 x 44', HD, 2017

CRIME

The Forest House

Leśniczówka

It is a family story full of love and secrets with beautiful nature in the background. The plot of the series focuses on Katarzyna and her partner Krzysztof, who move to a forest house owned by Katarzyna's grandfather. The beloved grandpa is shot in some mysterious circumstances. Along with the house, Katarzyna also takes over family secrets from the past. Will she attempt to uncover the mysteries from the past or perhaps it will be better for her to keep them secret?

Directed by: Maciej Żak

429 x 22', HD, since 2018

DRAMA

Family.pl

Rodzinka.pl

It is a comedy series that comments on the problems of contemporary families using humorous scenes and punchlines. Two of the most popular actors in Poland who are Małgorzata Kożuchowska and Tomasz Karolak will show the viewers that there are many different shades of parenthood. The Boski are in their thirties with three sons. The parents met in college and since then they have been a harmonious and loving marriage. Now they have three sons: an introvert Tomek, a skateboard maniac Jakub and the youngest one and the most spoiled Kacper. It is a warm and funny story of a special family. There are misunderstandings and arguments over fundamental as well as trivial things but in the end the problems turn out to be completely unimportant as compared to the moving scenes full of love and understanding between the family members. The series is based on the Canadian series *The Parents*, which was nominated to prestigious Gemini Awards, also known as Canadian Oscars, in five different categories.

Directed by: Patrick Yoka, Karol Klementewicz and others

15 seasons, 26 x 25', HD, since 2011

COMEDY

The Ranch

Ranczo

The series follows the story of Lucy Wilska, a Polish-American who has inherited her grandmother's country house in the fictional small village of Wilkowyje. On arrival she decides to stay overnight but she feels the place attracts her stronger than she expected and decides to stay on. Her settling down in Wilkowyje becomes a major social event and at the same time the start of a serious breach in the little community's world and a shake-up of local social conventions. On the background of the main plot, the viewers will observe life of vivid local personalities including twins: hearty priest and cynical village mayor as well as local philosopher, journalist and many others.

2012 – CAP Communication Awards – 1st place in Innovative Communication, European Union
2016 – Telekamera Award (an award granted by the readers of "TeleTydzień" Magazine)

Directed by: Wojciech Adamczyk

10 seasons, 13 x 50', HD, 2010-2016

COMEDY

Prosecutor

Prokurator

The series is full of extraordinary cases, original characters and has a gripping plot. Each of the ten episodes of the series tells the story of a different crime. The main characters are Kazimierz Proch, his partner Witold Kielak and a pathologist Ewa Siedlecka. The prosecutor is a bit old-fashioned man who tries to solve the mystery of his family from the past before he retires. Witold, on the other hand, is his complete opposite. He is a dynamic extrovert and a father of two children. Every episode focuses on a new criminal puzzle and is also a continuation of prosecutor's mysterious story from his past. The author of the screenplay is a world famous journalist, columnist and crime stories writer called Zygmunt Miłoszewski.

2016 – Polish Film Awards – Best TV Series of the Year
2016 – Prix Europa – Nomination

Directed by: Jacek Filipiak, Maciej Pieprzyca

10 x 45', HD, 2015

CRIME

Firefighters

Strażacy

It is an exciting TV series about one of the most respected professions in the world. The series depicts spectacular missions full of drama and action along with personal stories of a group of fire-fighters who have fascinating lives both at work and outside of it. We have a chance to watch passion and bravery of regular people who live among us and follow their ups and downs in daily lives and at work. The plot revolves around the main character Adam who finds himself at the crossroads. His fiancé goes abroad to do her apprenticeship there and the man gets transferred to the provinces due to alleged insubordination during one of the missions. Adam lands a job at a local Volunteer Fire Department where he hits it off with Magda, the fire brigade chief.

Directed by: Maciej Dejczer

2 seasons, 10 x 45', HD, 2015-2016

ACTION/DRAMA



Days of Honour

Czas honoru

A series about a group of young Polish officers trained abroad and transferred to occupied Poland in 1941. Their main goal was to organise resistance attacks on Germans by means of spy actions and sabotage. Bronek, Michał, Czesław, and Władek, along with their friends and families are people forced to fight for their country by using all possible means. We have a chance to follow a fast-paced plot that takes us on a journey to the country that everyone thought was doomed. The authenticity and dramatic nature of the series have been achieved by implementing genuine archival footages in the episodes that make it a mix of modern action with a valuable lesson of history. The series also briefly covers the activities of the Soviet Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU) and the NKVD.

2010 – WorldFest Independent Film Festival, Houston – Platinum Award
2010 – New York Film Festivals and TV Awards – Silver Medal
2011 – Poznań International Film and Music Festival – Transatlantic Oceans Award for Music

Directed by: Michał Kwieciński, Michał Rosa, Wojciech Wójcik, Grzegorz Kuczeriszka, Michał Rogalski, Waldemar Krzystek, Katarzyna Klimkiewicz

7 seasons, 6 x 13 x 45', 1 x 12 x 45', HD, 2008-2014

DRAMA/WAR

The Deep End

Głęboka woda

It is a strong, real and sometimes even brutal drama series that shows the darkest side of human existence. The series features work of social workers in one of the social welfare centres in a big city. Each episode focuses on a different social problem and characters struggling for help. Wiktor Okulicki, a newly nominated director of the centre, is a man of acts not words. He has been a social worker for over 15 years and during this time he faced not only numerous difficult social problems but also went through a serious personal crisis. His young, enthusiastic and idealistic co-workers meet individuals who often have to face the toughest and most depressing circumstances and here they work together in hope they can actually help someone in need.

2012 – Hugo TV Awards, Chicago – Gold Plaque
2012 – Monte Carlo TV Festival – Nomination for the Gold Nymph Prize
2012 – Prix Italia for the Best TV Series
2012 – Prix Europa – Special Commendation

Directed by: Magdalena Łazarkiewicz

2 seasons, 13 x 45', 12 x 45', HD, 2011-2013

DRAMA

Paradokś

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The plot of the series revolves around the character of Marek Kaszowski, who works as an inspector of Police Headquarters and an assistant commissioner Joanna Majewska, an officer of the Internal Affairs Bureau. Besides dealing with some criminal cases, Joanna's task is to run an investigation regarding the Inspector himself. Each episode focuses on a different story and a different perpetrator from the recent past. Relations between the two main characters evolve throughout the series. Initially, the two do not get on well with one another, but as the action unfolds, the inspector and the assistant commissioner start to respect each other and finally they become good partners. Together they try to get to the core of each case using methods that sometimes may be not legal but always effective.

Directed by: Grzegorz Zgliński, Borys Lankosz

13 x 45', HD, 2012

CRIME

Extradition

Ekstradycja

The main character of the series is Olgierd Halski, chief police officer, who tracks down criminals, drug dealers, the Russian mafia and he attempts to fight the corruption among Polish officials. In addition, the criminals he chases enter his private life and threaten chief's family. The series presents the problems of state security in the newly established Third Polish Republic. The series also focuses on organized criminal groups, the criminal underworld, it reveals the backstage of functioning of the law enforcement authorities, the police, the Office of State Protection.

Directed by: Wojciech Wójcik

3 seasons, 1 x 6 x 54', 1 x 9 x 54', 1 x 10 x 56', HD, 1995-1998

POLICE DRAMA



Instinct

Instynkt

Instinct is a 13-episode contemporary crime series with an intriguing female character. Anna Oster is a mysterious and attractive commissioner of the Department of Investigation at the metropolitan police. Thanks to her exceptional instinct, commissioner Oster solves complex criminal cases with the help of her younger partner, Peter Tarkovsky. At the beginning Anna's appearance in the Department causes quite a stir. By the decision of the Commandant Tarkovsky's previous partner, Alexandra, is transferred to a press office and Tarkovsky begins to fear of losing his position. Anna's mysterious past begins to reveal gradually to the viewer and to herself and deepens everybody's anxiousness. What is behind the Commissioner's past? What events influenced her life? Instinct is a series of double secrets: each episode is unravelling a mystery crime and the subsequent episodes bring us closer to understanding the mystery of the lead character.

2012 – Hugo Television Awards, Chicago – daytime drama series
2012 – Seoul International Drama Awards – Nomination

Directed by: Patryk Vega

13 x 45', HD, 2011

CRIME

The Londoners

Londyńcy

It is a story of the youngest wave of Polish emigrants who decided to change their lives and ventured to go abroad to start anew. London is for them not only a place to work, but also a city where they struggle with multiple difficulties. Who are the people who decide to leave their own country and look for happiness elsewhere? Left on their own, alone in a big city, they are both proud and persevere. They maintain that they have the same rights as everyone else, but do they really? Do their future prospects look the way they have dreamed them up? This series gives an opportunity to show the ups and downs of the new Polish expatriates to get a closer look at different characters, motivations and goals they try to achieve.

Directed by: Greg Zgliński

2 seasons, 1 x 13 x 45', 1 x 16 x 45', HD, 2008-2009

DRAMA

1920. War and Love

1920. Wojna i miłość

It is the summer of 1918 in Central Europe. Władek, Józek, and Bronek are Poles serving their obligatory time in armies of the three aggressors of Poland: Prussia, Austria, and Russia, which are now fighting each other in the last days of the WWI. Luckily the three young men manage to escape from the frontline. They accidentally meet on their way back to their homeland and together continue the journey that will lead them to newly formed Polish legions. On their long way to the liberated country, they encounter not only hostile ambushes and the political upheavals but also the loves of their lives. The series follows one of the most important periods in the history of Central Europe of the early 20th century which is the struggle for Polish independence and its result up to the stopping of the communist revolution march toward the West in 1920. The action begins just after the Revolution in 1918 in Russia.

Directed by: Maciej Migas

13 x 45', HD, 2010

WAR DRAMA

Mountain Rescue Team

Ratownicy

This TV series presents professional ordeals and personal stories of mountain rescuers and brotherhood of men in their joint effort to save someone's life. Their conflicts, trials and tribulations are set aside when faced with a true tragedy in the mountains. No matter what happens during the action, they have to try hard to go hand in hand and to trust one another totally. The conflicts with their nearest and dearest or complicated emotional relationships prove that nothing ever comes easy and nothing is what it seems. Their lives in the state of constant stand-by require much sacrifice. Here a friend may turn out to be a foe hiding a number of secrets and dangerous rescue actions can unexpectedly put strangers in close relations.

Directed by: Marcin Wrona

13 x 45', HD, 2010

ACTION/DRAMA



Officer/Officers/ Third Officer

Oficer/Oficerowie/Trzeci Oficer

Even though Tomasz Kruszewski, nicknamed Kruszon, grew up among people who do not respect law, he became a policeman. His first action attracted the attention of the officers at the Central Investigation Bureau. Soon, he had to change his identity and become a lecturer at an exclusive college to enter structures of organized crime. It is a crime series full of dramatic adventures, thrilling emotions and unexpected twists of plot.

Directed by: Maciej Dejczner

3 seasons, 13 x 50', SD, HD, 2006-2008

ACTION/CRIME

Pitbull

Pitbull

It is a widely acclaimed psychological drama series that gives the viewers an inside look into the work and life of five policemen who are officers of the Homicide Division of the Warsaw Central Police Station. The reality of the contemporary Warsaw provides the setting for the series. The first series realistically depicts the brutal world of crime the police officers encounter every day. Their difficult and dangerous work fraught with stress and hardships is not properly rewarded. They pay high price for their commitment and attempts to reconcile their private and professional lives. The series has been inspired by headline news and goes far beyond the crime investigation.

Directed by: Patryk Vega, Dominik Matwiejczyk

31 x 44', SD, 2005-2008

POLICE DRAMA

The Cop

Glina

A tough, stubborn and devoid of illusions cop in a story of love, hatred, death and human emotions, so strong that they push people to crime. The series shows the price of being a cop: stress and constant exposure to extreme situations. That is why the policemen's private lives are as important in the film as the cases on which they work. The main protagonist is in his forties and he is a Homicide Department Officer. He is tough, stubborn and introverted. His precious daughter Julia, who lives with her mother, is the most important person for him.

Directed by: Władysław Pasikowski

2 seasons, 13 x 45', SD, HD, 2004-2008

ACTION/CRIME

Expecting Love

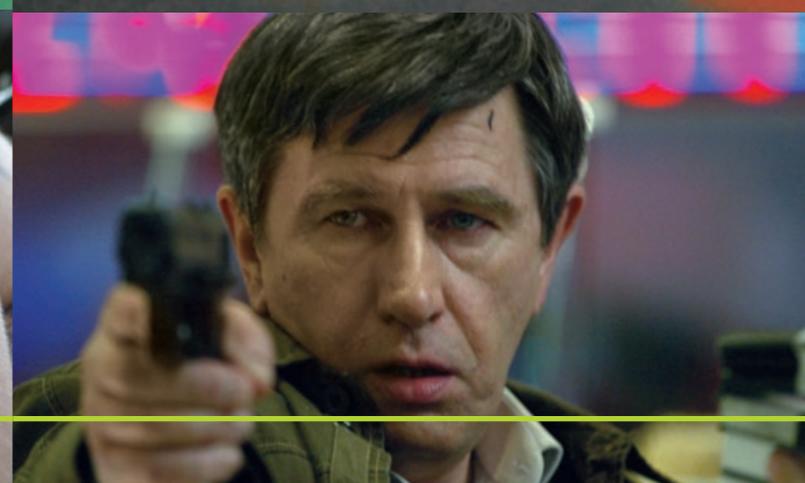
Mała wielka miłość

Ian is a successful lawyer from Los Angeles. Joanna is a student of ethnography from Warsaw. They meet in Los Angeles where Joanna works during her holidays. After their love affair and her return to Poland, it turns out that they are going to have a baby. Ian flies to Poland and the summer romance turns into love. Unfortunately, the situation gets complicated. It is a warm and funny romantic comedy that depicts the clash of two worlds of Los Angeles and Warsaw: the American way of thinking and Polish traditions. Will the differences conquer the feeling between the two young people or will true love win against all the odds?

Directed by: Łukasz Karwowski

4 x 45', HD, 2008

ROMANTIC COMEDY



The Determinator

Determinator

It is a contemporary TV series of the detective drama genre. It exposes how informal connections function in business-political-social circles that are always on the brink of law. Piotr Skotnicki, who is a young skilled surgeon, challenges such connections. Despite the injustice he has suffered, he is an idealist who still believes in honesty and order. He will soon realize how little those notions matter and what price you pay for following the straight and narrow.

Directed by: Mirosław Gronowski, Katarzyna Janicka, Adam Santura

13 x 45', SD, 2007

CRIME

The Secret of the Cipher Tower

Tajemnica twierdzy szyfrów

A story about secret services, war and love. It is 1945, the last months of WWII. The American and Soviet intelligence agents are desperately looking for a secret apparatus – a device used by Germans to decipher Soviet telegrams. It seems that the device may influence the result of the war and the events in the post-war era. The main character Johann Jorg is a specialist who operates the device hidden in a secret base in Czoch castle. He can count on Natalia who is a radio-telegraph operator. She is a German whose father was murdered by Gestapo. That is why she has been acting against the Nazi. She has a secret crush on Jorg while he seems to be attracted to Anna Maria who is a niece of the castle owner. Suddenly, Natalia is arrested and forced to cooperate with the Nazi.

Directed by: Adek Drabiński

13 x 54', HD, 2007

WAR DRAMA

The Righteous

Sprawiedliwi

Basia is a young nurse and she falls in love with Stefan Kowalski, who becomes one of the major figures in a net of underground fighters. He helps Jewish families to survive in Warsaw occupied by the Germans during WWII. They marry and together they save as many people as possible. Over 50 years later in contemporary Warsaw, Barbara gets the *Righteous among the Nations* medal from the Ambassador of Israel but insists on going to Jerusalem for the formal ceremony in spite of concerns of her son who worries about her health. Both time periods, which means WWII and nowadays, are put together. It is due to the fact that they mingle in Barbara's remembrances and reflections of people, history and decency. Gradually, they unveil complex bounds between the past and the present and show that the picture of a hero presented in history books and the media has frequently an additional, unexpected dimension.

Directed by: Waldemar Krzystek

7 x 45', HD, 2009

WAR DRAMA

The Pack

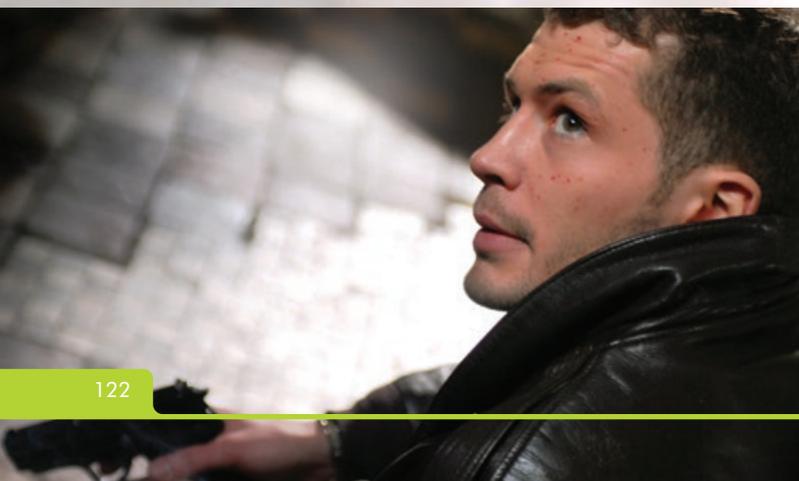
Sfora

The main characters of the series are a group of friends; two of them work as police officers and the third one is a prosecutor. They believe in the saying: one for all and all for one, just like the three Musketeers. When the chief of Police is murdered the trio decides to declare a private war on the boss of local mafia. Some of their actions are on the brink of law; yet, they have to adjust to the methods mafia uses in order to catch the criminals. The world in the series is gloomy and dark, however, there is still place for humour and a positive message. The main characters are an example of people who still believe in justice, friendship and loyalty to one another.

Directed by: Wojciech Wójcik

9 x 55', SD, 2002

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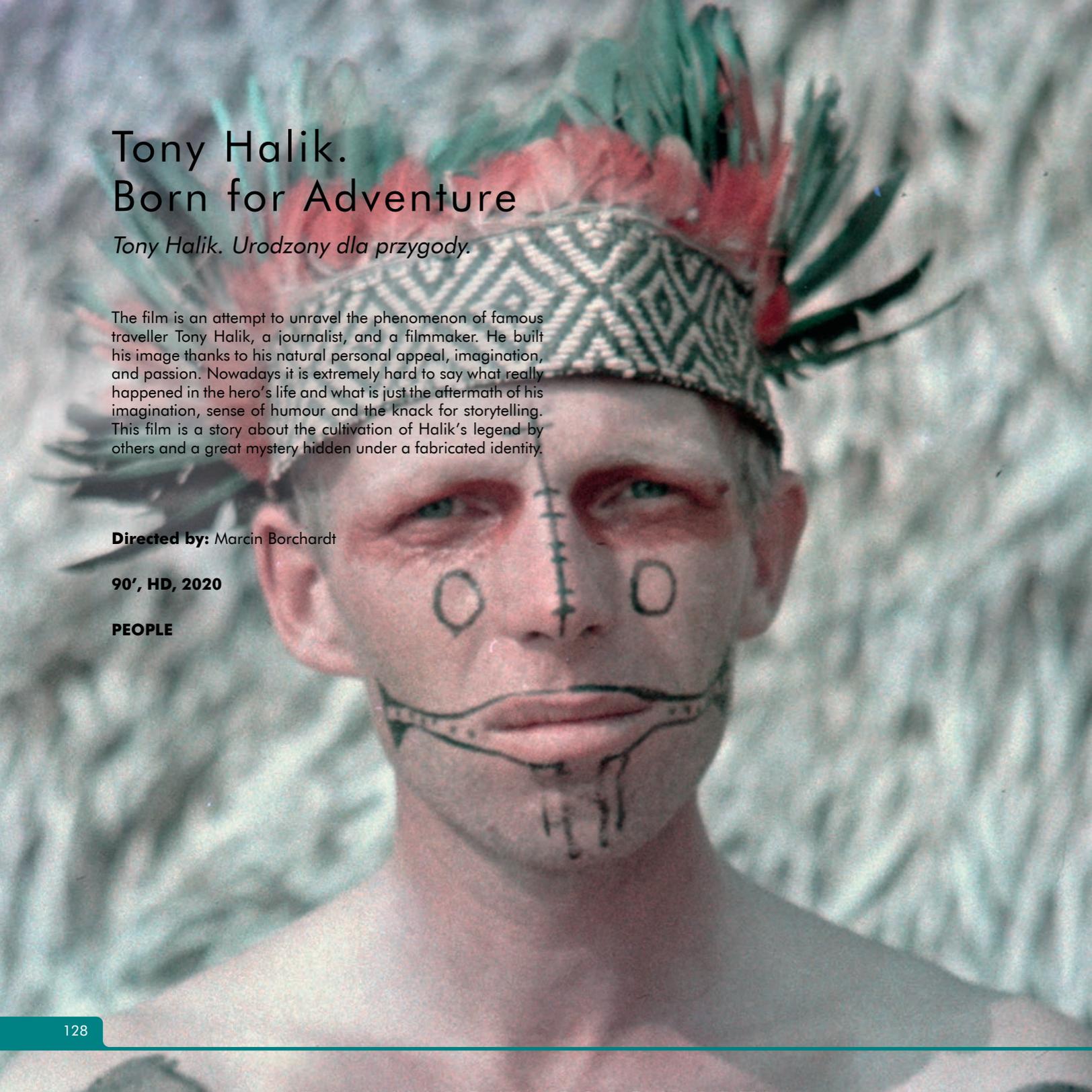
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Tony Halik. Born for Adventure

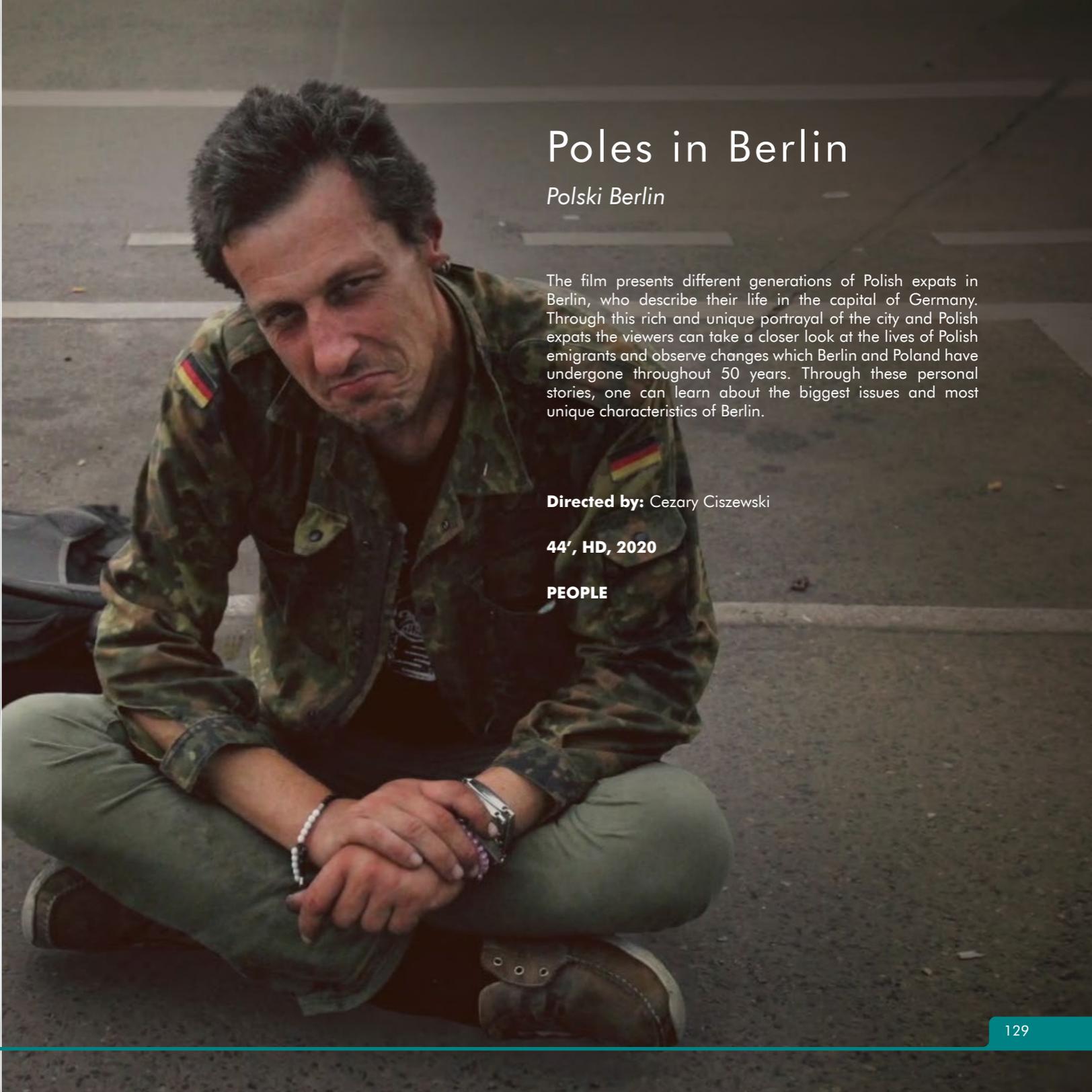
Tony Halik. Urodzony dla przygody.

The film is an attempt to unravel the phenomenon of famous traveller Tony Halik, a journalist, and a filmmaker. He built his image thanks to his natural personal appeal, imagination, and passion. Nowadays it is extremely hard to say what really happened in the hero's life and what is just the aftermath of his imagination, sense of humour and the knack for storytelling. This film is a story about the cultivation of Halik's legend by others and a great mystery hidden under a fabricated identity.

Directed by: Marcin Borhardt

90', HD, 2020

PEOPLE



Poles in Berlin

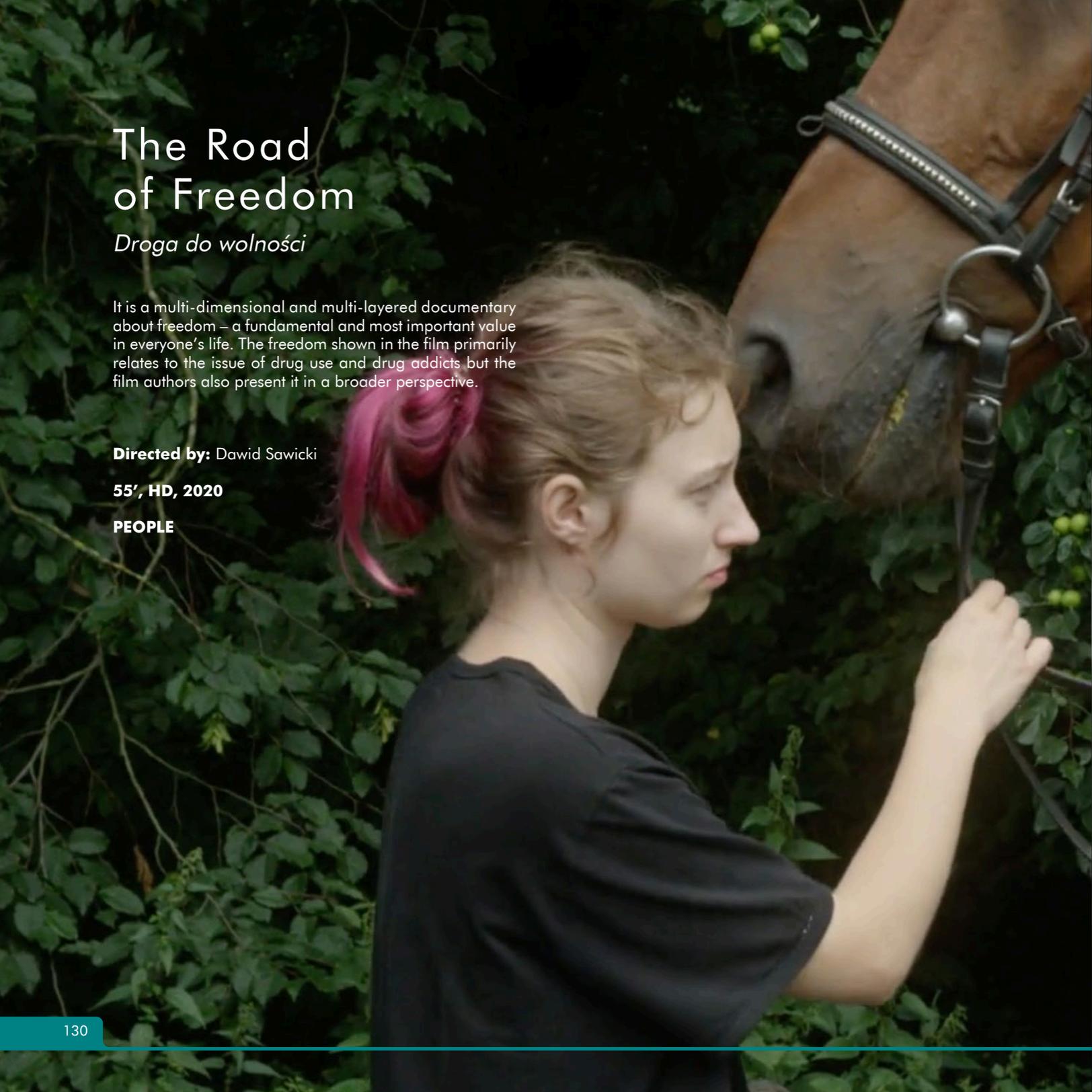
Polski Berlin

The film presents different generations of Polish expats in Berlin, who describe their life in the capital of Germany. Through this rich and unique portrayal of the city and Polish expats the viewers can take a closer look at the lives of Polish emigrants and observe changes which Berlin and Poland have undergone throughout 50 years. Through these personal stories, one can learn about the biggest issues and most unique characteristics of Berlin.

Directed by: Cezary Ciszewski

44', HD, 2020

PEOPLE



The Road of Freedom

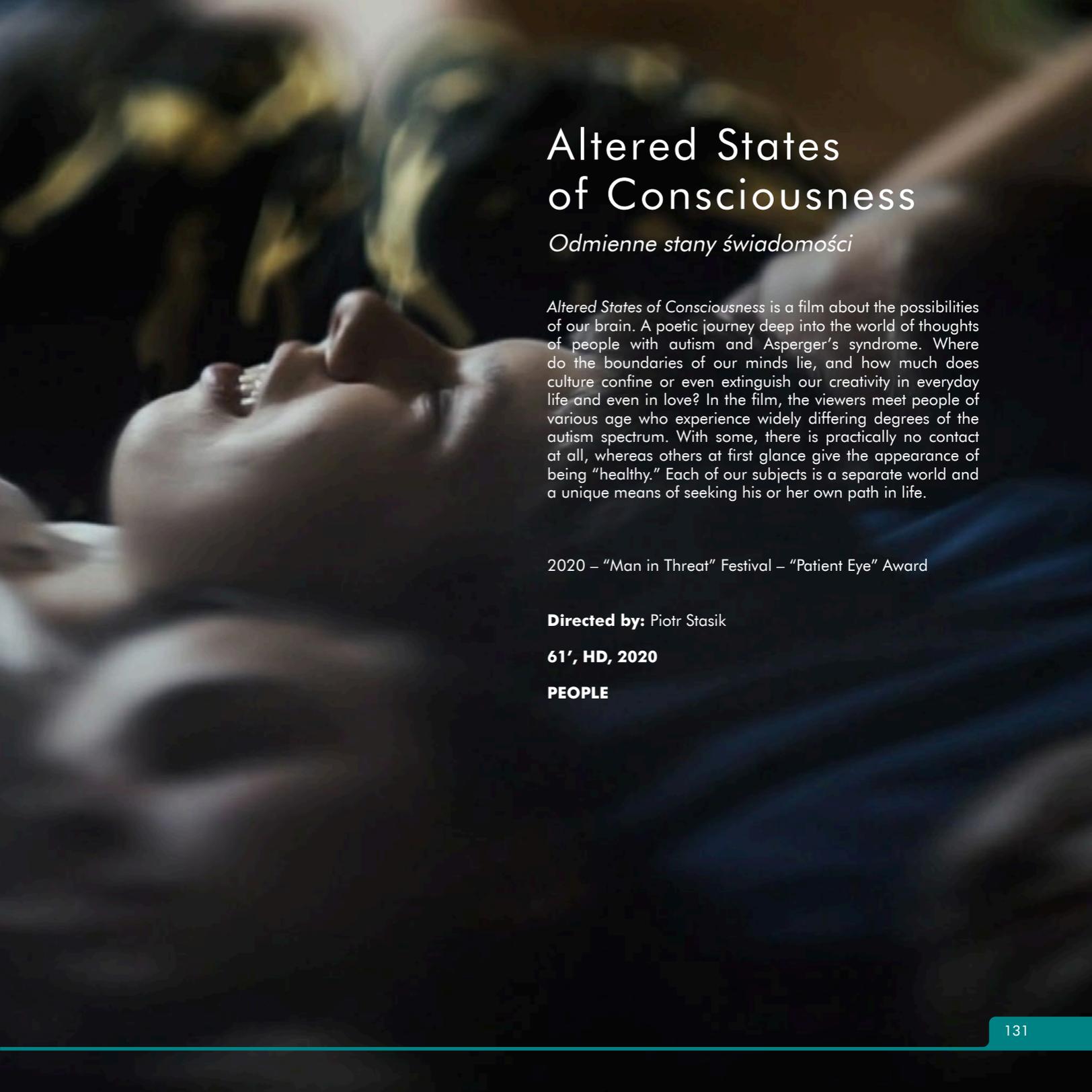
Droga do wolności

It is a multi-dimensional and multi-layered documentary about freedom – a fundamental and most important value in everyone's life. The freedom shown in the film primarily relates to the issue of drug use and drug addicts but the film authors also present it in a broader perspective.

Directed by: Dawid Sawicki

55', HD, 2020

PEOPLE



Altered States of Consciousness

Odmienne stany świadomości

Altered States of Consciousness is a film about the possibilities of our brain. A poetic journey deep into the world of thoughts of people with autism and Asperger's syndrome. Where do the boundaries of our minds lie, and how much does culture confine or even extinguish our creativity in everyday life and even in love? In the film, the viewers meet people of various age who experience widely differing degrees of the autism spectrum. With some, there is practically no contact at all, whereas others at first glance give the appearance of being "healthy." Each of our subjects is a separate world and a unique means of seeking his or her own path in life.

2020 – "Man in Threat" Festival – "Patient Eye" Award

Directed by: Piotr Stasik

61', HD, 2020

PEOPLE

Only the Wind

Tylko wiatr

It is the story of an extraordinary journey of 90-year-old Zdzisław, from Krakow to the Kazakh steppe, searching for a woman – his first love that he was forced to leave there 70 years ago. Zdzisław is part of over 300,000 people who were forced to work in Siberia during the war. However, he stands out from the few still living exiles – he decides to travel back to the deportation place. Zdzisław and his granddaughter will travel 3500 km by train to reach the village of Karasu in Kazakhstan. Zdzisław doesn't know that a friend he has not seen for 70 years is waiting for him there.

Directed by: Zofia Kowalewska

52', HD, 2020

PEOPLE

Say Yes or No

Powiedz tak lub nie

Ewelina and her friend, Grażyna, support each other in their constant, everyday struggle in communicating with their sons who are comatose patients of *The Alarm Clock Clinic* in Warsaw, in which more than fifty children have miraculously regained consciousness from a post-traumatic coma. Away from home for many months, they fight against time for every little movement of a finger or blink of an eye of their children, which gives them hope for developing a new way of communicating with them. The clinic's experts decide to test an innovative method of contacting children through a brain-computer interface.

Directed by: Paweł Hejbudzki

52', HD, 2020

PEOPLE

The Tastes of Cuba

Kuba. Rewolucja od kuchni

When the Cuban Revolution began, Fidel Castro promised the Cubans that they would not starve as long as he was in power. Food has always been in the centre of attention of the Cuban authorities, who, in order to feed the nation, even bred a genetically mutated, record-holding cow. When the Soviet Union collapsed, Cuba lost funding and the country has plunged into a crisis from which it has not recovered yet. What do ordinary Cubans eat? What the viewers may learn from them about living in crisis? Are people on the island really starving? Does capitalism accidentally creep into Cuba's kitchen door? The filmmakers discuss the above questions with a Cuban fisherman, a housewife, a farmer, an owner of one of the best restaurants in Havana and Castro's personal chef, Erasmo Hernandez.

Directed by: Witold Szabłowski

44', HD, 2020

PEOPLE

For the Gold

Po złoto

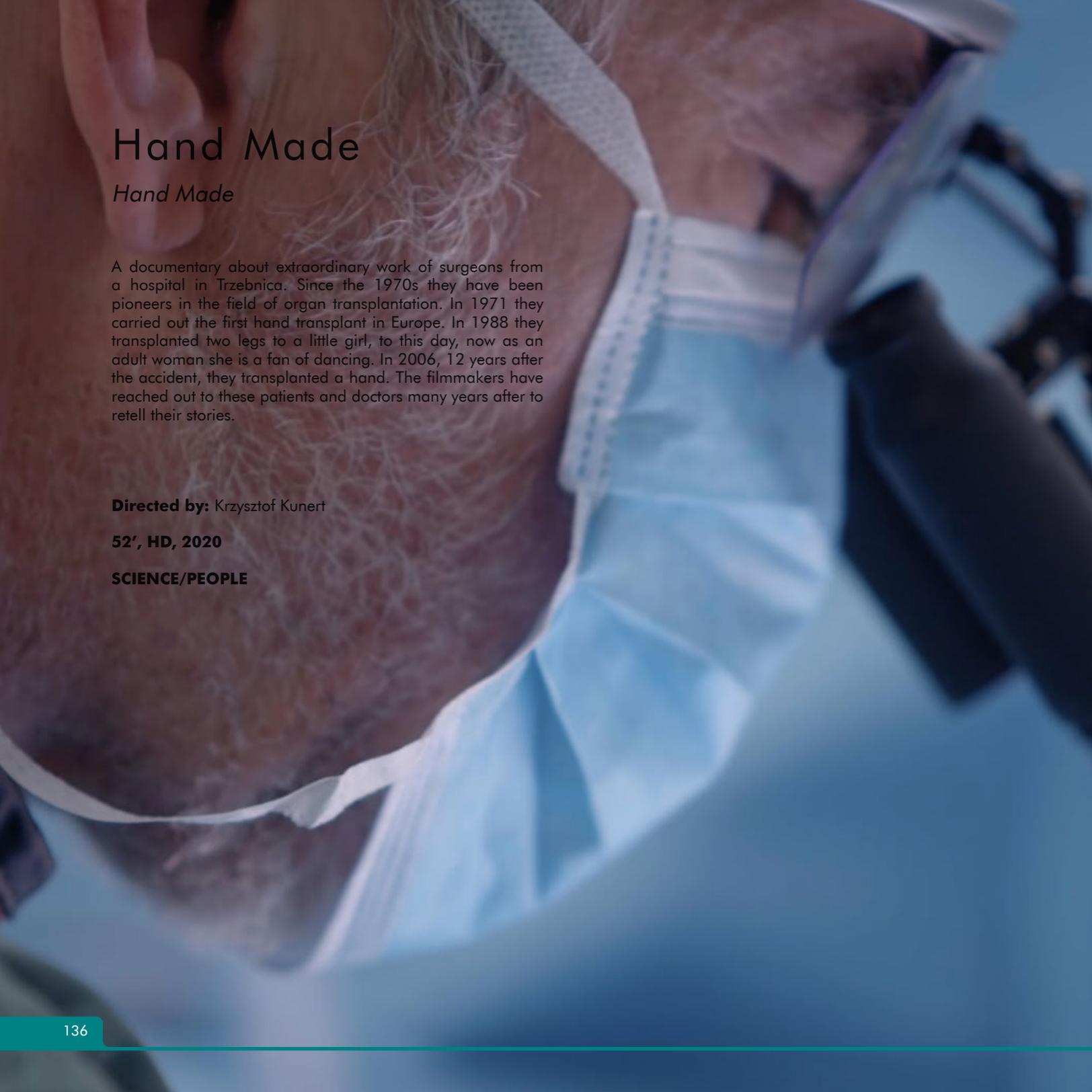
photo: Leszek Fidusiewicz

The movie tells the story of Władysław Kozakiewicz, a great Polish pole-vaulter, the winner of a golden medal at 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. He made history with a simple gesture he showed towards the hostile Soviet audience, a gesture that became synonymous with opposition to the communist regime for millions of people from the Eastern Bloc. As the years passed the man himself has faded from collective memory, mostly associated with the saying "Kozakiewicz's gesture". *For the Gold* is meant to remind the viewers about his great achievements and his struggle against the communist system during Olympics in Moscow. It is a story of a simple country boy, who overcomes many obstacles to reach his goals, only to be eventually shunned. From the proud nation's hero, he becomes a victim of the oppressive system, eventually forced to defect to Germany. The movie extends beyond a simple sport story and tells a universal tale of the bitter price of success.

Directed by: Ksawery Szczępanik

52', HD, 2018

PEOPLE



Hand Made

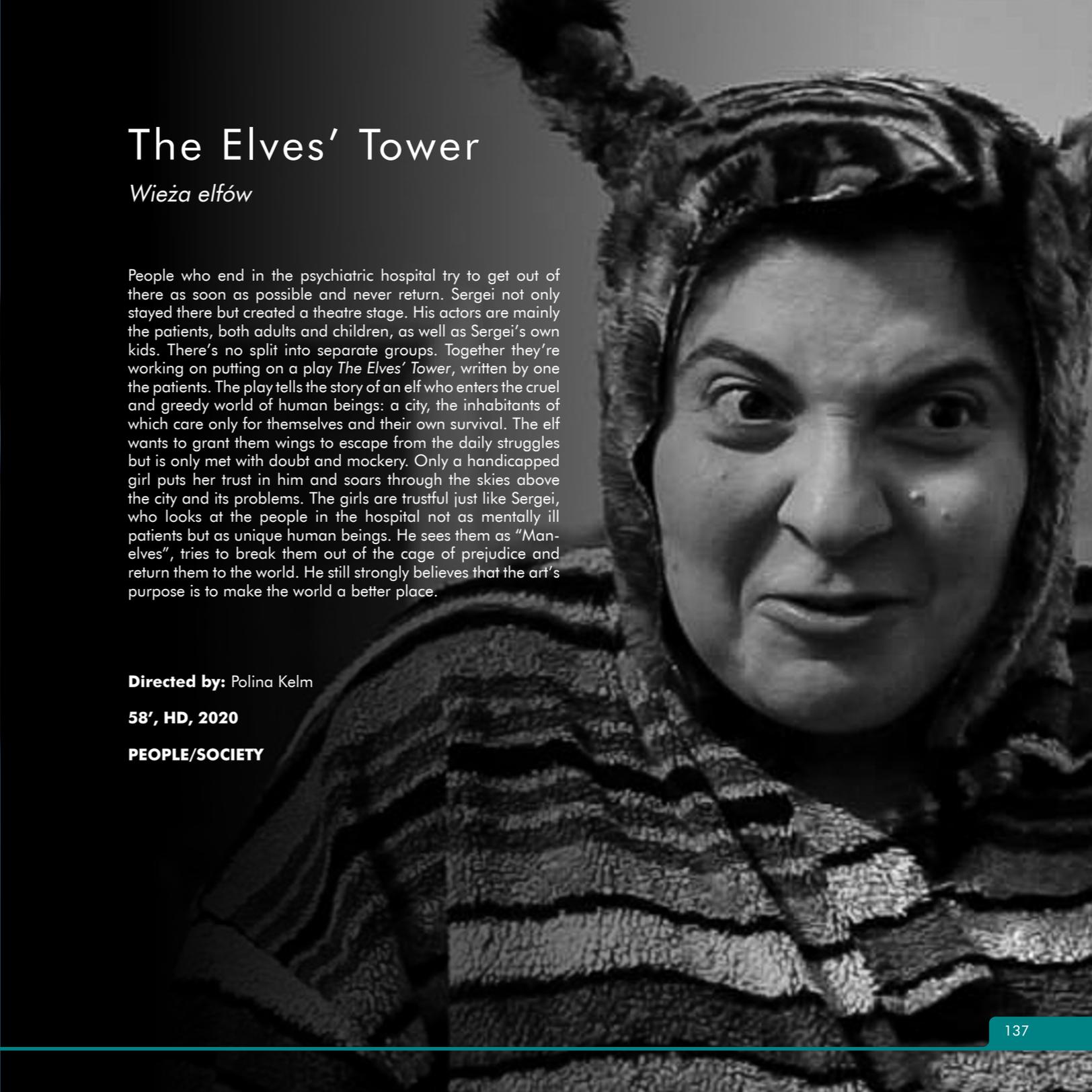
Hand Made

A documentary about extraordinary work of surgeons from a hospital in Trzebnica. Since the 1970s they have been pioneers in the field of organ transplantation. In 1971 they carried out the first hand transplant in Europe. In 1988 they transplanted two legs to a little girl, to this day, now as an adult woman she is a fan of dancing. In 2006, 12 years after the accident, they transplanted a hand. The filmmakers have reached out to these patients and doctors many years after to retell their stories.

Directed by: Krzysztof Kunert

52', HD, 2020

SCIENCE/PEOPLE



The Elves' Tower

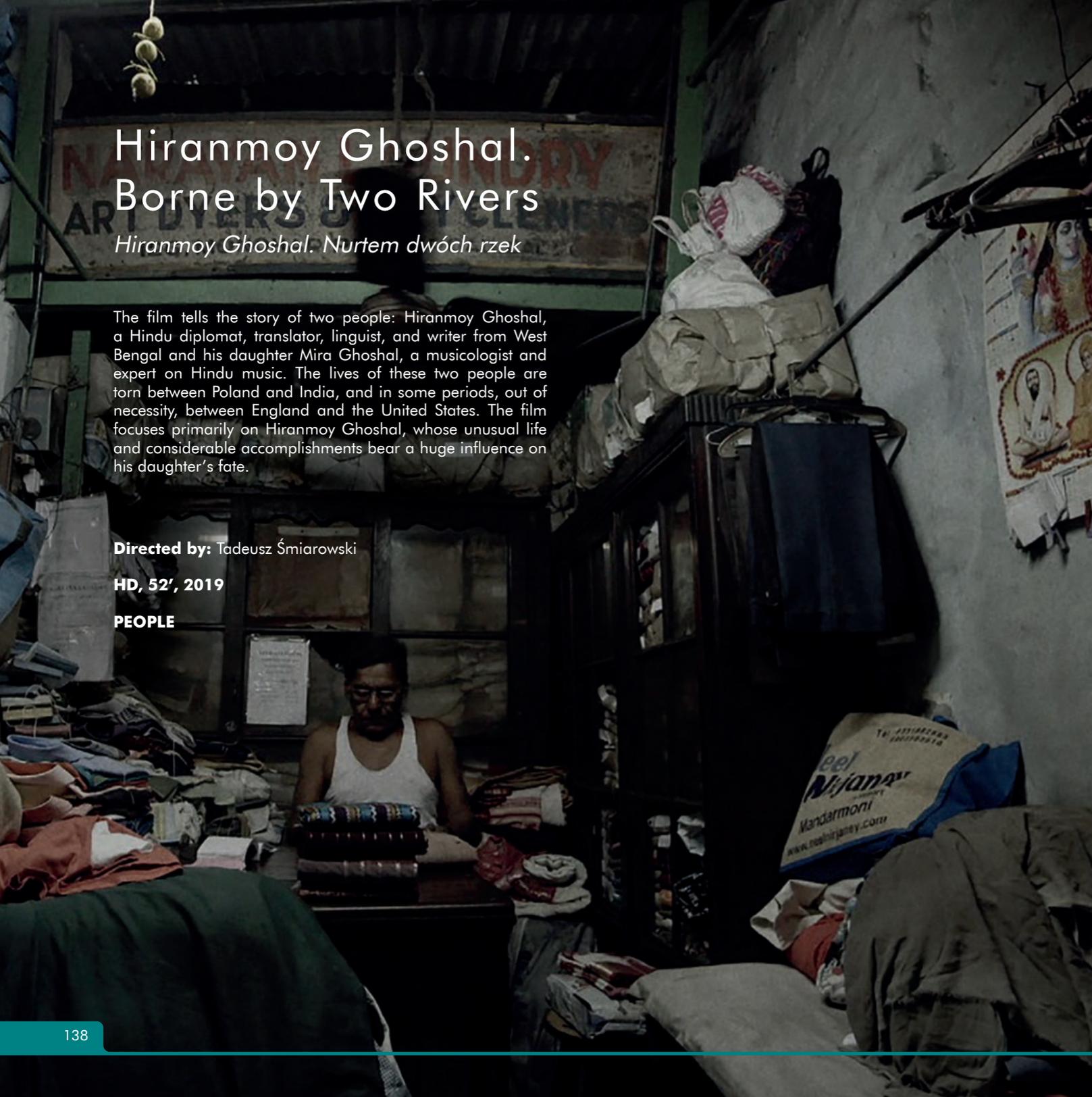
Wieża elfów

People who end in the psychiatric hospital try to get out of there as soon as possible and never return. Sergei not only stayed there but created a theatre stage. His actors are mainly the patients, both adults and children, as well as Sergei's own kids. There's no split into separate groups. Together they're working on putting on a play *The Elves' Tower*, written by one of the patients. The play tells the story of an elf who enters the cruel and greedy world of human beings: a city, the inhabitants of which care only for themselves and their own survival. The elf wants to grant them wings to escape from the daily struggles but is only met with doubt and mockery. Only a handicapped girl puts her trust in him and soars through the skies above the city and its problems. The girls are trustful just like Sergei, who looks at the people in the hospital not as mentally ill patients but as unique human beings. He sees them as "Man-elves", tries to break them out of the cage of prejudice and return them to the world. He still strongly believes that the art's purpose is to make the world a better place.

Directed by: Polina Kelm

58', HD, 2020

PEOPLE/SOCIETY



Hiranmoy Ghoshal. Borne by Two Rivers

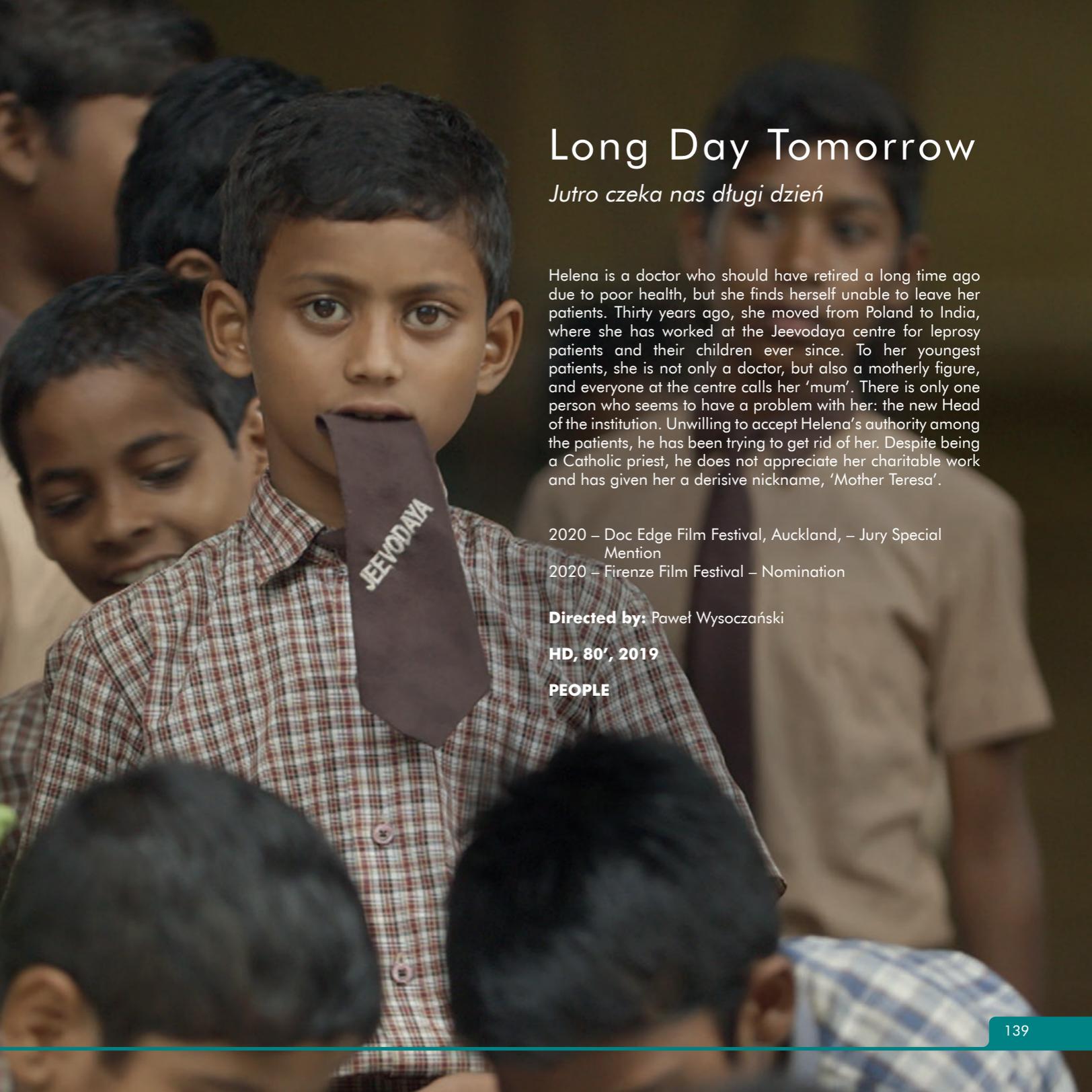
Hiranmoy Ghoshal. Nurtem dwóch rzek

The film tells the story of two people: Hiranmoy Ghoshal, a Hindu diplomat, translator, linguist, and writer from West Bengal and his daughter Mira Ghoshal, a musicologist and expert on Hindu music. The lives of these two people are torn between Poland and India, and in some periods, out of necessity, between England and the United States. The film focuses primarily on Hiranmoy Ghoshal, whose unusual life and considerable accomplishments bear a huge influence on his daughter's fate.

Directed by: Tadeusz Śmiarowski

HD, 52', 2019

PEOPLE



Long Day Tomorrow

Jutro czeka nas długi dzień

Helena is a doctor who should have retired a long time ago due to poor health, but she finds herself unable to leave her patients. Thirty years ago, she moved from Poland to India, where she has worked at the Jeevodaya centre for leprosy patients and their children ever since. To her youngest patients, she is not only a doctor, but also a motherly figure, and everyone at the centre calls her 'mum'. There is only one person who seems to have a problem with her: the new Head of the institution. Unwilling to accept Helena's authority among the patients, he has been trying to get rid of her. Despite being a Catholic priest, he does not appreciate her charitable work and has given her a derisive nickname, 'Mother Teresa'.

2020 – Doc Edge Film Festival, Auckland, – Jury Special Mention

2020 – Firenze Film Festival – Nomination

Directed by: Paweł Wysoczański

HD, 80', 2019

PEOPLE

A close-up, profile view of a young girl with light-colored hair and eyes. Her skin is covered in numerous small, dark, raised spots, characteristic of epidermolysis bullosa. She has a slight smile and is looking towards the left.

The Butterfly Child

Efekt motylka

A 7-year-old Zuzia, her parents, and her sister seem to be a normal, happy family. But from the moment Zuzia was born, she has been suffering from one of the most diabolical, rare genetic diseases known to man as E.B. (Epidermolysis bullosa). The little girl is often called a "butterfly child", because her skin is as sensitive as butterflies wings. It falls apart when one touches it. Her body is constantly covered in extensive wounds and she experiences excruciating pain. E.B. still remains an incurable illness. After years of constant fight, news of an innovative therapy developed by Prof. Tolar in the U.S., reaches the parents. Will it turn out to be successful?

Directed by: Jarosław Szmidt

90', HD, 2019

PEOPLE

A large whale carcass lies on a pebbly beach. The whale's mouth is open, revealing a bright red interior. Several people are standing around the whale, and a small boat is visible in the background. The scene is set in a coastal area with buildings and a cloudy sky.

The Whale from Lorino

Wieloryb z Lorino

The film tells the story of people who inhabit one of the most severe and inaccessible spots on Earth, Chukchi Peninsula. The land is located on the northeastern edge of Eurasia, on the Bering and Chukchi Seas, separated by a narrow strait from Alaska, and for thousands of years has been inhabited by humans and whales. Nowadays, Chukotka is inhabited by a mix of Russians, the Chukchi, and Eskimos. The film shows how different people are united by the ancient tradition of hunting for whales.

2020 – Kraków Film Festival – The Silver Horn for the Best Feature-Length Documentary Film, President of the Association of Polish Filmmakers Award, The Best Producer Award

2020 – Docs Against Gravity Film Festival – The Best Production Award

2020 – International Documentary Film Festival OFF CINEMA – Golden Castle Award

2020 – Festival dei Popoli – CD Digital Award for Best European Documentary

2020 – Camerimage International Film Festival – Golden Frog

2020 – Batumi International Art House Film Festival – Best Documentary Film

2020 – "Man in Threat" Festival – Polish Filmmakers Association Award

2020 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago – Special Award of the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the Festival

Directed by: Maciej Cuske

85' 52', HD, 2019

TRAVELLING/PEOPLE

Love and Empty Words

Miłość i puste słowa

It is an intimate story of love in the face of an incurable disease, suffering, anger, and powerlessness. The protagonists are a long-time married couple, Adam and Wanda, in which the husband is healthy and the wife suffers from Alzheimer's disease. The starting point of the story is the moment when the woman's condition starts to deteriorate rapidly and her amnesia gradually becomes more and more intense. Adam looks after his wife alone every day, twenty-four hours a day. He washes her, feeds her and changes her diapers. He constantly reminds her of their old life. He shows her their old home movies from the past when they were both young and in love. Adam has decided that he will not abandon Wanda, against the advice of doctors and family. He decides he will not do it even when she forgets his name. He knows that her eyes are always looking for him. Will he be able to keep his promise?

- 2018 – "Man in Threat" Festival – Polish Filmmakers Association Award
- 2019 – Pune Great Message International Film Festival, Pune – Best Director of a Documentary Film
- 2019 – Calcutta International Cult Film Festival – Award in the category: Women's Films
- 2019 – Hong Kong International Film Festival – International Selection Critics' Award
- 2019 – Polish Film Festival "Ekran", Toronto – The Best Director Award for a Documentary
- 2020 – Ekran Toronto Polish Film Festival – Best Documentary

Directed by: Małgorzata Imielska

78', HD, 2018

PEOPLE

A Sky without Stars

Niebo bez gwiazd

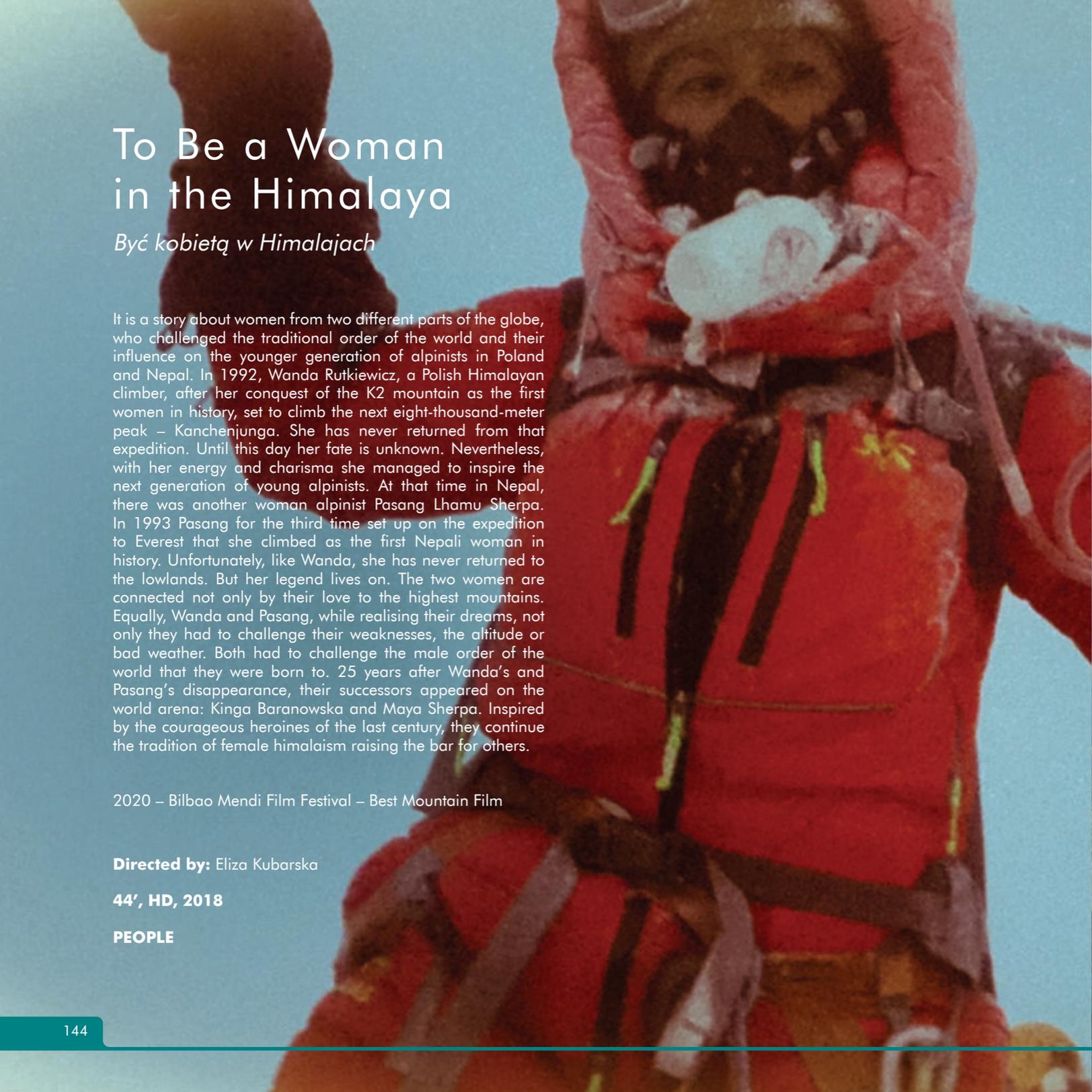
It is a moving story of love between a father suffering from an eye disorder and his seven-year-old son, who helps him in daily life and becomes his guide. What the son sees for the first time, the father is most likely to see for the last time. Their unique relationship can be described by paraphrasing the well-known saying: love is invisible to the eye.

- 2018 – Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival – Best Documentary Film
- 2018 – Documentary Film Festival "Kino z duszą", Warsaw – Jury Award

Directed by: Katarzyna Dąbkowska-Kułacz

52' HD, 2018

PEOPLE



To Be a Woman in the Himalaya

Być kobietą w Himalajach

It is a story about women from two different parts of the globe, who challenged the traditional order of the world and their influence on the younger generation of alpinists in Poland and Nepal. In 1992, Wanda Rutkiewicz, a Polish Himalayan climber, after her conquest of the K2 mountain as the first woman in history, set to climb the next eight-thousand-meter peak – Kanchenjunga. She has never returned from that expedition. Until this day her fate is unknown. Nevertheless, with her energy and charisma she managed to inspire the next generation of young alpinists. At that time in Nepal, there was another woman alpinist Pasang Lhamu Sherpa. In 1993 Pasang for the third time set up on the expedition to Everest that she climbed as the first Nepali woman in history. Unfortunately, like Wanda, she has never returned to the lowlands. But her legend lives on. The two women are connected not only by their love to the highest mountains. Equally, Wanda and Pasang, while realising their dreams, not only they had to challenge their weaknesses, the altitude or bad weather. Both had to challenge the male order of the world that they were born to. 25 years after Wanda's and Pasang's disappearance, their successors appeared on the world arena: Kinga Baranowska and Maya Sherpa. Inspired by the courageous heroines of the last century, they continue the tradition of female himalaism raising the bar for others.

2020 – Bilbao Mendi Film Festival – Best Mountain Film

Directed by: Eliza Kubarska

44', HD, 2018

PEOPLE



The Signs

Znaki

It is a story of an extraordinary, beautiful young deaf woman, who enjoys life and against all odds wants to change the world. Iwona Cichosz is deaf. Her parents, sister and grandparents cannot hear. Thanks to the stubbornness of her grandmother she learned how to speak. Now she can turn her deafness into an asset. She takes the viewers on a journey through her world. We observe Iwona's everyday life – the obstacles she has to overcome in order to function in the world of the hearing, as well as her difficult family relations. As a young girl she traveled and performed with a street theater. As an activist for her community, as one of their goals, she wants the sign language to be recognized as a foreign language. We meet Iwona at a special moment – the day before the Miss Deaf International finale in Las Vegas. She travels to America to compete at the beauty pageant, but also to meet other deaf people, who are not afraid to make their dreams come true.

2018 – Nevada International Film Festival – Platinum Reel
2018 – Polish Film Festival in Los Angeles – Hollywood Eagle
Documentary Award

Directed by: Wojciech Klimala

50', HD, 2017

PEOPLE

Newborn

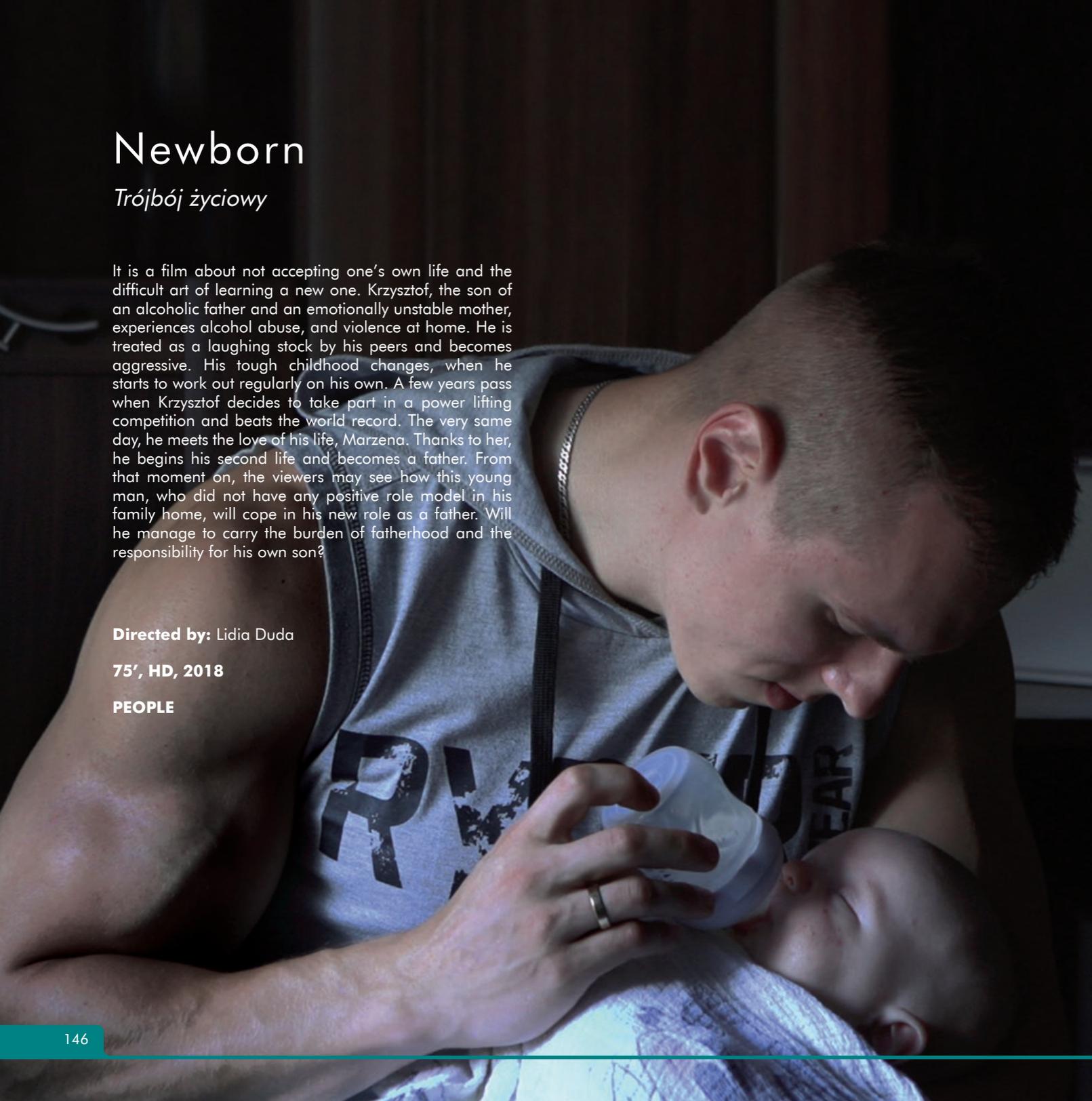
Trójbój życiowy

It is a film about not accepting one's own life and the difficult art of learning a new one. Krzysztof, the son of an alcoholic father and an emotionally unstable mother, experiences alcohol abuse, and violence at home. He is treated as a laughing stock by his peers and becomes aggressive. His tough childhood changes, when he starts to work out regularly on his own. A few years pass when Krzysztof decides to take part in a power lifting competition and beats the world record. The very same day, he meets the love of his life, Marzena. Thanks to her, he begins his second life and becomes a father. From that moment on, the viewers may see how this young man, who did not have any positive role model in his family home, will cope in his new role as a father. Will he manage to carry the burden of fatherhood and the responsibility for his own son?

Directed by: Lidia Duda

75', HD, 2018

PEOPLE



Autor Solaris

Autor Solaris

The documentary tells the story of Lem's life: the story of his books translated into a number of languages and how some of his works were turned into films or even computer games. The writer is considered to be a great visionary who had predicted the appearance of nanotechnology, genetic engineering, the Internet, virtual reality and many other amazing things, even though he had no access to the western press, solid scientific research or a special group of associates finding technological novelties for him. It has to be underlined that the works of Lem have gained a cult status nowadays. In fact, he wrote 35 novels which were sold worldwide in 27 million copies and in 40 different languages. While presenting Lem, the production also depicts the 20th century Poland and Europe as well as complex dependencies between Polish culture and the rest of the world.

Directed by: Borys Lankosz

60', HD, 2016

PEOPLE/HISTORY



Our Little Poland

Nasza mała Polska

Each year twelve young Japanese students decide to sign up for the Polish Language and Culture Studies at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. They still are teenagers, cannot pronounce the word "kielbasa" and believe that people in Poland drink milk from huge cartons. One of the compulsory tasks for second-year students is to stage a play in Polish. In his documentary *The Art of Understanding*, Matej Bobrik tells about their struggle, not only with the Polish language, and about how hard their projections clash with reality.

Directed by: Matej Bobrik

50', HD, 2019

PEOPLE



By Stanley for Stanley

Film dla Stasia

A powerful film about the power of friendship and the joy of life. Two main characters, besides being in a different age, are both disabled. Staś is a little child and Stanisław is a mature man. Stanisław is an artist, whose passion and profession is painting. The man patiently explains to the young child what is important in life and how to cope with the simplest daily activities, which may be troublesome for the young child. He also teaches him how to be strong and despite all odds how to enjoy life and take from it as much as possible. Every day the two men prove to the world that any goal can be achieved despite the disabilities, once someone is determined.

2017 – Kraków Film Festival – Maciej Szumowski Award for remarkable social awareness

2017 – Polish Film Festival in Los Angeles – Hollywood Eagle Documentary Award

2017 – Ekran Toronto Polish Film Festival – Best Documentary

2017 – Polish Film Festival in America – Special Honorary Mention

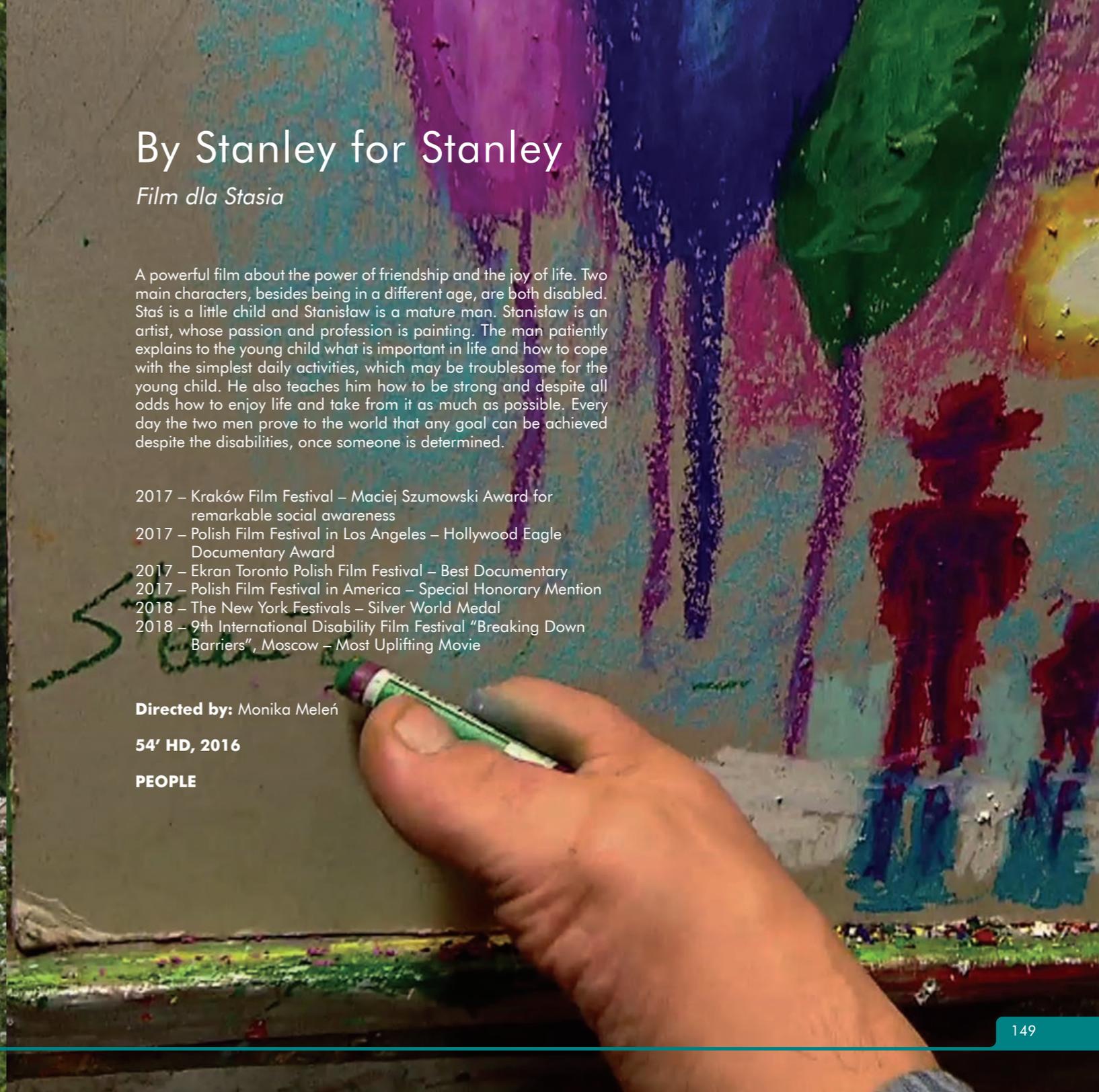
2018 – The New York Festivals – Silver World Medal

2018 – 9th International Disability Film Festival "Breaking Down Barriers", Moscow – Most Uplifting Movie

Directed by: Monika Meleń

54' HD, 2016

PEOPLE



In Touch

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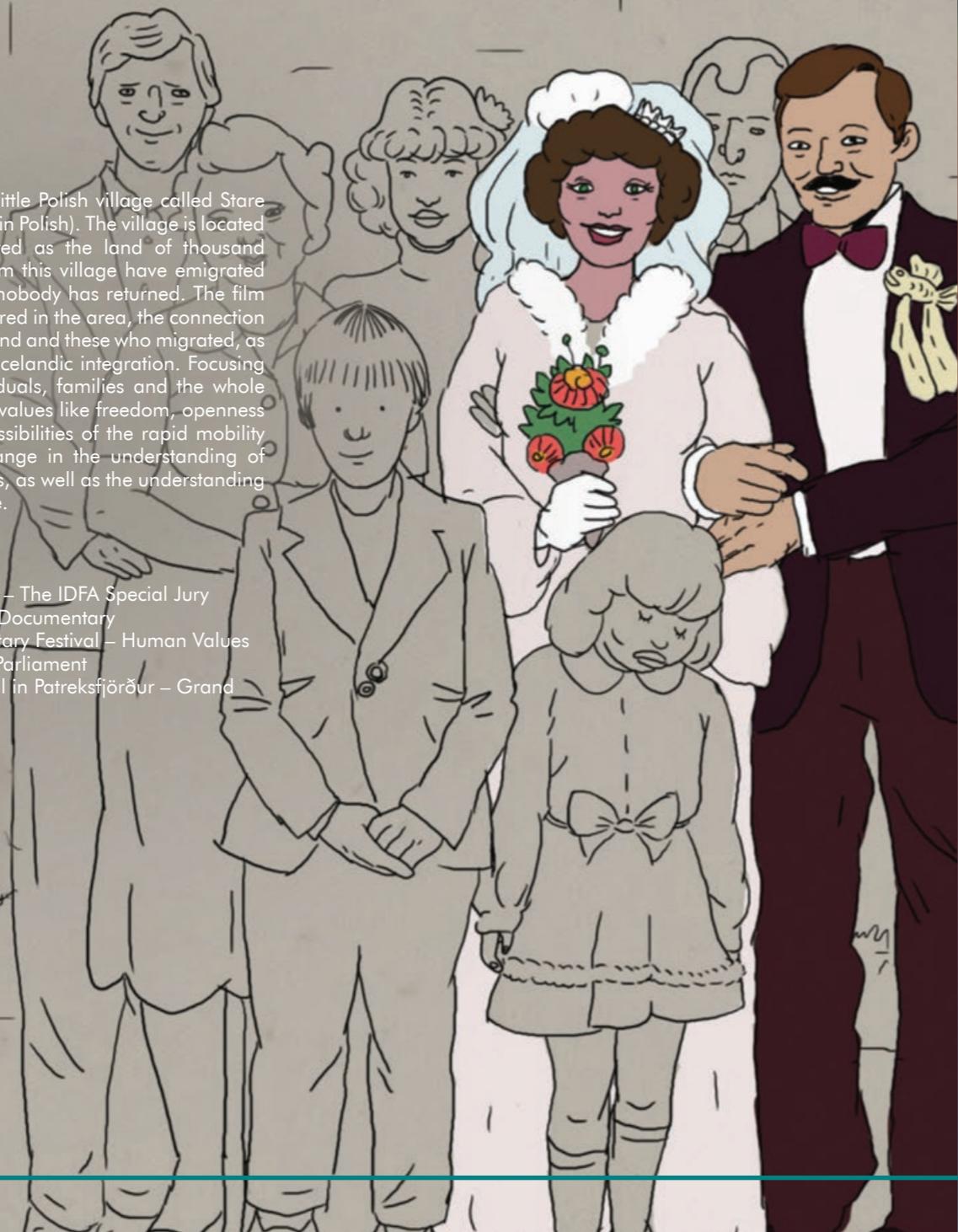
It is a story of people from a little Polish village called Stare Juchy (which means Old Blood in Polish). The village is located in Masuria, area often referred as the land of thousand lakes. Around 400 people from this village have emigrated to Iceland since the 80's and nobody has returned. The film exposes the changes that occurred in the area, the connection between these who are left behind and these who migrated, as well as the ways of the Polish-Icelandic integration. Focusing on the evolution of the individuals, families and the whole society it shows what does the values like freedom, openness towards the world and the possibilities of the rapid mobility and modern technologies change in the understanding of oneself and the ones around us, as well as the understanding of controlling one's ways of life.

2018 – IDFA, The Netherlands – The IDFA Special Jury Award for Mid-Length Documentary
2019 – Thessaloniki Documentary Festival – Human Values Award of the Hellenic Parliament
2019 – Skjaldborg Film Festival in Patreksfjörður – Grand Prix

Directed by: Paweł Ziemilski

90', HD, 2018

PEOPLE



21 x New York

21 x Nowy Jork

It is a documentary essay about human condition in the 21st century western society told through personal stories of 21 people met in the New York City subway. Commuters, old and young, have different skin colors, come from different places with different reasons to be there. The film follows them to the surface and observes moments in their lives, from funny and absurd to sad and dramatic. People seek love but are unable to handle it. Interpersonal bonds disintegrate into social media networking pulp. Sex is the new meaning of intimacy. The collage of portraits is a contemplation on our longings, passions, fears as well as eccentric, extravagant or plain funny life philosophies we make up in order to get by. Oneiric images of New York, intimate narration and atmospheric music aim at putting the audience in a trance allowing them to get closer to complete strangers and ponder upon their fate. Ultimately, the film is a mirror we can look into if we are brave enough.

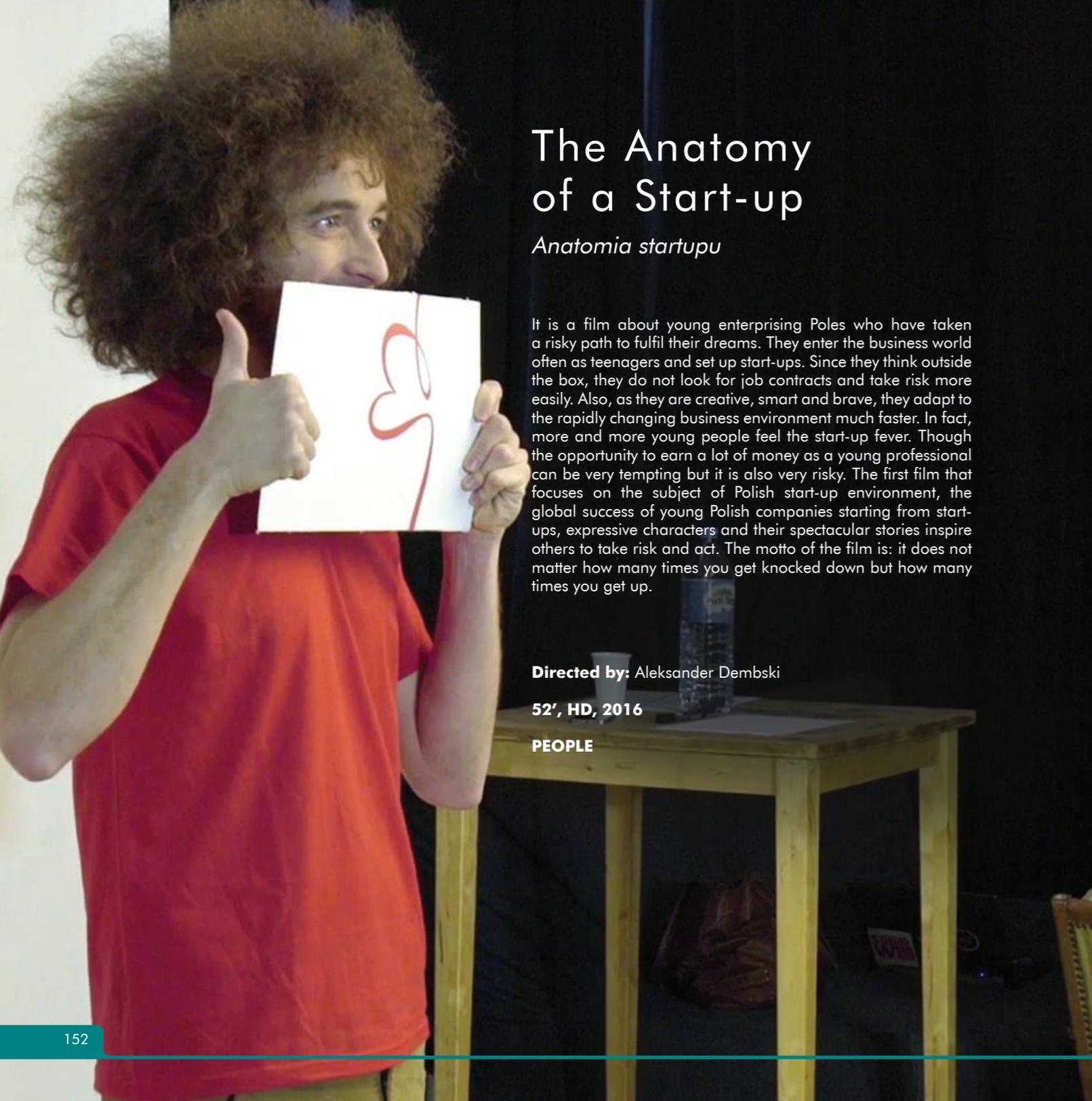
2016 – Kraków Film Festival – The Best Producer Award
2016 – European Film Awards – Nomination
2017 – ZagrebDox – Special Mention
2017 – Docs Against Gravity Film Festival – Best Director
2017 – Sopot Film Festival – Best Documentary
2017 – MakeDOX Creative Documentary Film Festival, Skopje – Onion Award
2017 – Szczecin European Film Festival – The award for the best film that tests the boundaries of documentary film
2018 – Polish Film Awards – Eagle for Best Documentary Film, Best Cinematography Nomination, Best Editing Nomination

Directed by: Piotr Stasik

51', HD, 2016

PEOPLE/SOCIETY





The Anatomy of a Start-up

Anatomia startupu

It is a film about young enterprising Poles who have taken a risky path to fulfil their dreams. They enter the business world often as teenagers and set up start-ups. Since they think outside the box, they do not look for job contracts and take risk more easily. Also, as they are creative, smart and brave, they adapt to the rapidly changing business environment much faster. In fact, more and more young people feel the start-up fever. Though the opportunity to earn a lot of money as a young professional can be very tempting but it is also very risky. The first film that focuses on the subject of Polish start-up environment, the global success of young Polish companies starting from start-ups, expressive characters and their spectacular stories inspire others to take risk and act. The motto of the film is: it does not matter how many times you get knocked down but how many times you get up.

Directed by: Aleksander Dembski

52', HD, 2016

PEOPLE



What's the Colour of Love?

Jakiego koloru jest miłość?

Since they are both disabled, Monika and Wojtek are an extraordinary married couple. A few months ago they were blessed with a healthy child Ula. They love and support each other and every day they fight for a normal life. Monika is a blind psychologist and Wojtek is a computer scientist suffering from cerebral palsy. They are a couple in their thirties who met three years ago on a dating website for disabled people. Monika said that Wojtek wrote to her saying that he has problems with walking and he stutters. She replied that it might be an issue because she is blind. They both wondered how they would communicate with one another, but Wojtek assured her that they would find a way for sure. They have already been married for two years now. She is unemployed and he works as a computer scientist in the Office of the Ombudsman. They support and complement one another in their daily activities. She assists him in activities requiring precision, such as buttoning up the shirt, fetching a cup of tea or a bowl of soup. Wojtek, on the other hand, is Monika's eyes because he tells her about the world which she has never seen.

2017 – The New York Festivals – Bronze World Medal

Directed by: Alina Mrowińska

52', HD, 2016

PEOPLE

Brothers

Bracia

Two brothers, who managed to escape from a Soviet work camp, are unable to escape from each other. At the same time they love and hate each other. One of them is an artist, the other one is a pragmatic scientist.

- 2015 – Locarno Film Festival – Semaine de la Critique Award
- 2015 – Trieste Film Festival – HBO Europe Award
- 2015 – DOK Leipzig – Golden Dove
- 2015 – DOK Leipzig – Prize of the Interreligious Jury
- 2015 – Minsk International Film Festival “Listapad” – Grand Prix
- 2016 – Off Camera, Kraków – Special Mention
- 2016 – CineDOC, Tbilisi – Grand Prix, Student Jury Award
- 2016 – Polish Film Festival in America – Society Humanitarian Award

Directed by: Wojciech Staroń (Argentinian lesson)

70', HD, 2015

PEOPLE



End of the World

Koniec świata

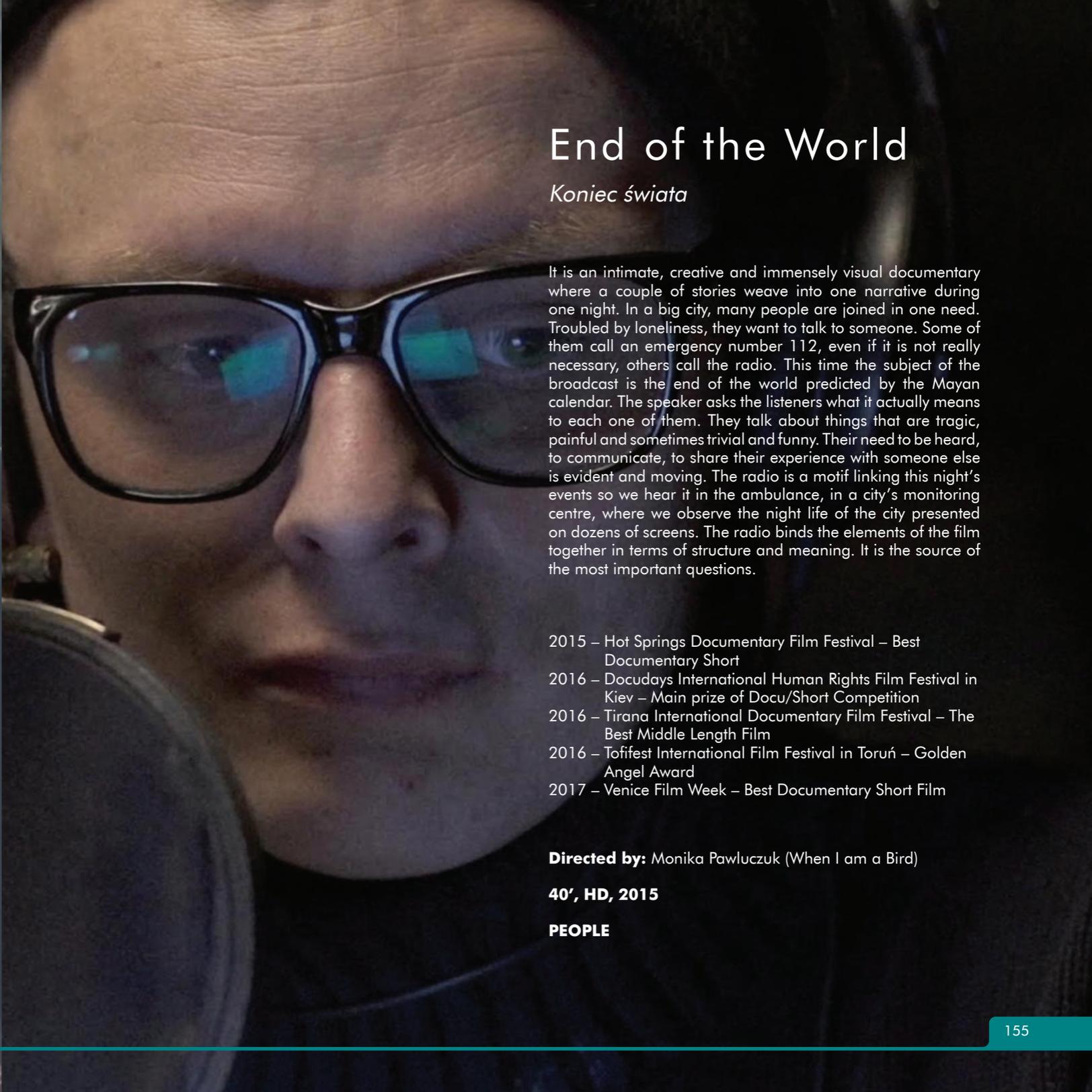
It is an intimate, creative and immensely visual documentary where a couple of stories weave into one narrative during one night. In a big city, many people are joined in one need. Troubled by loneliness, they want to talk to someone. Some of them call an emergency number 112, even if it is not really necessary, others call the radio. This time the subject of the broadcast is the end of the world predicted by the Mayan calendar. The speaker asks the listeners what it actually means to each one of them. They talk about things that are tragic, painful and sometimes trivial and funny. Their need to be heard, to communicate, to share their experience with someone else is evident and moving. The radio is a motif linking this night's events so we hear it in the ambulance, in a city's monitoring centre, where we observe the night life of the city presented on dozens of screens. The radio binds the elements of the film together in terms of structure and meaning. It is the source of the most important questions.

- 2015 – Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival – Best Documentary Short
- 2016 – Docudays International Human Rights Film Festival in Kiev – Main prize of Docu/Short Competition
- 2016 – Tirana International Documentary Film Festival – The Best Middle Length Film
- 2016 – Tofifest International Film Festival in Toruń – Golden Angel Award
- 2017 – Venice Film Week – Best Documentary Short Film

Directed by: Monika Pawluczuk (When I am a Bird)

40', HD, 2015

PEOPLE



Walking Spark

Nauka chodzenia

The main character is a gangster who is trying to learn how to be a good man. He spent his whole life arousing fear in people by making them suffer. Peter who is a forty-five-year-old former member of the Warsaw mafia, has been trying to have a new life since he left prison. Trying to put the sins of the past behind him, he is taking his first legal job in a hospice. The viewer observes the character who is taking first steps in a normal society, breaking its internal and external locks while struggling with his own weaknesses. Objectively, he is aware of what he did wrong but subjectively it was the best period in his life, the only time when he had a sort of family, money, and authority. Today he is all by himself and has trouble finding himself in 'a normal' society. The person who is trying to approach him is Magda. She is an artist, a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts. Touched by his tragic childhood, she decides to create a stop motion animation about his fate.

2017 – The New York Festivals – Bronze World Medal
2017 – WorldFest Independent Film Festival, Houston – Silver Remi

Directed by: Marcin Kopeć

51', HD, 2016

PEOPLE



Casa Blanca

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It is a story about a forgotten fishing town situated at the entrance to the Havana Harbor. Nelsa, who is a 70-year-old woman paralyzed after a stroke, lives on the first floor of a large apartment house. She shares the lone room of the small flat with Vladimir, who is her 35-year-old son affected with Down syndrome. The film presents a close, intimate picture of Vladimir and Nelsa's days filled with their meetings and partings, dependencies and bonds, moments of joy and conflict. Those days will be marked by the contacts of the mother and son with Vladimir's 'adopted fathers'.

Directed by: Aleksandra Maciuszek

56', HD, 2014

PEOPLE



- 2015 – Kraków Film Festival – The Silver Horn for the best feature-length documentary film, Golden Hobby-Horse
- 2015 – Koszalin European Film Festival Integration You and Me – Honourable Mention
- 2015 – Trinidad Tobago Film Festival in Port of Spain – The Best Documentary Feature
- 2015 – Trinidad Tobago Film Festival in Port of Spain – Special Mention from Amnesty International Human Rights Jury Prize
- 2015 – International Documentary Film Festival OFF CINEMA in Poznań – Gold Castle
- 2016 – Punto De Vista – International Documentary Film Festival of Navarra, Pampeluna – The Audience's Prize, Youth Jury Prize
- 2016 – TRT Documentary Award in Ankara – The Best Documentary Award
- 2016 – Brazilian Festival Cine Ceara in Fortaleza – Student Jury Award
- 2016 – Margaret Mead Film Festival in New York – Main Award
- 2016 – Szczecin European Film Festival – The Best Documentary Award
- 2016 – Festival Internazionale del Cinema di Frontiera "FrontDoc" in Aosta – Youth Award For Best Feature Documentary
- 2016 – Polish Film Festival in America – Special Jury Award

Beloved Old Offenders

Kochani recydywiści

The main characters of this documentary are women engaged in relationship with recidivists. They love the prisoners, miss them, write letters to them, visit them, want to have kids and marry them even though they realize that their future husbands will stay in prison for long. Why do they involve themselves in such difficult relationships? Although they face breakups and returns, go through hell, lose their mind, they do not give up. The women shown in this documentary turn for help to a psychologist called Anna who is in such a relationship herself. She speaks about it openly. She has just made such choice and does not regret it, although sometimes it gets really difficult.

Directed by: Irena Morawska, Jerzy Morawski

49', HD, 2013

LIFESTYLE/PEOPLE



The Promise of a Happy Childhood

Obietnica dzieciństwa

Letting small children for adoption to other people is always a risk, especially when the new parents are foreigners. The story began in the 90's, when an American couple came to Poland to adopt five siblings. Soon after the adoption trial verdict, the children landed in St. Louis. It is not clear what motivated the Browns to adopt those children. Some witnesses claimed that by the adoption Barbara Brown's aim was to eliminate some psychological blocks that made it impossible for her to conceive. When after years of infertility this 40-year-old woman became pregnant, she decided to get rid of her legally adopted children.

2013 – Polish Film Festival in America – Festival's Organizing Committee Special Prize

2014 – Chicago International TV Awards – Silver Plaque

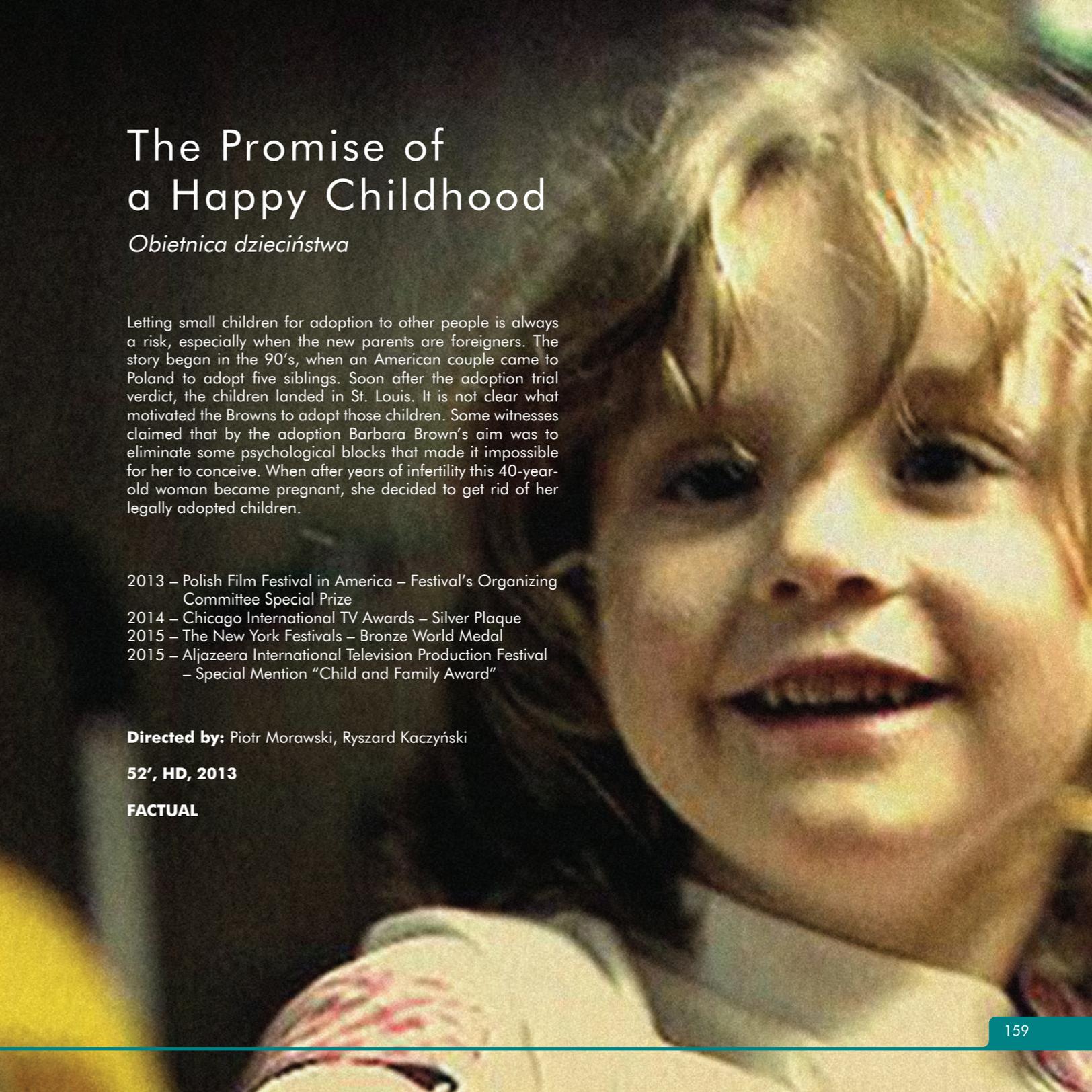
2015 – The New York Festivals – Bronze World Medal

2015 – Aljazeera International Television Production Festival – Special Mention "Child and Family Award"

Directed by: Piotr Morawski, Ryszard Kaczyński

52', HD, 2013

FACTUAL



Entangled

Uwikłani

In case of paedophilia, the definition of the perpetrator and the victim is clear. This clarity might become ambiguous in one of these rare situations, in which the victim tries to pay back the aggressor. The main character was abused by his neighbour as a child. Later, as a teenager, he tried to take revenge on him twice. The roles are now reversed: the paedophile is afraid of his victim. For over ten years, they live in mutual emotional dependence, which the film presents by cross-cutting narratives of both the men and testimonies of their closest ones. The story based on hatred and fear seems to have shaped into a vicious circle.

2012 – Kraków Film Festival – Grand Prix
2013 – Docs DF Mexico – Best TV Documentary Film Award
2013 – New York Film Festival and TV Awards – Silver World Medal
2013 – Chicago International Film Festival – Silver Hugo Award
2013 – “One World” Film Festival – Best Director Prize
2013 – TRT Documentary Awards, Istanbul – Best Documentary Film Prize
2013 – Polish Film Festival in America – Golden Teeth

Directed by: Lidia Duda

60', HD, 2012

FACTUAL

Free the Butterfly

Uwolnić motyla

It is a story about Katarzyna Rosicka-Jaczyńska, who suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis manifesting itself with the inability to move and talk. This terminal disease leads to death within 3-5 years. Despite all odds, Mrs. Rosicka-Jaczyńska managed to actively live for over 12 years and she wrote two books.

2015 – Minsk International Catholic Festival of Christian Film and Television Programs “Magnificat” – Award for directing

Directed by: Joanna Frydrych

46', HD, 2012

FACTUAL

Argentinian Lesson

Argentyńska lekcja

Set in the remote Argentinian town of Azara, this personal documentary by Wojciech Staroń features his seven-year-old son Janek. While the Polish director's wife teaches locals of Polish origin the language of their forefathers, the boy is sent to school to learn Spanish. Janek soon befriends Marcia and the two spend most of their time playing. However, the carefree world of childhood is gradually destroyed by Marcia's fears for her family. Janek's eagerness and Marcia's tenacity make them two unforgettable characters in an unconventional love story that sees the innocence of childhood surrounded by the harsh realities of adulthood. Shots of the windswept landscape of northern Argentina and masterful camera work were appreciated at numerous festivals.

Directed by: Wojciech Staroń

57', HD, 2011

LIFESTYLE/PEOPLE

2011 – Berlin International Film Festival – Silver Bear for Best Cinematography
2011 – Minsk International Film Festival "Listapad" – Grand Prix
2011 – Doc Leipzig – Silver Dove Award
2011 – Festival dei Popoli in Florence – The Best Director Prize
2011 – Guangzhou International Documentary Film Festival – Grand Prize
2011 – Plus Camerimage International Film Festival, Łódź – Golden Frog
2011 – Kraków Film Festival – Golden Horn
2012 – Docudays International Human Rights Film Festival in Kiev – Main Prize of DOCU/LIFE Competition
2012 – "Let's CEE" International Documentary Film Festival in Vienna – Grand Prix

2012 – Makedox in Skopje – Onion Award for Best International Documentary
2012 – Detour International Film Festival in Padua – Grand Prix
2012 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago – Golden Teeth Award
2012 – Batumi International Art House Film Festival – Best Documentary film
2012 – Recontres Internationales du Documentaire de Montréal – Best Medium-Length Film
2012 – Chicago Polish Film Festival – Best Documentary Film Award
2012 – RIDM International Documentary Film Festival in Montreal – Best Medium-Length Film
2013 – Cinema Eye Honors Awards – Spotlight Award

Declaration of Immortality

Deklaracja nieśmiertelności

Piotr "Mad" Korczak is a legend among climbers. He has invented a whole range of techniques of conquering the walls and is a popularizer of climbing as a sport accessible for almost everyone. He has also created numerous climbing routes and promotes safety in mountains. Piotr "Mad" Korczak, who is also a historian and philosopher, provides viewers with insights on the existential nature of physical activity and overcoming limitations. This is a magnificent and breathtaking picture of human ability to climb over the highest tops and to conquer the most difficult mountains.

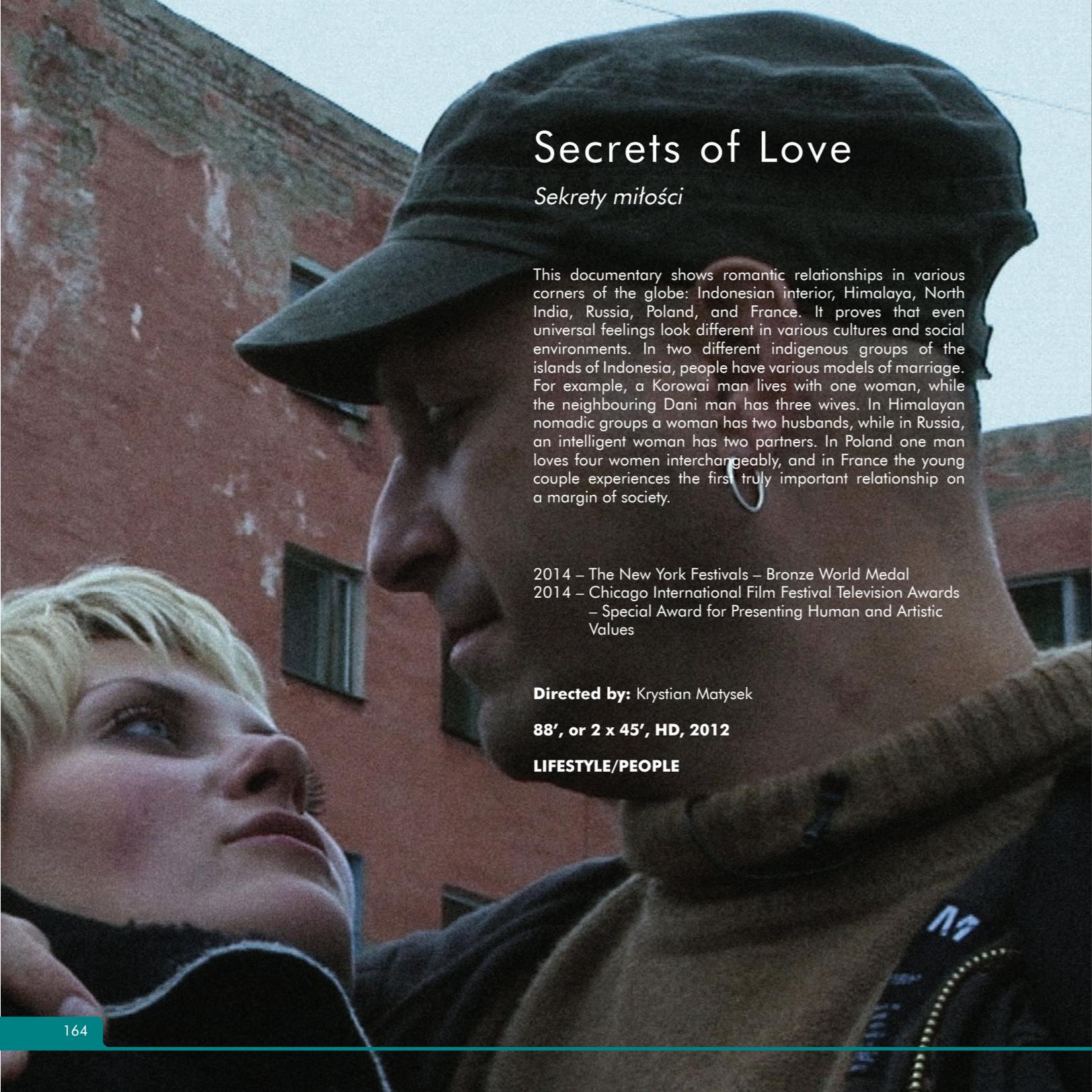
Directed by: Marcin Koszałka

31', HD, 2010

LIFESTYLE/BIOGRAPHY

2010 – Kraków Film Festival – President of the Association of Polish Filmmakers Award, Prize of Student Jury, Audience Award
2011 – Tampere Short Film Festival – Diploma of Merit
2011 – Chicago International Film Festival – Silver Hugo Award
2011 – Trento Film Festival – Silver Gentian Award
2011 – Gdańsk DocFilm Festival – Mention
2011 – Karlovy Vary International Film Festival – Best Documentary Film in the category for film lasting 30 minutes
2011 – Opera Prima en Corto in Granada – First Prize
2011 – Mountain film Graz – Camera Alpin in Gold

2011 – Bolzano Short Film Festival – Special Jury Prize in Global Vision Competition
2011 – Bristol Encounters – Best Documentary Film
2012 – Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival – Best Mountain Sport Film
2012 – Hory a Mesto Film Festival in Bratislava, Slovakia – V4 Prix
2012 – Mountain Film Festival Domzale – Best Climbing Film
2012 – Teplice International Mountaineering Film Festival – Grand Prix
2012 – International Festival of the Mountain Films, Poprad – Grand Prix



Secrets of Love

Sekrety miłości

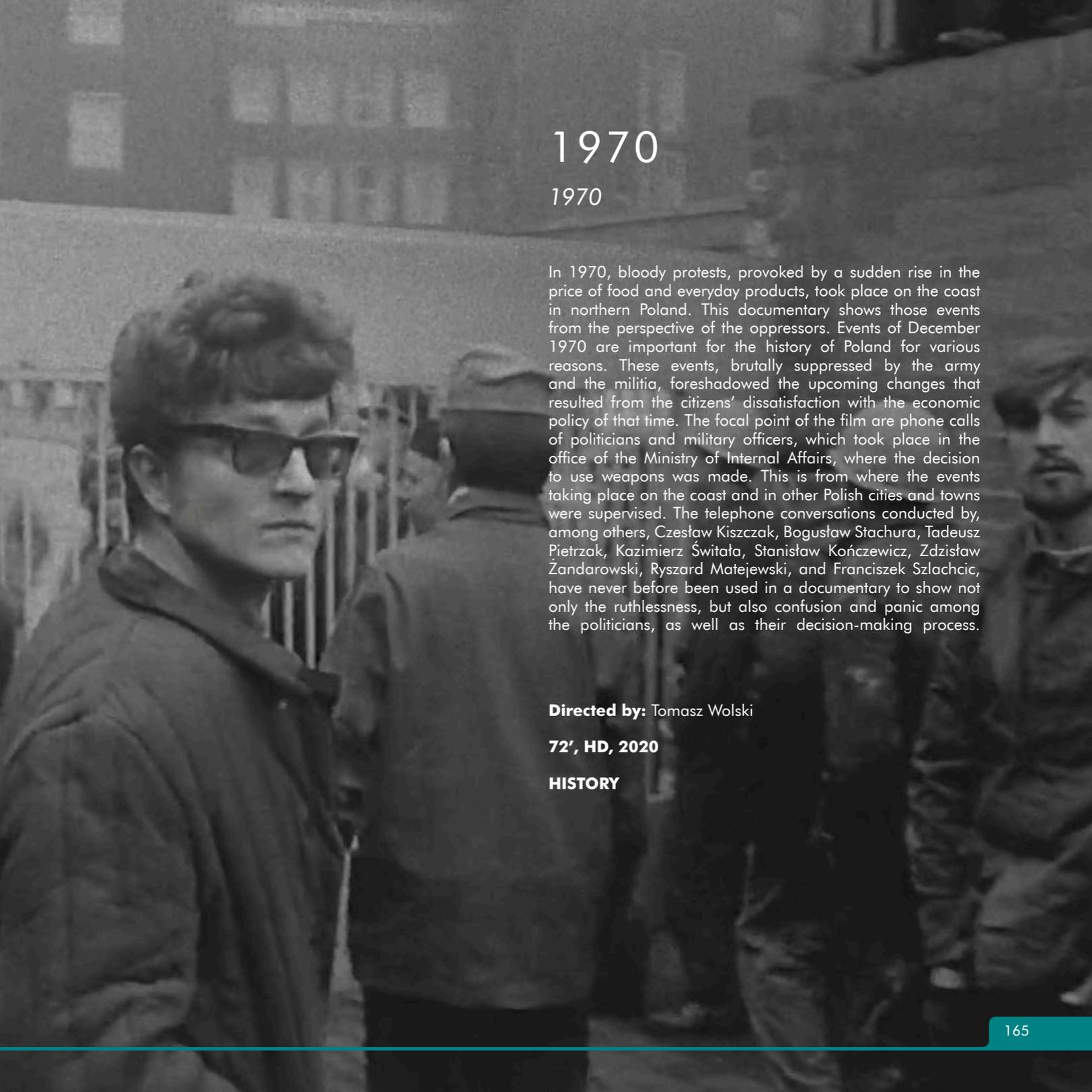
This documentary shows romantic relationships in various corners of the globe: Indonesian interior, Himalaya, North India, Russia, Poland, and France. It proves that even universal feelings look different in various cultures and social environments. In two different indigenous groups of the islands of Indonesia, people have various models of marriage. For example, a Korowai man lives with one woman, while the neighbouring Dani man has three wives. In Himalayan nomadic groups a woman has two husbands, while in Russia, an intelligent woman has two partners. In Poland one man loves four women interchangeably, and in France the young couple experiences the first truly important relationship on a margin of society.

2014 – The New York Festivals – Bronze World Medal
2014 – Chicago International Film Festival Television Awards
– Special Award for Presenting Human and Artistic Values

Directed by: Krystian Matysek

88', or 2 x 45', HD, 2012

LIFESTYLE/PEOPLE



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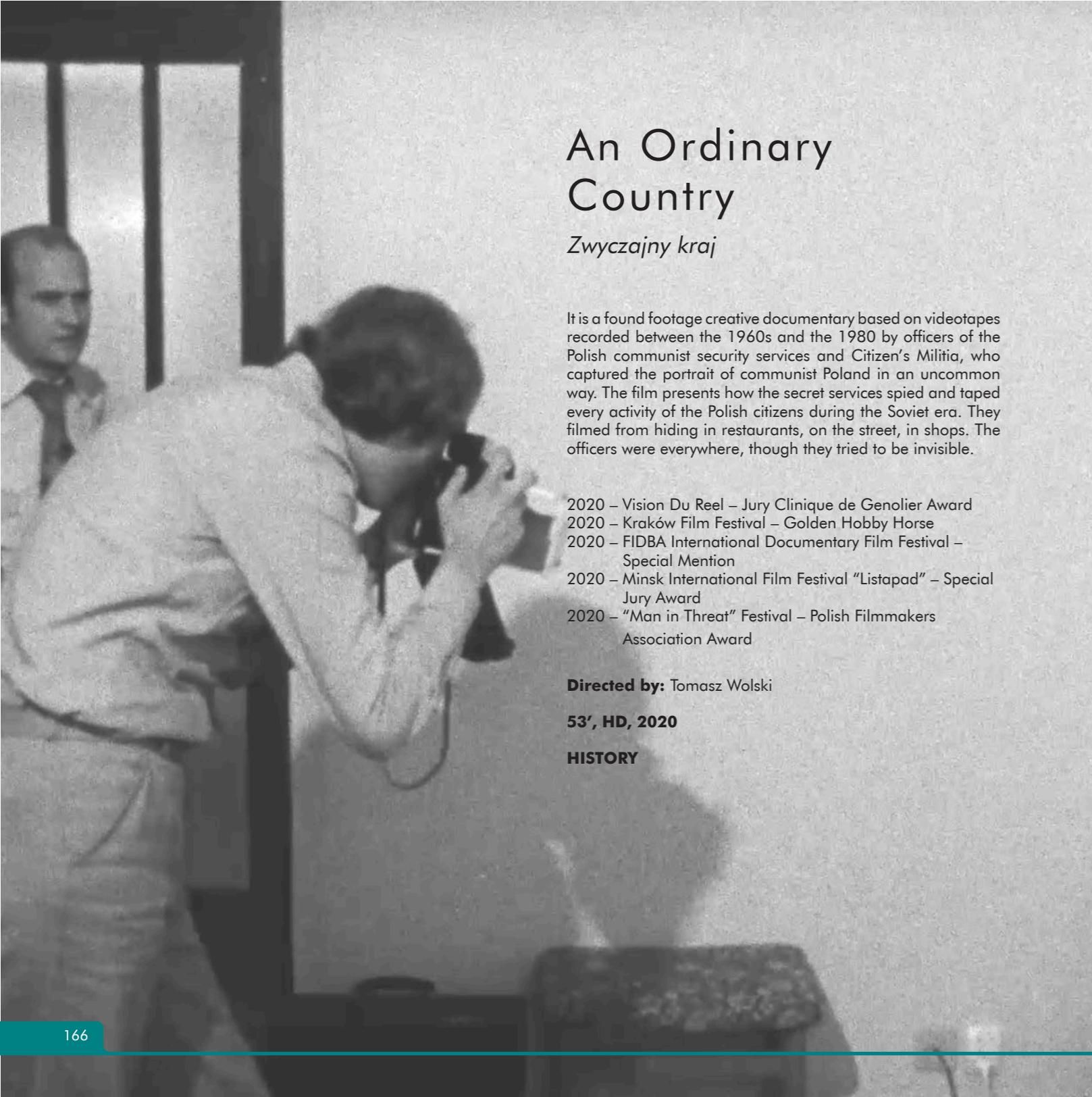
1970

In 1970, bloody protests, provoked by a sudden rise in the price of food and everyday products, took place on the coast in northern Poland. This documentary shows those events from the perspective of the oppressors. Events of December 1970 are important for the history of Poland for various reasons. These events, brutally suppressed by the army and the militia, foreshadowed the upcoming changes that resulted from the citizens' dissatisfaction with the economic policy of that time. The focal point of the film are phone calls of politicians and military officers, which took place in the office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, where the decision to use weapons was made. This is from where the events taking place on the coast and in other Polish cities and towns were supervised. The telephone conversations conducted by, among others, Czesław Kiszczak, Bogusław Stachura, Tadeusz Pietrzak, Kazimierz Świątała, Stanisław Kończewicz, Zdzisław Żandarowski, Ryszard Matejewski, and Franciszek Szlachcic, have never before been used in a documentary to show not only the ruthlessness, but also confusion and panic among the politicians, as well as their decision-making process.

Directed by: Tomasz Wolski

72', HD, 2020

HISTORY



An Ordinary Country

Zwyczajny kraj

It is a found footage creative documentary based on videotapes recorded between the 1960s and the 1980 by officers of the Polish communist security services and Citizen's Militia, who captured the portrait of communist Poland in an uncommon way. The film presents how the secret services spied and taped every activity of the Polish citizens during the Soviet era. They filmed from hiding in restaurants, on the street, in shops. The officers were everywhere, though they tried to be invisible.

2020 – Vision Du Reel – Jury Clinique de Genolier Award

2020 – Kraków Film Festival – Golden Hobby Horse

2020 – FIDBA International Documentary Film Festival – Special Mention

2020 – Minsk International Film Festival “Listapad” – Special Jury Award

2020 – “Man in Threat” Festival – Polish Filmmakers Association Award

Directed by: Tomasz Wolski

53', HD, 2020

HISTORY



Speechless Generation

Milczące pokolenie

A film about the post-war fate of Home Army soldiers – murdered, imprisoned or harassed by the communist authorities in Poland. The viewers get to know the story of Major Danuta Szykshnian-Ossowska. In 1944 she was caught by the NKVD and sent to prison in Vilnius. After many days of torture, she ended up in a Soviet camp. After the war, she did not tell anyone about what she had gone through, not even her own family. She was under the surveillance and intimidation of the Security Service. After years of silence, her grandson Michał gets to know her story. He embarks on a journey to Vilnius, where he discovers not only the frightening truth about his grandmother's past, but also finds the answers to questions about his own identity. All this happens when scientists and historians find skeletons of forgotten soldiers – comrades of Danuta Szykshnian-Ossowska.

Directed by: Paweł Domański

47', HD, 2019

HISTORY

Larissa

Larissa

Late 1942: the 10-year-old Larissa escapes from the Warsaw Ghetto after her mother is deported to Treblinka. She climbs over the wall with a ladder and finds refuge on the "Aryan" side with the Jasik family living right next to the Ghetto. Their daughter, Helena, takes care of Larissa and treats her like a younger sister. After a few weeks, Larissa needs to leave the apartment and the girls are separated. 70 years later, Larissa, now living in Paris, wants to return to Poland and reunite with Helena.

Directed by: Alexandre Dayet

44', HD, 2020

HISTORY/PEOPLE



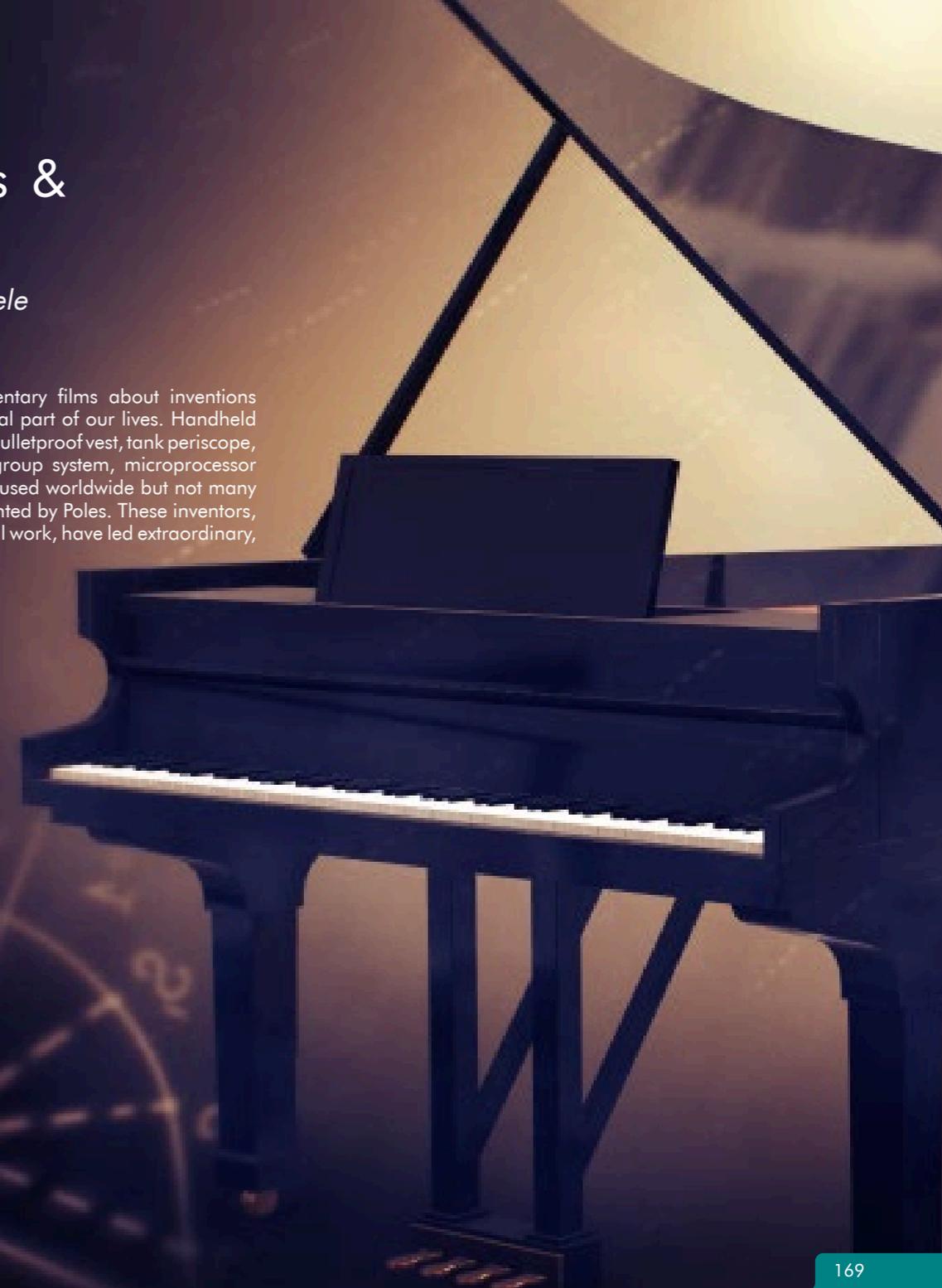
Dreamers & Geniuses

Geniusze i marzyciele

This is a series of documentary films about inventions that have become an integral part of our lives. Handheld camera, windshield wipers, bulletproof vest, tank periscope, color photography, blood group system, microprocessor technology; all of these are used worldwide but not many people know they were invented by Poles. These inventors, in addition to their intellectual work, have led extraordinary, inspiring lives.

11 x 52', HD, 2020

HISTORY/PEOPLE



Time Warriors

Wojownicy czasu

Documentary series about people who give a second life to the historical instruments of war: hand weapons, military vehicles and planes, old fortifications or underwater wrecks. These reenactors, collectors, members of various paramilitary organizations and other associations dedicate their time and often money to find and restore these items and objects in order to present them and share their knowledge with the general public. The series gives these history enthusiasts an opportunity to share their motivations and passions, talk about their regular lives and present the projects they are working on.

Directed by: Grzegorz Gajewski

40 x 25', HD, 2020

HISTORY

War of the Worlds

Wojna światów

A documentary film based on restored archive footage from the Polish-Soviet War of 1920 which culminated with one of the greatest military victories in the history of Poland. The Battle of Warsaw, a crucial battle for Poland and Europe, also known as the Miracle of the Vistula was fought in August 1920. The entire war, however, spanned a much longer period of time and a much larger area than just Warsaw. The battles were fought from Smolensk to Warsaw, from Plock to Lviv. The victory was not really a miracle but the result of the effective command, valuable intel gathered by the Polish army and the soldiers' fighting spirit. *The War of the Worlds* also features radio broadcasts, witnesses' accounts, photographs, orders and secret reports. The Polish Television also restored previously unpublished, hundred years old footage, from Russia, France, Great Britain, Czech Republic, Hungary and the USA.

Directed by: Mirosław Bork, Krzysztof Talczewski

82', HD, 2020

HISTORY

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Poland and the Birth of Israel

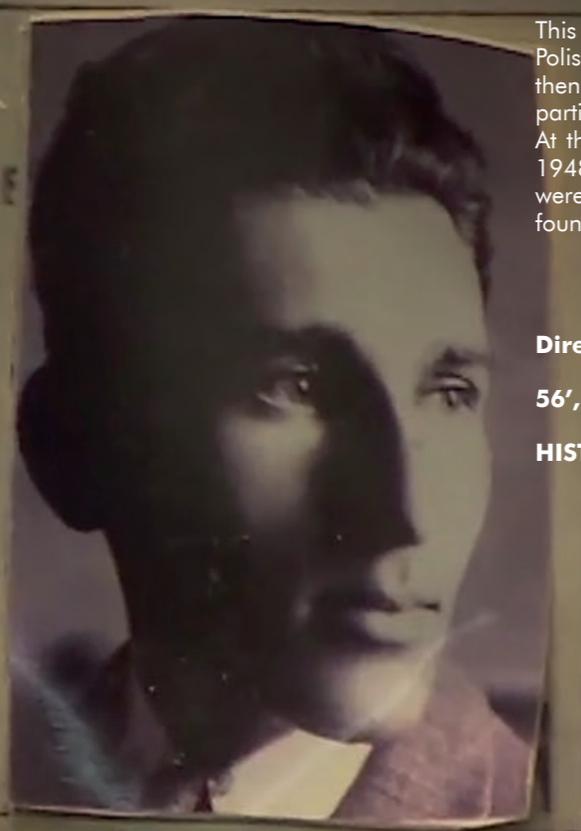
Izrael zaczął się w Polsce...

This film tells the story of the cooperation between the Second Polish Republic and the Zionist movement, the support of the then government for Jewish hopes for independence, and the participation of Poland in the creation of the State of Israel. At the moment of the creation of the State of Israel in May 1948, many Israeli civilians, servicemen, and cultural leaders were Polish by birth and they were the ones who carved the foundations of the independent state.

Directed by: Jan Grzyb

56', HD, 2018

HISTORY



Signature of bearer:

Avraham Avraham

The Defenders

Obrońcy

The film tells the story of reviving the memory of heroes buried in a collective grave that is passed by thousands of tourists every day. It is a tale of soldiers that had streets named after them, songs composed and history books written but no-one had looked for their remains for almost 80 years. In a neglected park, right next to the souvenir stands, human remains are found. This prompts one of the most important historical investigations in Poland after the fall of communism. To identify the recovered bodies the case gets involvement from the prosecutor's office and the best forensic genetics specialists.

Directed by: Paweł Domański

50', HD, 2020

HISTORY/SCIENCE



The Jagiellonians' Culinary Art

Kuchnia Jagiellonów

The series shows the Jagiellonian dynasty from the perspective of the period's cuisine. The sophisticated and extraordinary dishes do not fit the preconceived ideas of medieval feasts. The recipes are full of fruit, vegetables, soups and pastries. There are clear influences from Hungary, Turkey, the Middle East and Eastern Borderlands of Poland. The food draws a map of Polish history, international trade, wars and conquests, and diplomatic negotiations. The show's host recreates the old dishes given the audience a chance to make them at home. The original recipes serve as an inspiration, while the actual food is "modernized" to current standards and preferences. While cooking, the audience will also get a glimpse of Polish history between the 14th and 17th centuries.

Directed by: Jerzy Grabowski

25', HD, 2020

COOKING/HISTORY



1989

1989

This documentary shows the transformation of Poland and Polish citizens. The changes took place in a short period of time between the end of 1988 and the beginning of 1990. The original footage is accompanied by diaries written by Poles who observed and documented the transformation. This material makes the documentary more authentic than interviews made years later and enables viewers to follow the events as they were seen by its participants. The documentary was produced under the auspices of the President of Poland Bronisław Komorowski and it is directly connected with the celebration of the Polish legislative election in 1989.

Directed by: Michał Bielawski

58', HD, 2014

HISTORY

Cross and Crown

Krzyż i korona

It is a docudrama film presenting the long Christianisation path in the era of the first Piast rulers. The film is based on the latest scientific findings, it opens with the baptism scene of Mieszko I and it ends with the coronation of Bolesław I the Brave, the first Polish king in Gniezno Cathedral in 1025. The film attempts to answer questions such as when and where Mieszko I was baptized, what the potential benefits and threats of the baptism could be or whether the ruler effectively fought paganism. In *Cross and Crown* respectable historians and archaeologists talk about the Christianisation issue and put forward their hypotheses, which are interwoven with the presentation of virtual reconstructions of the oldest sacred buildings on the Polish territories. Reconstructed scenes of the most important events from that era, such as Mieszko's marriage with Dobrawa, the battle with the Veleti or the arrival of Otto III to Gniezno are also included in the film.

Directed by: Zdzisław Cozac

53', HD, 2016

HISTORY



Secret Nest of the Dynasty

Ukryte gniazdo dynastii

The film focuses on the ongoing investigation which aim is to determine the true birthplace of the Piast dynasty. Is it, as commonly believe, Gniezno or perhaps the no longer existing Kalisz-Zawodzie castle? Archaeologists, dendrologists and historians discuss their for and against arguments for both hypotheses. Thanks to the computer animations, the viewers can go back to the times of Mieszko I to find out more about ins and outs of the daily life of the castle's inhabitants and also to learn about the consequences of the main political events of that time, both for the contemporaneous descendants and people living in those times. The film-maker, by the use of an attractive form of narration, combines the findings of scientific research with the presentation of actual events and places relevant to the early Polish statehood. If the hypothesis that has been put forward in the film, is confirmed by the ongoing genetic research, it may turn out that Kalisz is the cradle of the Piast dynasty.

Directed by: Zdzisław Cozac

44', HD, 2015

HISTORY

The City of Sunken Gods

Miasto zatopionych bogów

It is a documentary depicting lives of people in medieval Wolin. The production is a mix of archaeological research, and computer animation. It features re-enactments of the battle scenes. The main question that the director tries to answer is whether the town was established by the Slavs or Vikings. Viewers will have a chance to learn about everyday life of the inhabitants, the town's structure and history.

2014 – Film, Art & Tourism Festival – Warsaw – Best Historical Documentary Award (International Competition) Grand Prix for the Best Movie (Polish Competition)

Directed by: Zdzisław Cozac

45', HD, 2013

HISTORY

The Royal Island

Wyspa władców

The documentary is a result of years of research and work done by archaeologists who rose controversial questions concerning the past of the early Slavs. It is a fascinating journey into the lives of the medieval rulers and kings. Moreover, the documentary shows early European christening location, the burial place of early elites and the way people lived and died in those savage times. Viewers have a unique chance to see the reenactment of the times that are long gone. This documentary works well on its own and as the part of series, together with *Trzcinica Carpathian Troy*, *The City of Sunken Gods*, *Cross and Crown* and *Secret Nest of the Dynasty*.

2013 – The Archeology Channel International and Video Festival in Eugene – Honourable Mention

2013 – Iron International Archaeological Film Festival – Arkeolan Prize

Directed by: Zdzisław Cozac

45', HD, 2012

HISTORY

Trzcinica – Carpathian Troy

Trzcinica – karpacka Troja

Nobody has even suspected what is hidden in the bushes and among the trees of the Sub-Carpathian Trzcinica forests. In fact, scientists and archaeologists have lately discovered the oldest Slavic town there. At the time of the Piasts, Trzcinica used to be a fortified town where a lot of fights over the borders took place. The prince of Trzcinica hid a priceless treasure there in the castle. After his death the treasure went missing and soon afterwards the fortified town burned down. This breathtaking documentary uses the latest technology to give the viewers insight into the ancient times. It works well on its own and as the part of series, together with *The Royal Island*, *The City of Sunken Gods*, *Cross and Crown* and *Secret Nest of the Dynasty*.

2010 – Archeological Film Festival, Audience Award, Archeological Museum Award, Honourable Mention for Innovative Presentation of Archeological Research Results

Directed by: Zdzisław Cozac

45', HD, 2010

HISTORY

The Path to the Kingdom of Poland

Droga do królestwa

The film shows the conquest of the lands upon the Odra and Vistula rivers by Mieszko I the first ruler of Poland. Those territories became the foundation of Poland. What area did Mieszko I manage to conquer during his reign? The map of his country was inferred from the imprecise description of the borders included in the document called *Dagome iudex*. This interpretation raises many doubts today. The film tries to answer many important questions. Did Mieszko I have a strategy of conquering lands upon the Odra and Vistula rivers? Which areas were the most important for him? How did he get the funds for the armament and construction of new castles?

Directed by: Zdzisław Cozac

52', HD, 2018

HISTORY

The City of Wrath

Miasto gniewu

A gripping documentary series about the origins and growth of organized crime in Poland. Each episode depicts a crime committed as a result of a feud between warring gangs. The audience may learn about political changes in the country and how these changes influenced the development of organized crime. The first episode presents the story of the Pruszków Mafia, it also answers the questions of how the gangsters grew in strength, how they earned and in what ways they acted. The viewers may learn how the Polish police looked like at the beginning of the 1990s and whether it was prepared to fight organized crime. In the first season, the creators concentrate on the metropolitan crime underworld. Numerous archival materials of Warsaw Police Department and TVP Polish Public Television have been incorporated into the series.

Directed by: Dawid Sawicki

2 seasons, 13 x 30', 15 x 30', HD, 2017-2019

CRIME

Mysteries of the 20th Century

Sensacje XX wieku

The history revealed many important and unusual mysteries of 20th century. Who was the astrologer, the man, who during the war saved thousands of people? Who attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in November 1939? What treasures and where were hidden by SS at the end of the war? Major Sosnowski, was he a hero or a traitor?

Written by: Bogusław Wołoszański

10 x 45', HD, 2015

HISTORY



An American in the Communist Poland

Amerikanin w PRL-u

Senator Robert Kennedy paid an official visit to the capital of Poland, just a few months after the death of his brother. He was welcomed by millions of people expressing their warm feelings. They wanted to get in touch with a symbolic figure of the capitalist world which was then the other world hidden behind the iron curtain. All those people were closely observed by the Secret Police and Special Forces of the former communist regime in Poland. The film is composed of materials shot by the Secret Police and among thousands of enthusiastic people and hundreds of agents. It features Robert Kennedy's reactions and actions that often astonished the crowds.

2010 – WorldFest Independent Film Festival, Houston – Jury Special Award
2010 – The New York Festivals – Gold World Medal

Directed by: Piotr Morawski, Ryszard Kaczyński

45', SD, 2009

HISTORY/FACTUAL

The Victors' Parade

Defilada zwycięzców

Who started WWII? The answer such as 'Hitler and Nazi Germany' may be not sufficient, taking into account the latest research presented in this documentary. According to Viktor Suvorov, whose publications have been gaining more and more recognition among historians, the correct answer is: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The authors of the movie present Suvorov's claims and try to verify them. While looking for answers to the questions stated by the writer, they get to the truth about the role of Stalin's Russia starting the bloodiest conflict in history in which the first true victim was Poland. Suvorov does not base his detailed and fascinating findings on secret or confidential sources, unknown until today, but on data which is official, available even in the Soviet Union and now in Russia.

Directed by: Grzegorz Braun, Robert Kaczmarek

49', SD, 2007

HISTORY

The Parade

Defilada

This widely acclaimed documentary was shot during the celebrations commemorating 40 years of Democratic People's Republic of Korea. All the texts used in the film were not direct translations of the things the people said in the production, but they were also taken from Korean books and magazines. *The Parade* shows the Democratic People's Republic of Korea during the celebrations commemorating 40 years of the country. The celebrations took place at the same time as the Olympics in Seoul. The communist authorities decided to organise national celebrations that would overshadow the sporting events with its scale and abundance. What were the results of their attempts?

1989 – Prix Italia – Villy de Luca Award
1989 – Kraków Film Festival – Silver Hobby-Horse
1989 – Mannheim International Film Festival – Golden Ducat

Directed by: Andrzej Fidyk

60', SD, 1989

HISTORY



Eight Percent

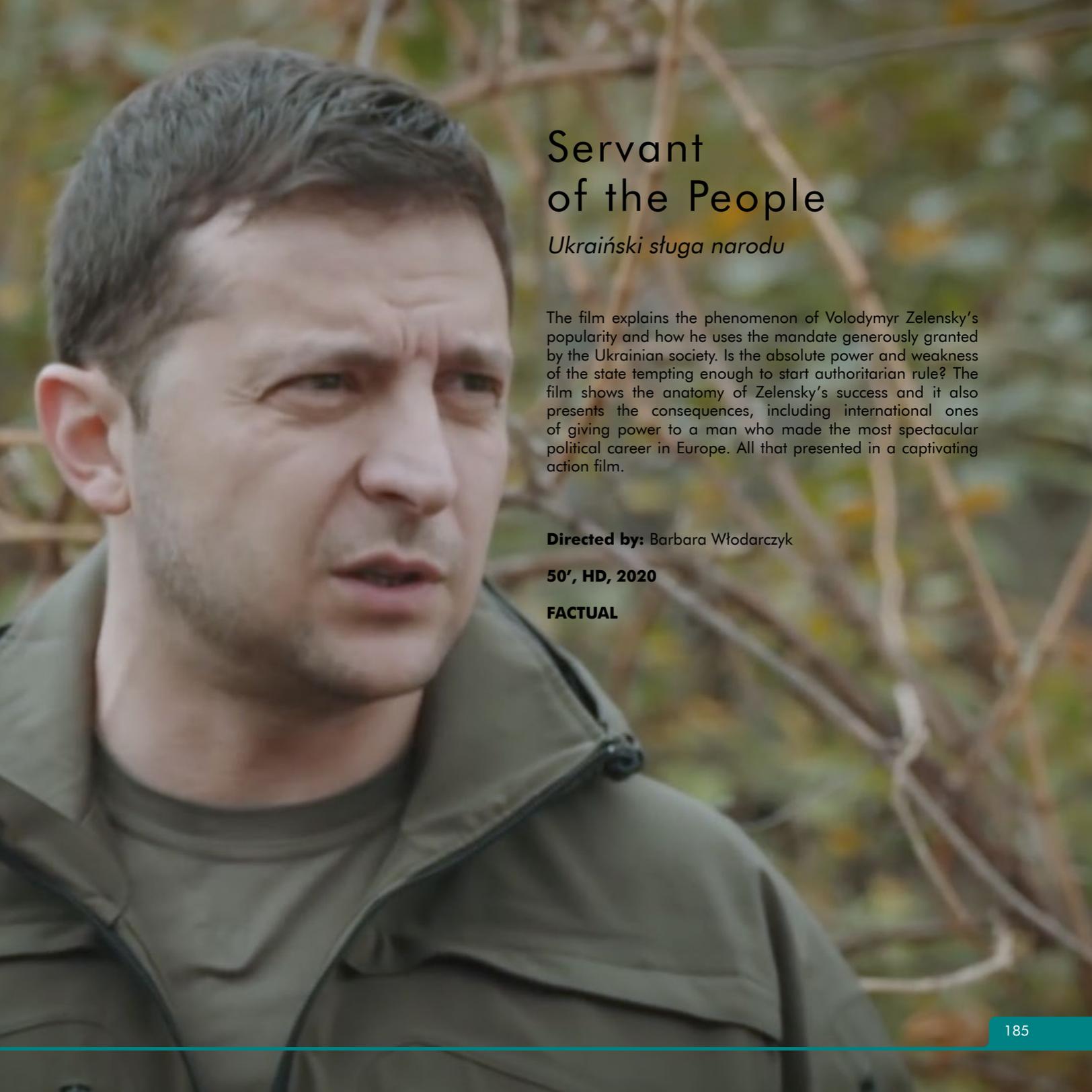
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The director of the 1980s generation leaves Poland for South Africa to examine the reality of his peers. He becomes one of the heroes of the film. He wants to know what changes South Africa's world has experienced 25 years after the fall of apartheid. Has the dream of a multicultural community called by Nelson Mandela "Rainbow Nation" come true? Do Afrikaners live in harmony with South African natives? Has loudly proclaimed equality survived? What traces of postapartheid can be found in South Africa's socio-political mood today? Getting to know this country, he will try to understand its complicated history and bring a closer look at the current situation of South Africa's inhabitants.

Directed by: Wojciech Klimala

73', HD, 2021

FACTUAL



Servant of the People

Ukraiński sługa narodu

The film explains the phenomenon of Volodymyr Zelensky's popularity and how he uses the mandate generously granted by the Ukrainian society. Is the absolute power and weakness of the state tempting enough to start authoritarian rule? The film shows the anatomy of Zelensky's success and it also presents the consequences, including international ones of giving power to a man who made the most spectacular political career in Europe. All that presented in a captivating action film.

Directed by: Barbara Włodarczyk

50', HD, 2020

FACTUAL

Ukrainian Prayer

Ukraińska modlitwa

The documentary aims to show the impact of religion on the everyday life of Ukrainian people. It also tries to answer the question when it will be possible to talk about the liberation of Ukraine from the sizable influence of the Russian Orthodox Church, highly influenced by Kremlin media.

Directed by: Barbara Włodarczyk

50', HD, 2020

FACTUAL



Belarus. The Beginning

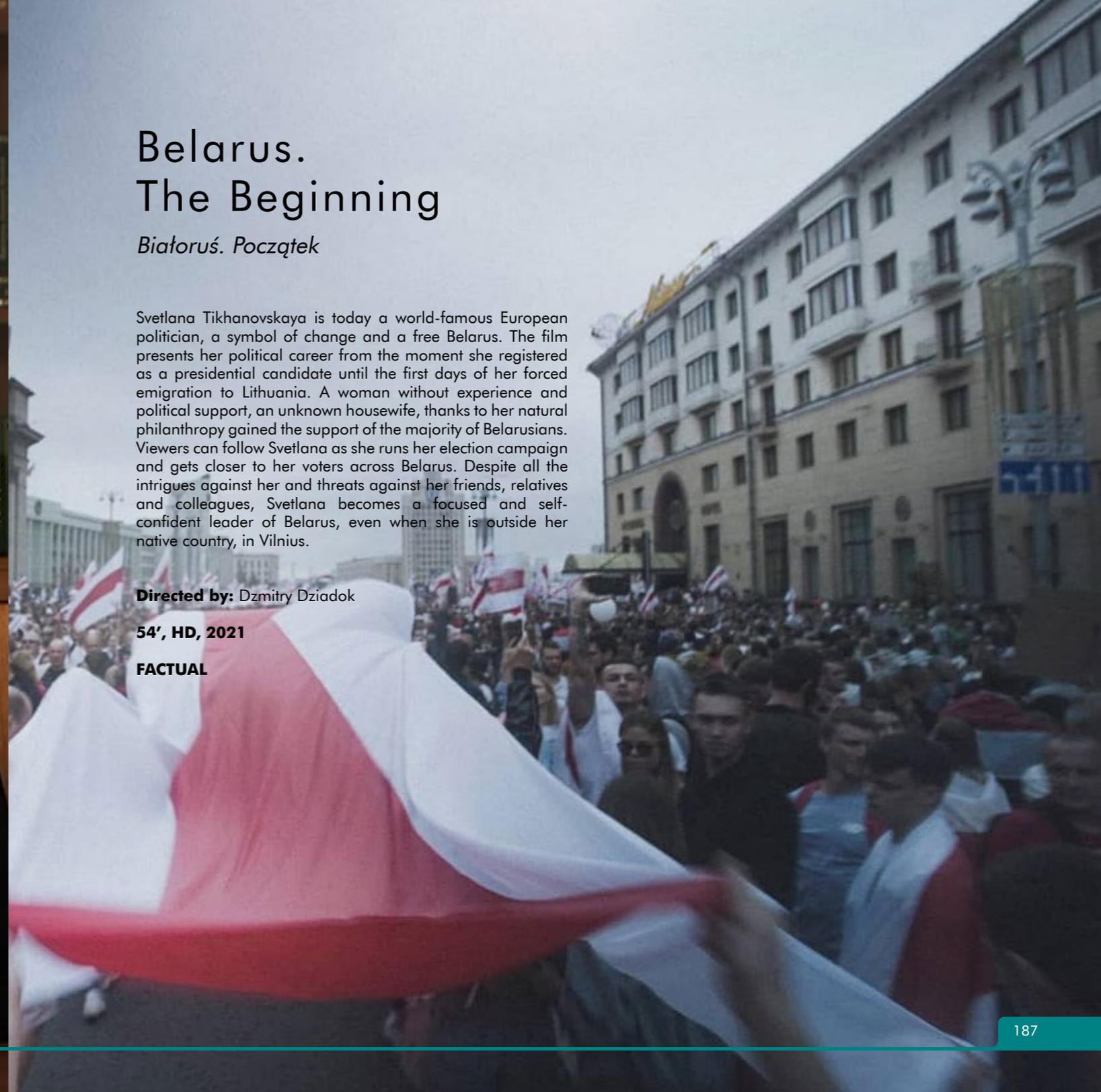
Białoruś. Początek

Svetlana Tikhonovskaya is today a world-famous European politician, a symbol of change and a free Belarus. The film presents her political career from the moment she registered as a presidential candidate until the first days of her forced emigration to Lithuania. A woman without experience and political support, an unknown housewife, thanks to her natural philanthropy gained the support of the majority of Belarusians. Viewers can follow Svetlana as she runs her election campaign and gets closer to her voters across Belarus. Despite all the intrigues against her and threats against her friends, relatives and colleagues, Svetlana becomes a focused and self-confident leader of Belarus, even when she is outside her native country, in Vilnius.

Directed by: Dzmitry Dziadok

54', HD, 2021

FACTUAL



Estonia. A Shared Motherland

Estonia. Czekaając na niedźwiedzia

Estonia, a tiny country squeezed in between Russia and Scandinavia, for many decades it was forcefully incorporated into the Soviet Union as one of its republics. The Russian government implemented the policy of Russification, from then on it was difficult to find a decent job if one could only speak Estonian. When the Soviet Union ceased to exist in 1991 and Estonia declared its independence, it became apparent that a third of the country's population did not speak the Estonian language. Consequently, the people did not understand Estonian media and did not feel at home in independent Estonia. For many years Russians in Estonia felt like second-class citizens. Nevertheless, when they felt threatened by Russia, they stood united to defend their newly-born homeland. How did it happen? And how does the life of Russians in Estonia look like?

Directed by: Witold Szablowski

45', HD, 2020

FACTUAL



The Catalan Dream

Kataloński sen

In October 2017, a referendum on the region's independence was held in Catalonia. It was, however, not recognized by the authorities in Madrid. Even though a few years have passed, there is no end to heated disputes and discussions about the future of that Spanish region. Where did the issue of Catalan separatism come from? What is the social and cultural background of this movement? How can Spain defend its territorial integrity? The viewers can learn about different perspectives from which they can observe the growing crisis of freedom and democracy in Catalonia.

Directed by: Weronika Mliczewska

42', HD, 2020

FACTUAL



Crazy Love. Putin and The Russians

Szalona miłość. Rosjanie i Putin

The documentary presents the phenomenon of Vladimir Putin in Russia. The man has been immensely popular for the past 15 years despite the collapse of ruble, a rise in prices and recent isolation of Russia in Europe. The more criticized he is by the Western world, the higher his ratings are. According to polls conducted by the end of 2014, he is still supported by 86% of Russians, therefore, some sociologists call it a phenomenon. The author of the documentary is trying to investigate this astounding news by visiting a number of places and talking to all sorts of people who express their opinions on Putin and contemporary Russia. In her journeys she visits places which are remote in terms of distance and human mentality which include: Moscow, Crimea and the so-called 'glubinka' that is the Russian back of beyond.

Directed by: Barbara Włodarczyk

50', HD, 2015

FACTUAL

Radio Siriri

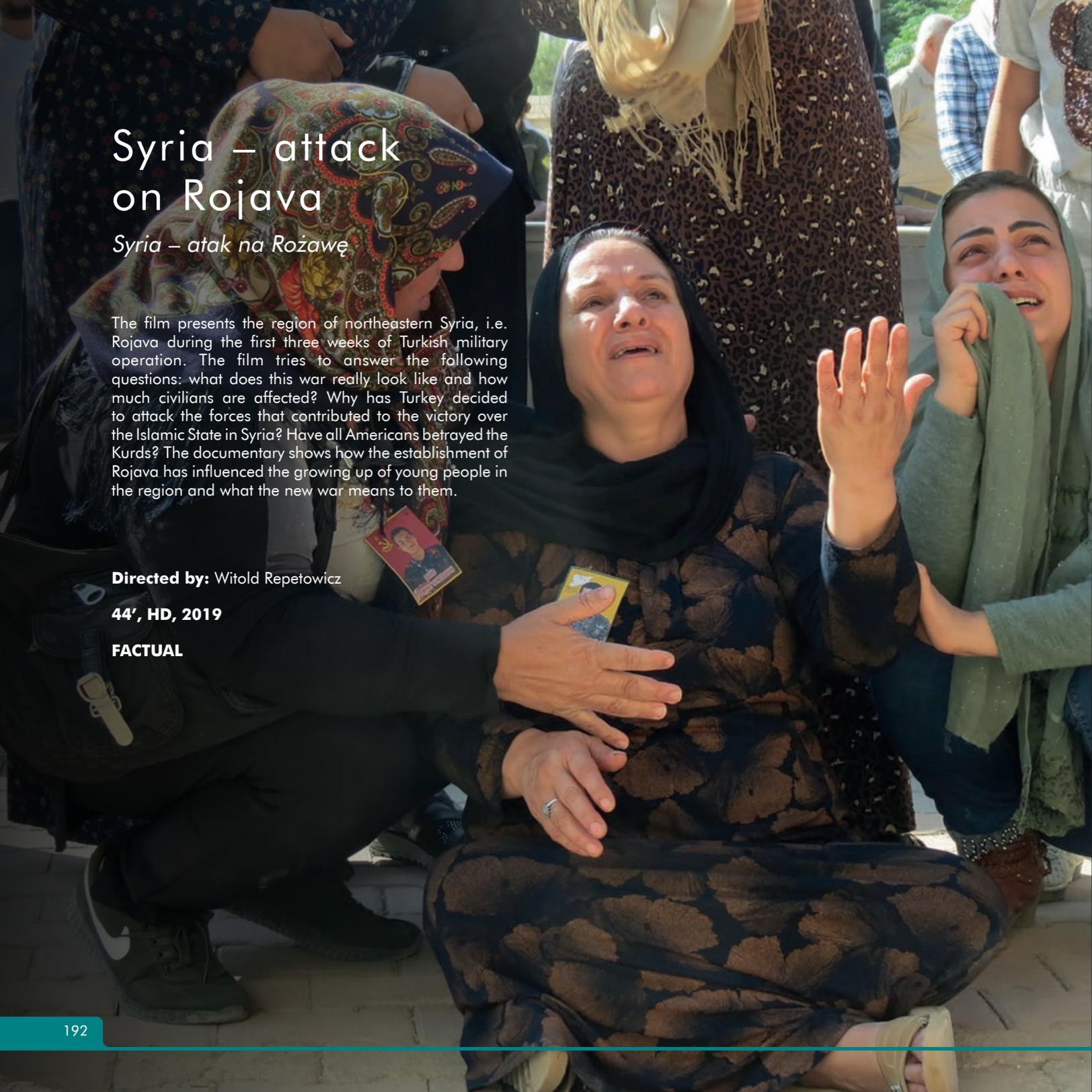
Radio Siriri

More than half of the children who live in Central African Republic are forced into hard physical labour or into joining the army. For almost a decade the country was ravaged by armed conflicts and is now one of the poorest in the world. Under the harsh circumstances, access to education is possible mostly thanks to hard work and dedication of missionaries, who try to help talented kids. African Music School that is presented in the movie was established by clergyman Benedykt Pączka. He created a place where children can discover and develop their talents as well as change their lives. Everyday life in Central African Republic is viewed through the eyes of two students, Hipolit and Godar who get ready for the Siriri Peace Concert.

Directed by: Maciej Nawrotkiewicz

41', HD, 2019

FACTUAL



Syria – attack on Rojava

Syria – atak na Rożawę

The film presents the region of northeastern Syria, i.e. Rojava during the first three weeks of Turkish military operation. The film tries to answer the following questions: what does this war really look like and how much civilians are affected? Why has Turkey decided to attack the forces that contributed to the victory over the Islamic State in Syria? Have all Americans betrayed the Kurds? The documentary shows how the establishment of Rojava has influenced the growing up of young people in the region and what the new war means to them.

Directed by: Witold Repetowicz

44', HD, 2019

FACTUAL



Polmission. Passports' Secrets

Polmission. Tajemnice paszportów

The document tells the story of Polish diplomats and their efforts to save Jews during WWII. The film attempts to unravel the complicated mechanisms behind the activities of Polish diplomacy and intelligence, which, in cooperation with governments and institutions of other countries, contributed to saving Jews from all over occupied Europe. As part of this operation, it was possible to save about 3,000 Jews from extermination by issuing false passports of South American countries including Paraguay. Jacek Papis's film presents conversations with the survivors and their family members. The film further includes commentaries and opinions presented by historians trying to solve some of the mysteries connected with the passports.

Directed by: Jacek Papis

52', HD, 2020

WAR/HOLOCAUST

Of Animals and Men

O zwierzętach i ludziach

Every zoo aims to protect animal species from extinction. During WWII, the Warsaw Zoo carried out its function in a rebellious manner. Once the war began, the Nazis killed some animals and transferred the others to the Third Reich. The abandoned enclosures were taken over by the species most endangered by warfare: the man. The Jews escaping the inevitable death and the Home Army soldiers found shelter in the empty stables, kennels, and aviaries as well as in the house of Jan Żabiński, the then Director. The Zoo offered a hiding place – sometimes for a day, rarely for a few months – to several hundred people. The exact number remains unknown. The film tries to tell this incredible story by means of metaphorical shots of animals, abundant archive footage, and interviews with the last living witnesses.

2019 – Canton International Film Festival – Best Art Film
2019 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago –
Special Jury Award
2020 – Bellaria Film Festival – Bei Doc Award

Directed by: Łukasz Czajka

58', 70', HD, 2019

WAR/HOLOCAUST

Today, Tomorrow... Yesterday

Dziś, jutro... wczoraj

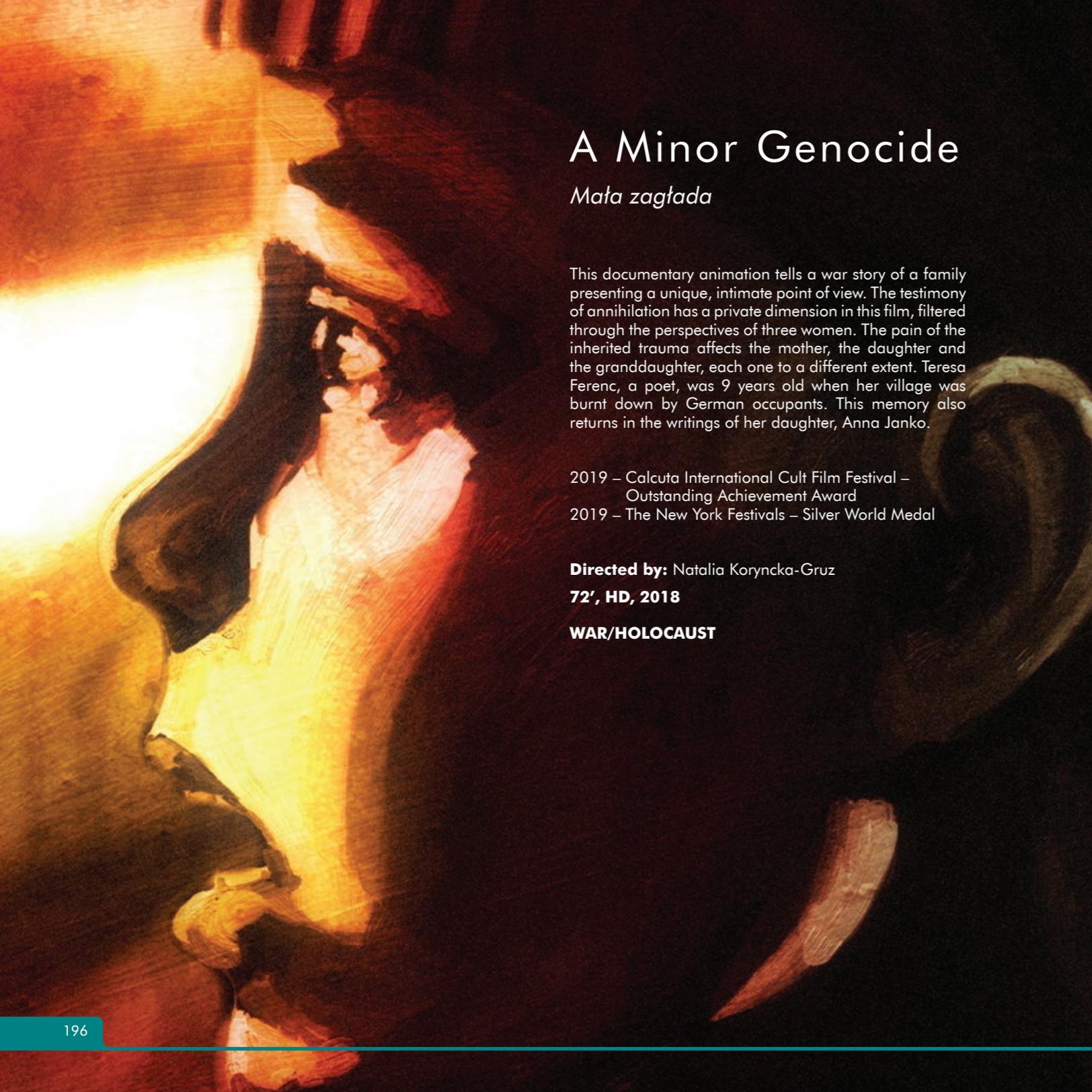
A portrait of three generations of one family painfully afflicted by history. In Diana and Krzysztof Kadłubowski's film, inheriting the Holocaust trauma becomes the cause of mutual misunderstanding and unspoken grudges between three women. The roles of a mother, daughter and a granddaughter have added another dimension in the context of the tragedy of WWII. The oldest of the women is trying to understand the fate of her family, the younger one is avoiding any direct confrontation with the topic of the Holocaust and the youngest one is looking for a Jewish identity in an orthodox community.

2019 – Kraków Film Festival – Maciej Szumowski Award

Directed by: Krzysztof Kadłubowski, Diana Kadłubowska

52', HD, 2019

WAR/HOLOCAUST



A Minor Genocide

Mała zagłada

This documentary animation tells a war story of a family presenting a unique, intimate point of view. The testimony of annihilation has a private dimension in this film, filtered through the perspectives of three women. The pain of the inherited trauma affects the mother, the daughter and the granddaughter, each one to a different extent. Teresa Ferenc, a poet, was 9 years old when her village was burnt down by German occupants. This memory also returns in the writings of her daughter, Anna Janko.

2019 – Calcuta International Cult Film Festival – Outstanding Achievement Award
2019 – The New York Festivals – Silver World Medal

Directed by: Natalia Koryncka-Gruz

72', HD, 2018

WAR/HOLOCAUST



The Touch of an Angel

Dotknięcie anioła

This shocking documentary is a personal story of Henryk Schönker, who is a Jew from the emblematic town of Oświęcim – Auschwitz. In 1939, his father was the chairman of the Jewish community whose task was to organize the Bureau of Emigration of Jews to Palestine at the behest of the German military authorities several months before the idea of the creation of the Auschwitz Camp. This chance for legal immigration to save thousands of people has been completely unknown to the world at large. It poses difficult questions: in the face of one nation's plight, how other nations and individuals should behave. Countries that could have saved Jews were silent, while individuals who did not have those capabilities risked their own lives, facing the most difficult choices for the sake of another person. The film is a creative documentary that combines various types of visuals in an experimental way. It is a kind of journey into the past creating short, silent impressions with imaginative staging and newly styled use of archival material.

Directed by: Marek Tomasz Pawłowski

60', HD, DCP, 2014

WAR/HOLOCAUST

2015 – Polish Film Festival in America – Golden Teeth Award
2016 – Impact Doc Awards – Award of Excellence – Special Mention
2016 – Polish German Journalism Prize – TV Prize
2016 – WorldFest Independent Film Festival, Houston – Gold Remi
2016 – The New York Film Festivals – Gold World Medal
2016 – Roma Cinema DOC – Special Mention
2016 – Vukovar Film Festival – Special Award
2016 – AegeanDocs International Documentary Film Festival, Mitylena – Best Documentary Film
2016 – Polish Film Festival in Los Angeles – Hollywood Eagle Documentary Award

2017 – Metamora Films Festivals, Vancouver – Best Documentary Film Award
2017 – TMC London Film Festival – Best Documentary
2017 – Mediteran Film Festival – Audience Award
2017 – History Film Festival, Rijeka – Grand Prix
2017 – Zlatna International Ethnographic Film Festival – Grand Prix
2017 – Universal Film Festival, Cansas City – Best Documentary
2017 – Angel Awards International Film Festival, Monaco – Angel Peace Award
2018 – Ramsgate International Film & TV Festival – Best Feature Documentary Film, Best Director, Audience Award



Children of Doomsday Time

Dzieci czasu zagłady

It is an account of the 23rd International Children of the Holocaust Convention that took place for the first time in Poland in August 2011. The participants of the convention are people who were children during the war and were born before 1945. For many of them it was their first visit to Poland, they decided to take their whole families with them. During the convention they took part in numerous lectures, panels and workshops. The last point on the agenda was the ceremony of awarding Righteous Among the Nations medals.

Directed by: Małgorzata Imielska

25', SD, 2011

WAR/HOLOCAUST

Courtyard with a View over the Camp

Podwórko z widokiem na obóz

The documentary tells the story of a massacre of 15 thousand Jews in a concentration camp in Poniatowa in November 1943. The story is told from the point of view of children raised in houses standing in the place where the camp used to be. Before war that place used to be a broadcasting parts factory, later on it was turned into a 'stalag' for Red Army soldiers, a concentration camp and in the end an NKWD camp for Polish Underground Army (AK) soldiers. The documentary comprises three time periods – the war, the 50s and finally contemporary times. People involved with that place give their statements concerning the influence living next to the commander of the camp and barb wires had on their lives. Among others Elżbieta Ficowska an eyewitness to the massacre, the woman who survived Holocaust thanks to Irena Sendler.

Directed by: Grażyna Stankiewicz,
Olga Michalec-Chlebik

15', SD, 2011

WAR/HOLOCAUST



Girls from Auschwitz

Dziewczęta z Auschwitz

The movie presents the recollections of women who used to be prisoners in Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and what young contemporary Poles think about those dramatic times. Even though it has been 65 years, for the main characters of the film the memories of the time when they suffered from hunger and above all unbelievable degradation are still painful. The term 'former prisoners' is not entirely right. Despite regaining freedom and the time that passed by, the cruelty of the camps was so great that these women have remained prisoners in some way. It is an accumulated experience that is not so easy to get rid of.

Directed by: Kinga Wołoszyn-Świerk

51', SD, 2010

WAR/HOLOCAUST

Radegast

Radegast

After many years, Lucille Eichengreen, who is a survivor from the Lodz Ghetto, goes there to visit the same, almost unchanged places, streets, and houses. On the walls of the buildings, she can still find inscriptions full of despair and horror experienced by the inhabitants of the small Jewish district established by the Nazis within the town of Lodz at the beginning of WWII. Using modern and old photos, reports of witnesses and authentic speeches of Chaim Rumkowski, the last Ghetto's Judenrat leader, the film presents the trauma of the Jewish families suddenly brought to the overcrowded Lodz Ghetto from France, Hungary and Czech Republic, and the mutual relationships between captives. The director and scriptwriter try to get access into the cruel reality of that time, without daring to judge it.

2010 – New York Film Festivals and TV Award – Finalist Certificate

Directed by: Borys Lankosz

50', SD, 2008

WAR/HOLOCAUST

The Runaway

Uciekinier

The film presents complicated fate of the last living fugitive and organizer of the most famous and courageous escape from the Auschwitz Concentration Camp which took place on June 20th, 1942. Four prisoners wearing SS uniforms fled with weapons by the camp commander's car. This was the most famous, daring and spectacular flight from the camp ever since. It became a legend among prisoners that supported their spirits for a long time. The entire story is told by the one of the runaways himself called Kazimierz Piechowski. Thanks to his fluent German the escape was successfully carried out. The film contains the previously unknown photos and footage presenting a private life of SS-men that tortured and oversaw the prisoners in the camp.

2007 – Sichuan TV Festival – Final Certificate

2007 – Kraków Film Festival – Audience Award

2008 – Moscow International Film Forum – Best Director Award

2008 – The New York Festivals – Bronze World Medal

Directed by: Marek Tomasz Pawtowski

56', SD, 2006

WAR/HOLOCAUST

The Portraitist

Portrecista

A story of a pre-war portrait photographer Wilhem Brasse, who took part in the most tragic events of WWII. Under an SS man surveillance he documented with his camera the story of Auschwitz from its beginnings to evacuation. Wilhelm Brasse Pole 3444, who was a prisoner of the KL Auschwitz was commissioned by the SS to make a secret photographic documentation. The day before the evacuation of the camp, risking his life he salvaged most of the unknown photos documenting the Nazi crimes in Auschwitz. Archive materials from the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oświęcim, Institute of National Memory, Footage Farm Ltd. London collections were incorporated into the film.

2006 – Jewish Motives International Film Festival, Warsaw – Golden Fenix Award, Audience Award

2007 – International Documentary Film festival “Humanity in the World”, Stockholm – Grand Prix

2007 – DeReel International Film Festival – Victoria Award for the Best Documentary

2007 – International Documentary Festival a Man in The World – Grand Prix

Directed by: Ireneusz Dobrowolski

51', SD, 2005

WAR/HOLOCAUST

Runners

Biegacze

The Seven Summit Run lasts uninterruptedly for 52 hours, during which the participants cover 240 kilometres through the mountains. For two days the runners are deprived of sleep or rest, they do not even stop to eat. After a few hours, runners' toenails start peeling and their nipples start bleeding. People are dehydrated and faint. After 24 hours they start hallucinating. The film depicts not only extreme emotions of the runners, their struggle with extreme exhaustion and loneliness, overcoming new crises both physical and mental, but also euphoria after the run. The film also shows protagonists' daily life, their work and family life. It depicts their personal stories concerning the drive behind their unimaginable effort, their shortcomings for which they try to compensate with running and what they discover thanks to ultramarathons. The intense pace of the film will match the physical exhaustion of its protagonists, at the same time describing their extreme emotions.

Directed by: Łukasz Borowski

80', 52', HD, 2017

LIFESTYLE/SPORT

Jurek

Jurek

On October 24, 1989 Jerzy Kukuczka fell to his death while climbing Lhotse. It was the first time he went to the Himalayas with money, proper equipment, and international fame. The mysterious death of the climber is not the focus of Pawel Wysoczanski's film though. Literally and metaphorically Jurek shows a man getting to the top. Kukuczka was a socialist worker, a poor climber with homemade equipment who rose to compete with Reinhold Messner in a rivalry to climb the highest Himalayan peaks. The film contains interviews with family and friends, archival recordings and TV shows, all of which make up for a portrait of Polish climbing community in the 1980s. It also depicts the difficult, yet, stimulating environment in Poland during the golden age of Polish climbing, when idealism was valued more than fame.

2015 – International Mountain and Adventure Film Festival "Hory a Mesto", Bratislava – V4 Award
2015 – Internationales BergFilm Festival, Tegernsee – Special Jury Distinction
2015 – International Mountain Film Festival, Autrans – The Jury of the Mountain Guides Association Award
2015 – Mountain Film Festival, Poprad – Grand Prix
2015 – Bansko Mountain Film Festival – The Award for the Film about Mountains, Adventure and Exploration
2015 – Mendi Film Festival, Bilbao – Best Mountain Film Award
2015 – International Mountain Film Festival, Kathmandu – 2nd Place
2015 – Copenhagen Danish Adventure Film Festival – Special Jury Award
2016 – Domzale International Mountain Film Festival – Town of Domzale Main Award
2016 – International Mountain Film Festival "Ushuaia SHH" – Distinction for a feature film
2016 – Ulju Mountain Film Festival, Ulsan – Grand Prix
2016 – Mountain Film Festival – Silver Edelweiss for the Best Mountain Film, Silver Edelweiss for the Best Script
2016 – Echo Mountain Film Festival, Skopje – Grand Prix
2016 – Kendal Mountain Festival – The Best Movie for Climbing Mountain
2016 – Pakistan International Mountain Film Festival – Best Film Award
2017 – Sheffield Adventure Film Festival – II Award

Directed by: Pawel Wysoczański

80', HD, 2014

PEOPLE/LIFESTYLE



You Won't Understand Me

Nie zrozumiesz mnie

Emilia, Dorota and Franka are three best friends who go everywhere together, chatting, partying, laughing out loud when they gossip about guys. They spend more time with each other than with their men. All three girls train different martial arts. It is about real fighting, without mocking or marking punches, they just fight on different rings. There are three girls with three different stories. Each of them talks about love affairs, about her dreams, good and bad fortunes, complicated family relationships, being disappointed with people, about the inability to adapt to the environment that is different from herself. Is it worth the sacrifice? What is the price they pay for it? What reward awaits them? Or maybe they have already got it?

Directed by: Jan Sosiński

50', HD, 2015

PEOPLE/SPORT





Classic Polish Recipes with a Twist

Okrasa łamie przepisy

Culinary programs of Karol Okrasa are not only a great source of kitchen inspiration for the viewers, but also an academy of culinary art. They stimulate the viewers to create their own culinary world, encourage them to enjoy the real pleasure of eating and cooking. Okrasa, as a talented cook, reveals the secrets of cooking and presents to the viewers the history of Polish cuisine. As a conscious and responsible chef, he looks for traditional recipes and top quality regional products. He upholds the tradition of Polish cuisine by giving it a modern and light character.

Also available *Flavours of Time with Karol Okrasa*. 40 x 30'

Directed by: Tomasz Rostworowski

213 x 25', SD, HD, 2012-2019

COOKING

Makłowicz Travelling

Makłowicz w podróży

The well-known Polish chef Robert Makłowicz visits various parts of the globe tempted by their cuisine. He prepares regional dishes and shares information about the places he visits. This series gives an opportunity to see unique places, cultures and to get extraordinary recipes that will impress your family and friends.

Directed by: Piotr Mikucki

198 x 25', HD, 2008-2016

COOKING/TRAVELLING





I Am a Fighter

Jestem wojownikiem

Being disabled is not the reason to give up on dreams. In many countries there are football clubs for people after amputation. The first amp-football team in Poland was established in 2011. The story shows the struggle with the mind and the body, difficulties, and hard work, which are crowned with success. Main characters are determined to achieve their goals. The sport story is also a background of the story of the individuals. One of them said: my leg will not grow back but I have to find a way to live. I just need to reevaluate my plans.

Directed by: Anna Więckowska

52', HD, 2013

LIFESTYLE/SPORT



When I'm a Bird

Kiedy będę ptakiem

The story of the Karen people who are a persecuted Burmese minority. In order to escape the terror of Burmese military junta, Madzi and Lame move to Thailand. Unfortunately, there they come up against another form of repression. In order to be able to earn their living Madzi decides to work as a tourist attraction and starts wearing Burmese hoops which are a long forgotten decoration in the Karen people tradition. This documentary depicts the lives and traditions of a group of people with their specific beliefs and ceremonies.

2014 – Film Festival on Immigration, Lubljana –
Mention

2014 – Festival Signes de Nuit in Paris – Signs Award

2015 – Yerevan International Film Festival – Golden
Apricot

Directed by: Monika Pawluczuk

28', HD, 2013

TRAVELLING/PEOPLE

Barefoot Around the World

Boso przez świat

This series has been extremely popular among Polish viewers since it shows the most amazing places on Earth from the perspective of their inhabitants. What is more, some of the places have never been visited with camera before. Wojciech Cejrowski sold his refrigerator over twenty years ago in order to buy a plane ticket for his first exotic expedition. Ever since then, he has toured around the world, sharing his fascinating adventures and observations with readers, listeners, and TV viewers. Cejrowski always tries to get closer to people, share their food, sleep like them, hunt, cook, laugh, and worry together with them. He looks for freedom, risk, and valour and a sense of unity with the universe and the nearest and dearest.

2008 – The New York Festivals – Gold World Medal

Directed by: Andrzej Horubata, Wojciech Cejrowski

123 x 25', SD, 2007-2011

TRAVELLING

Secrets of the Nile Valley

Tajemnice doliny Nilu

The history of ancient cultures and the picture of contemporary inhabitants of the Nile Valley which is the area known as the birthplace of civilization. It is a fascinating journey along the Nile from Khartoum to Alexandria. The expedition investigates the imprints left on history by legendary kingdoms and lost civilizations. In three episodes the series presents sensational discoveries made by Polish archaeologists who have been working in Sudan and Egypt for half a century. The series contains exclusive footage, including unique pictures of the prehistoric monuments and buildings of civilizations that lived around the 4th Cataract of Nile which was flooded in 2009 as a result of the building of a dam on the River Nile. The viewers have the opportunity to see sensational discoveries of the historical buildings of Nubia in Sudan, the history of the greatest Christian kingdom of ancient Africa in Makuria, the secrets of Hatshepsut, the oldest university on the world found in Alexandria and many others unique discoveries made in the Nile Valley.

2010 – TAC International Film & Video Festival, Eugene – Honorable Mention

Directed by: Grzegorz Braun

3 x 30', SD, 2008

TRAVELLING/HISTORY

Secrets of the Vatican

Tajemnice Watykanu

The largest production made in the area of the Vatican. The authors entered places previously unavailable for film crews. The former personal photographer of John Paul II called Arturo Mari played the key role in making of this series. In fact, he is the chief consultant and patron of the whole project. His position combined with the extensive knowledge and experience he gained throughout his 50 years of work in the Vatican are priceless to film-makers. The authors cooperated with the most renowned Vatican personalities. Together they show various aspects of the Vatican and papacy, including its history, buildings, libraries, ceremonies and many others.

Directed by: Paweł Pitera, Krzysztof Talczewski

14 x 26', HD, 2006

TRAVELLING/HISTORY



The World According to John Paul II

Świat według Jana Pawła II

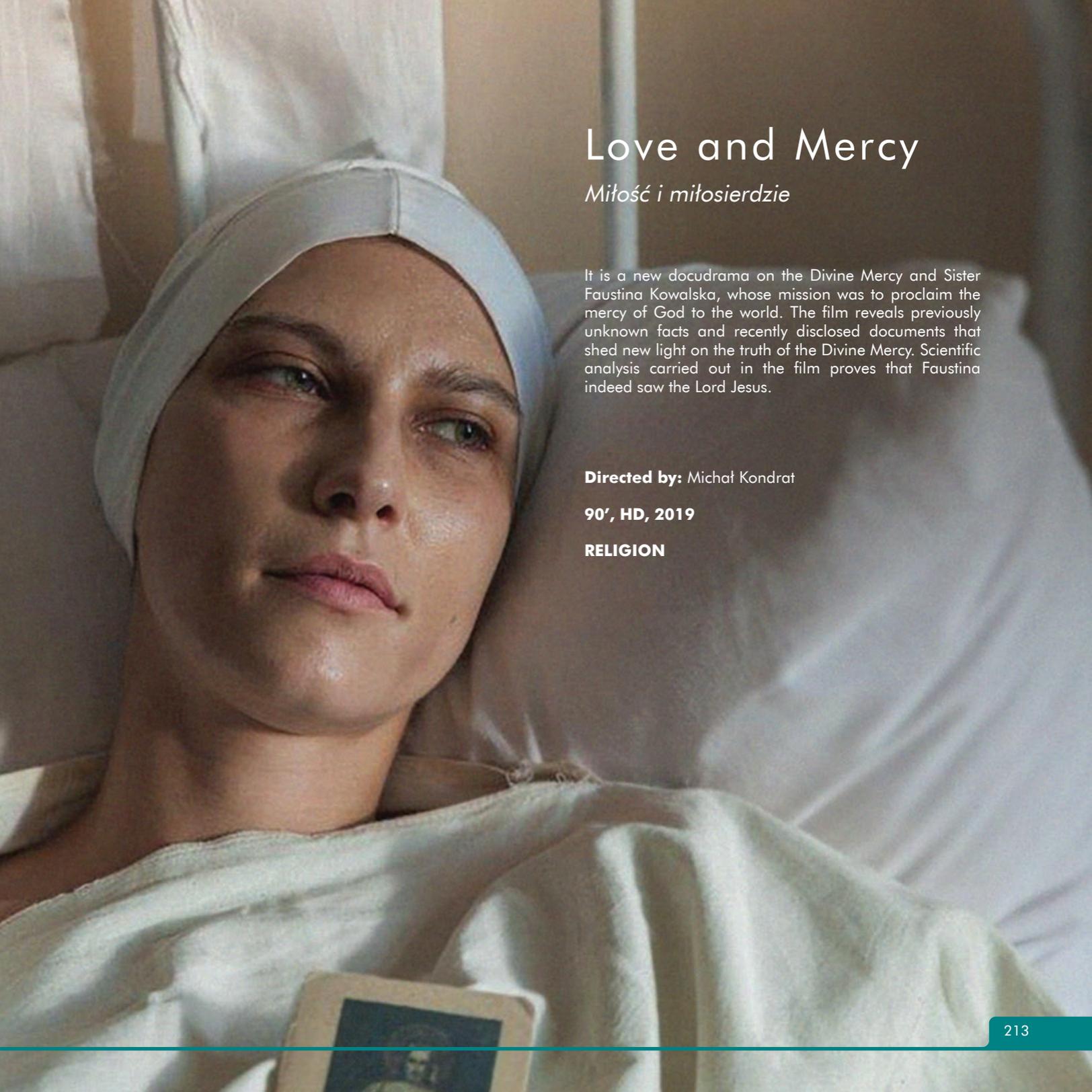
Mexico. India. Ireland. Poland. Different cultures, different societies, the Church and its saint – John Paul II.

The World According to John Paul II is a story about the energy that the Pope brought to the communities he visited. How have they changed since his pilgrimages? Is there anything left of the enthusiasm generated by the meetings and if so, what? Our documentary presents stories of people who participated in the meetings with the Holy Father. Their testimonies, enriched with unique archives, make up an interesting, complex and emotional story, interesting for viewers around the world.

Directed by: Piotr Kornobis

52', HD, 2020

RELIGION



Love and Mercy

Miłość i miłosierdzie

It is a new docudrama on the Divine Mercy and Sister Faustina Kowalska, whose mission was to proclaim the mercy of God to the world. The film reveals previously unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the truth of the Divine Mercy. Scientific analysis carried out in the film proves that Faustina indeed saw the Lord Jesus.

Directed by: Michał Kondrat

90', HD, 2019

RELIGION

Two Crowns

Dwie korony

The first docudrama depicting the life of Father Maximilian Kolbe, a great teacher, inventor and a modest monk, who as a prisoner in Auschwitz volunteered to starve to death in order to save the life of a fellow prisoner. The man of many merits was also the founder of the largest Catholic monastery for men in Poland and a father of a similar monastery in Japan. Kolbe was also the editor and issuer of *Knights of the Immaculata*, a monthly Catholic magazine read every month by a million of readers.

Directed by: Michał Kondrat

80', HD, 2017

PEOPLE/RELIGION

The Ruckus of Mercy

Raban Miłosierdzia

Pope Francis urges young people to make the ruckus during the World Youth Day in Kraków.

The words of the Pope, to make the ruckus, trigger young Christians from Poland, Palestine, Algeria, Germany, Korea, South Africa, Taiwan and Mongolia to think about the meaning of this shocking encouragement. This strong statement encourages reflection and arouse enthusiasm among young people, who dance, make noise, evangelize, contemplate the Way of the Cross and take part in outdoor performances. They all participate in an all-night adoration under the open sky.

Directed by: Krzysztof Żurowski

50', HD, 2016

RELIGION

Without Fear

Bez lęku

A documentary film about the life and activities of Pope Benedict XVI. The film tells the story of his pontificate and how he changed the world. Pope's closest associates, including Cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller – Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone – former Secretary of State of the Holy See, Archbishop Konrad Krajewski – one of Benedict's ceremonial, and Georg Gänswein – personal secretary of the Pope, explain many papal decisions, including the one of abdication. *Without Fear* is undoubtedly a compelling film about the 265th Pope in the history of the world. It allows us to better understand the decisions and teachings of Benedict XVI during his pontificate, which lasted from 2005 to 2013.

Directed by: Elżbieta Ruman

40', HD, 2016

PEOPLE/RELIGION



Deadly Life

Śmiertelne życie

A documentary film about priest Jan Kaczkowski, the founder of St Padre Pio Hospice in Puck. The film shows the clash of two opposing worlds, the real and the created one. The real world is the world of the priest Jan, his hard work in the hospice he founded, where he can see the diseases and death every single day. He himself is seriously ill, he suffers from glioma. Priest Kaczkowski never gives up. He lives his life, as he says, to the fullest. For him, nothing is impossible. He fully devotes himself to other people. He is a symbol of the fight against the disease, taming death and the struggle for human dignity. He preaches how to cope with diseases. Always sincere, open and helpful. His life is a great testimony of faith. At the crossroads of two worlds, the real and the created one, priest Kaczkowski talks about life and death with a young actor, a representative of the young generation, Antoni Pawlicki. Priest Jan is humanly curious how it is like on the other side of life. He already knows. Priest Jan Kaczkowski dies on Easter Monday, March 28, 2016.

Directed by: Tadeusz Pawlicki

52', HD, 2016

PEOPLE/RELIGION



A Life Is Never Wasted

Życia nie można zmarnować

The documentary tells the story of two Polish missionaries murdered in Peru in 1991. The two Conventual Franciscans called Michał Tomaszek and Zbigniew Strzałkowski were in their early thirties when they were murdered. The authors of the film managed to show the intricacies of the missionary life, its ups and downs as well as the difficulties and dangers that missionaries had to face every day. The documentary was shot in Poland and in the Peruvian Andes. The story features sister Berta Hernandez who is the last remaining witness to the kidnapping of the two Franciscans, bishop Luis Bambaren who is a retired bishop who had invited the two men to work in Peru, Zbigniew Strzałkowski's mother who did not want to talk about those dramatic events for many years as well as the inhabitants of Pariacoto village, which is the place where the two Franciscans used to work.

2016 – International Catholic Film Festival *Mirabile dictum* – The Silver Fish

Directed by: Krzysztof Tadej

54', HD, 2015

PEOPLE/RELIGION



Apartment

Apartament

John Paul II was a messenger of God. He was full of empathy, humility, and forgiveness. The Pope even forgave Ali Ağca, the man who had tried to assassinate him. As a role model, he had a great impact on lives of many people. The documentary shows John Paul II from the perspective of his closest friends and co-workers. It also gives the viewers a chance to learn about his unpublished works, private notes from his journeys and meetings. Cardinal Dziwisz, the Pope's bodyguard Egildo Biocca, personal photographer Arturo Mari and others talk about John Paul II.

Directed by: Maciej Czapkowski

70', HD, 2015

PEOPLE/RELIGION

We Have a Father in Him

Mamy w nim ojca

Father Jan Góra was a Dominican, doctor of theology, academic chaplain in Poznań, preacher, writer, creator, and animator in pastoral centres in Jamna, Hermanice and at Lednica lake. The organizer of the annual meetings of young people next to the Fish Gate (Gate of the Third Millennium) at Lednica lake, the founder of the House of John Paul II, spiritual father and friend of many young people died suddenly. Father Góra collapsed while he was celebrating Mass. The resuscitation was unsuccessful. The funeral, which took place on 30 December 2015, gathered crowds of his friends and followers from all over Poland. The Dominican was faithful to the teaching of the Holy Father – John Paul II and he based his entire pastoral program on his pontificate. Father Góra was buried at Pola Lednickie, right next to a 27-ton boulder that symbolizes the 27 years of John Paul II pontificate. The film contains memories and interviews with his friends and closest associates, carried out after Dominican's death.

Directed by: Małgorzata Castro, Grzegorz Sadurski

30', SD, 2015

PEOPLE/RELIGION



A Miracle in Costa Rica

Cud na Kostaryce

According to doctors, the medical condition of Floribeth Mora Diaz was hopeless. Her recovery from a brain aneurysm was recognized by Pope Francis as the miracle that allowed the canonization process of John Paul II to be completed and to declare him a saint. Due to the location and the rarely occurring type of an aneurysm, it could have not been operated. Floribeth prayed to John Paul II to intercede for her with God. Her children and husband also prayed for her miraculous recovery. A few weeks after her stroke, on 1st May, 2011, Floribeth was watching a TV transmission of the beatification of John Paul II from the Vatican. An inner voice told her to get out of bed. She was cured. Doctors say that she was cured in a way that science cannot explain.

Directed by: Elżbieta Ruman

38', SD, 2014

PEOPLE/RELIGION



Pope's Tango

Tango papieża

Tango runs in my veins. It's much more than dance, it's something that comes from my inner self says Pope Francis. This documentary shows Francis as a person who has not changed much, even though he became a pope. He still drinks mate, listens to the radio, reads *La Nación* and dances tango. This documentary consists of interviews with people who have known Pope Francis for years, excerpts from his biography and footage from the places he lived in and visited. It is an opportunity to visit the poorest part of Buenos Aires which Cardinal Bergoglio used to visit in order to help people who live there. A gangster called Gringo says that thanks to Bergoglio he discovered the joy of helping others.

Directed by: Krzysztof Żurowski

52', SD, 2014

PEOPLE/RELIGION

Brother, Friend, Pope

Brat, przyjaciel, papież

What kind of a person is Benedict XVI? What does he like? What is he interested in? What kind of friends does he have? In the movie we get to know his friends, cousins and learn about his military service. Pope's brother Georg Ratzinger tells about the best childhood years spent in the family house in Traunstein and his friends confirm that he has remained the same person despite his astonishing career.

Directed by: Elżbieta Ruman

41', SD, 2011

PEOPLE/RELIGION

Jerzy Popiełuszko – Messenger of the Truth

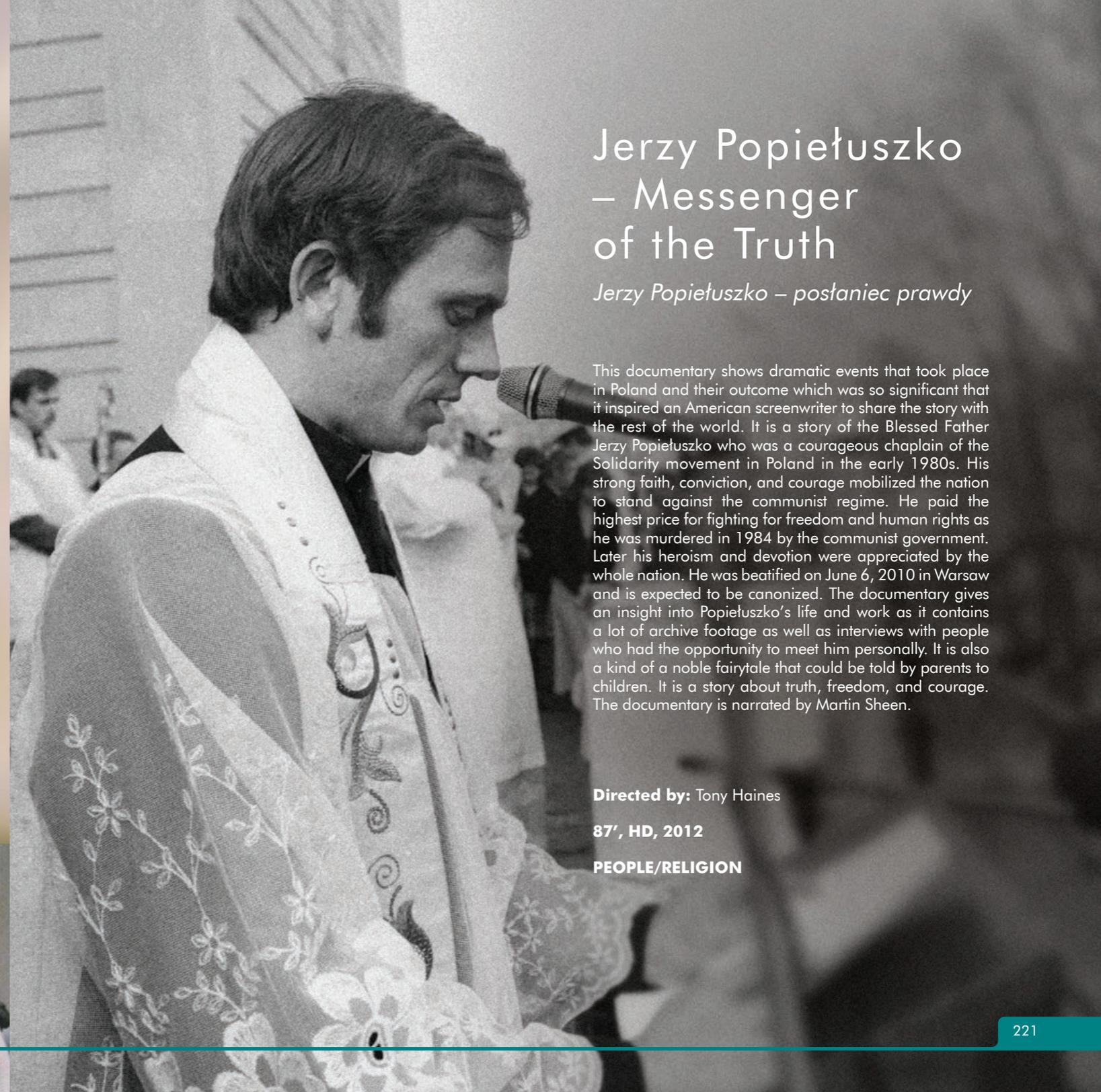
Jerzy Popiełuszko – postaniec prawdy

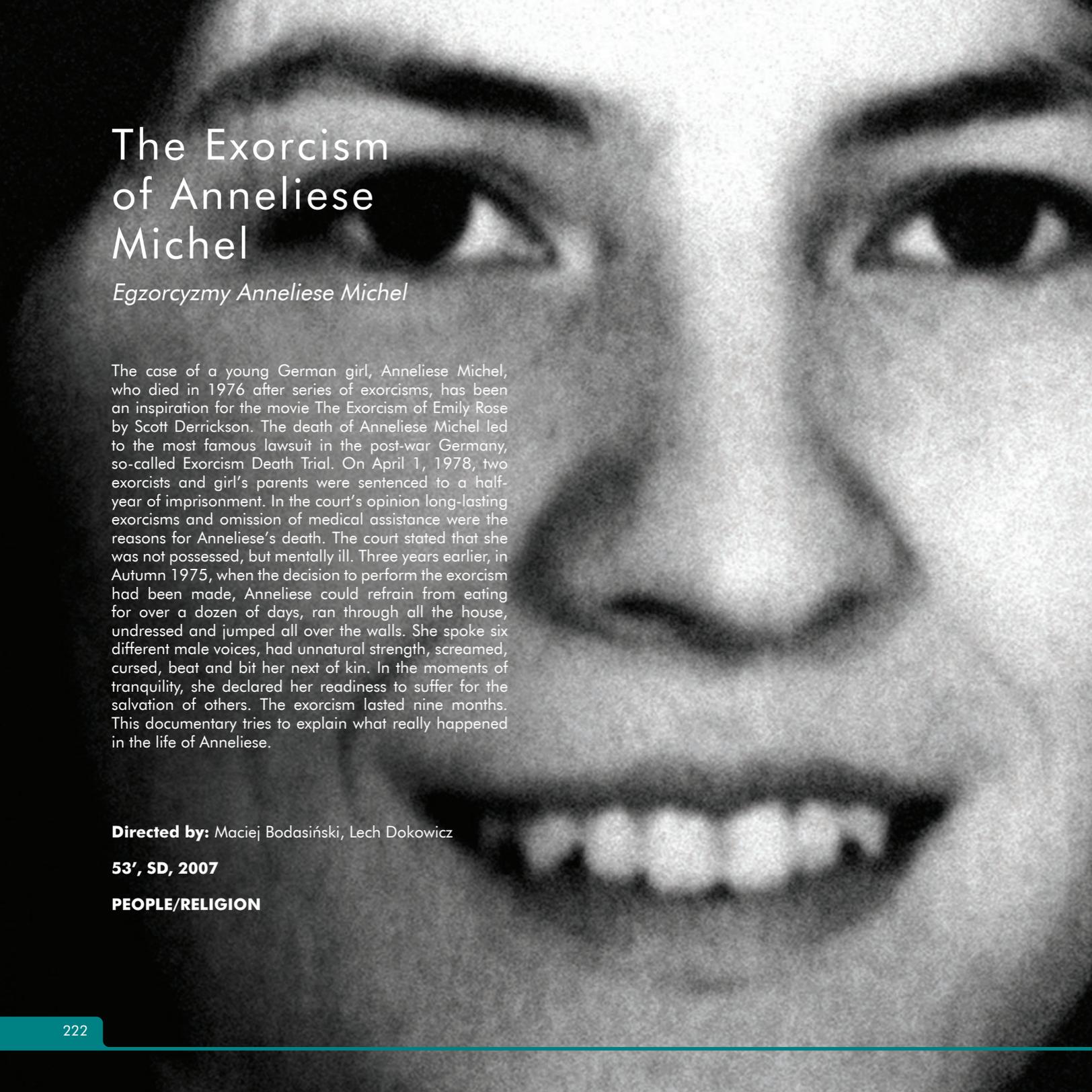
This documentary shows dramatic events that took place in Poland and their outcome which was so significant that it inspired an American screenwriter to share the story with the rest of the world. It is a story of the Blessed Father Jerzy Popiełuszko who was a courageous chaplain of the Solidarity movement in Poland in the early 1980s. His strong faith, conviction, and courage mobilized the nation to stand against the communist regime. He paid the highest price for fighting for freedom and human rights as he was murdered in 1984 by the communist government. Later his heroism and devotion were appreciated by the whole nation. He was beatified on June 6, 2010 in Warsaw and is expected to be canonized. The documentary gives an insight into Popiełuszko's life and work as it contains a lot of archive footage as well as interviews with people who had the opportunity to meet him personally. It is also a kind of a noble fairytale that could be told by parents to children. It is a story about truth, freedom, and courage. The documentary is narrated by Martin Sheen.

Directed by: Tony Haines

87', HD, 2012

PEOPLE/RELIGION





The Exorcism of Anneliese Michel

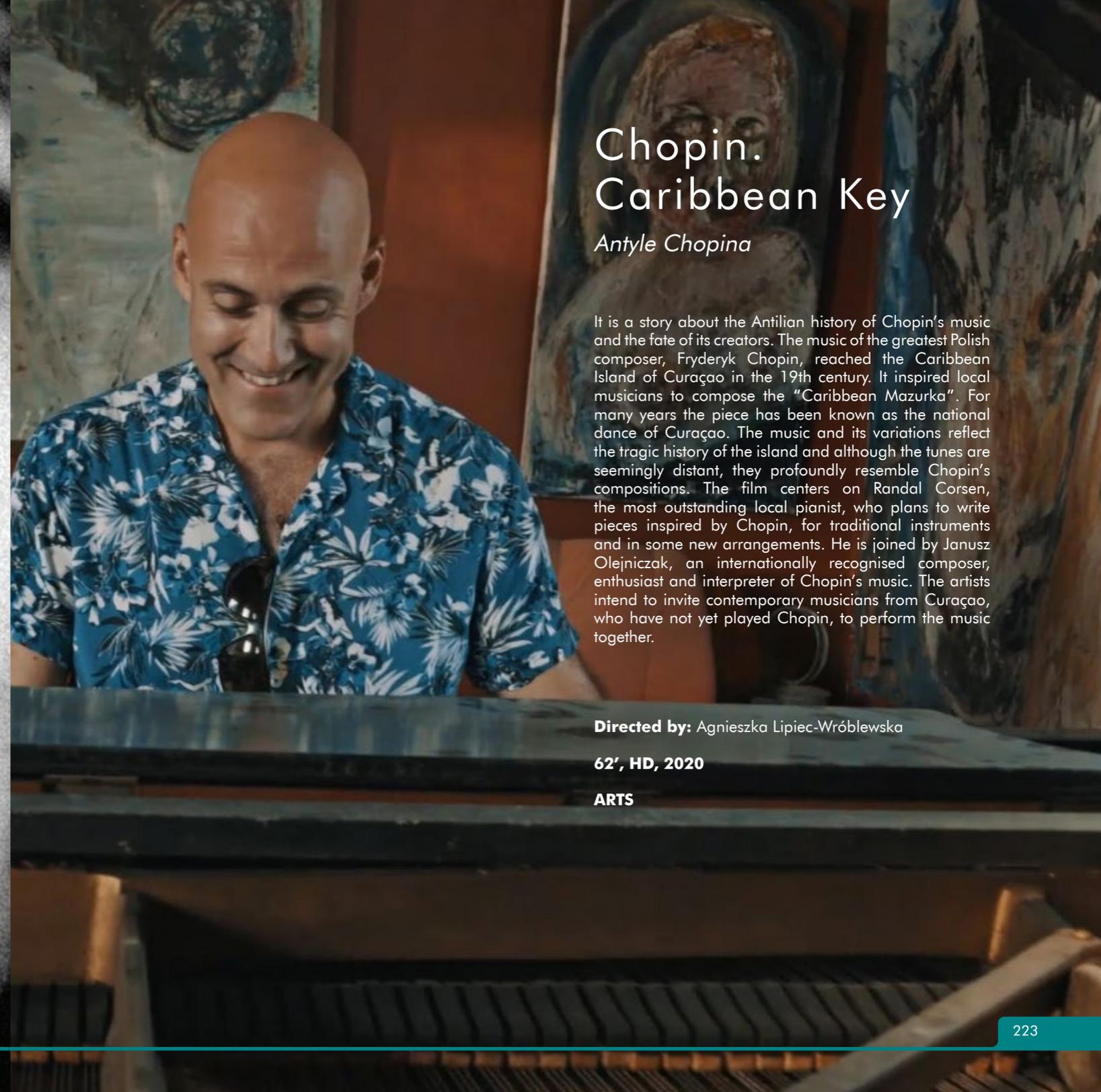
Egzorcyzmy Anneliese Michel

The case of a young German girl, Anneliese Michel, who died in 1976 after series of exorcisms, has been an inspiration for the movie *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* by Scott Derrickson. The death of Anneliese Michel led to the most famous lawsuit in the post-war Germany, so-called Exorcism Death Trial. On April 1, 1978, two exorcists and girl's parents were sentenced to a half-year of imprisonment. In the court's opinion long-lasting exorcisms and omission of medical assistance were the reasons for Anneliese's death. The court stated that she was not possessed, but mentally ill. Three years earlier, in Autumn 1975, when the decision to perform the exorcism had been made, Anneliese could refrain from eating for over a dozen of days, ran through all the house, undressed and jumped all over the walls. She spoke six different male voices, had unnatural strength, screamed, cursed, beat and bit her next of kin. In the moments of tranquility, she declared her readiness to suffer for the salvation of others. The exorcism lasted nine months. This documentary tries to explain what really happened in the life of Anneliese.

Directed by: Maciej Bodasiński, Lech Dokowicz

53', SD, 2007

PEOPLE/RELIGION



Chopin. Caribbean Key

Antyle Chopina

It is a story about the Antilian history of Chopin's music and the fate of its creators. The music of the greatest Polish composer, Fryderyk Chopin, reached the Caribbean Island of Curaçao in the 19th century. It inspired local musicians to compose the "Caribbean Mazurka". For many years the piece has been known as the national dance of Curaçao. The music and its variations reflect the tragic history of the island and although the tunes are seemingly distant, they profoundly resemble Chopin's compositions. The film centers on Randal Corsen, the most outstanding local pianist, who plans to write pieces inspired by Chopin, for traditional instruments and in some new arrangements. He is joined by Janusz Olejniczak, an internationally recognised composer, enthusiast and interpreter of Chopin's music. The artists intend to invite contemporary musicians from Curaçao, who have not yet played Chopin, to perform the music together.

Directed by: Agnieszka Lipiec-Wróblewska

62', HD, 2020

ARTS

Scandal

Skandal. Ewenement Molesty

In the mid-1990s, a group of friends fascinated by MTV and American rap formed a band *Mistic Molesta*, as an expression of its rebellion against the grim reality of living in Ursynów, one of Warsaw districts. The band did not know then that its music would change the Polish hip-hop scene and it would become the voice of its generation. The plan was simple: write lyrics, make beats, and have fun. The band soon released its first album titled *Scandal*. Its hooligan rap hit the store shelves and immediately became a hit. Everyone listened to *Molesta* and its lyrics became a code of moral values for young people. The talented band members grew up and went their separate ways. How are they doing on the music market and in life now? What is left of their old ideals? This film brings the viewers back to times when everything was simple and friends were like family.

Directed by: Bartosz Paduch

69', HD, 2020

ARTS



Block

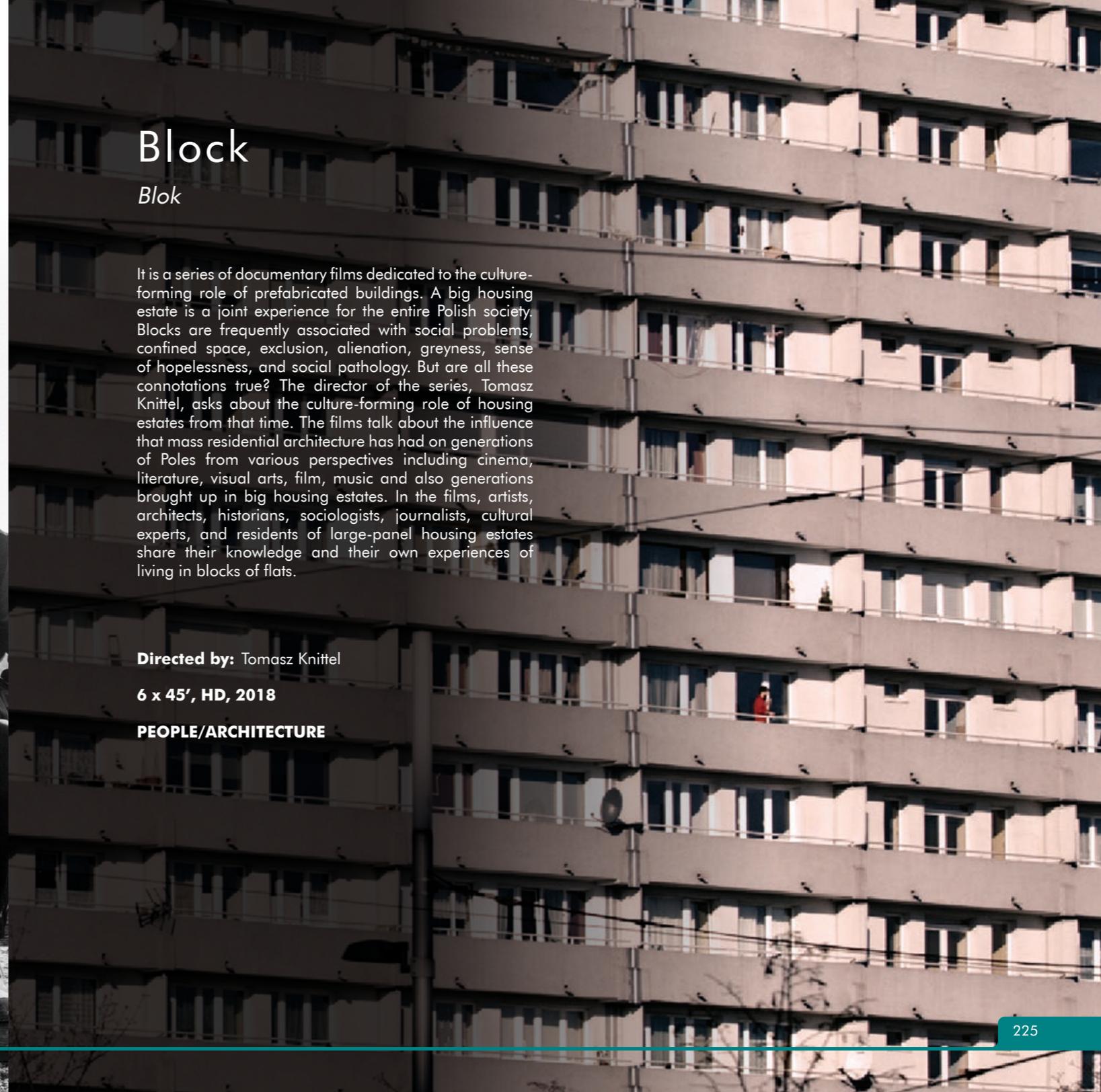
Blok

It is a series of documentary films dedicated to the culture-forming role of prefabricated buildings. A big housing estate is a joint experience for the entire Polish society. Blocks are frequently associated with social problems, confined space, exclusion, alienation, greyness, sense of hopelessness, and social pathology. But are all these connotations true? The director of the series, Tomasz Knittel, asks about the culture-forming role of housing estates from that time. The films talk about the influence that mass residential architecture has had on generations of Poles from various perspectives including cinema, literature, visual arts, film, music and also generations brought up in big housing estates. In the films, artists, architects, historians, sociologists, journalists, cultural experts, and residents of large-panel housing estates share their knowledge and their own experiences of living in blocks of flats.

Directed by: Tomasz Knittel

6 x 45', HD, 2018

PEOPLE/ARCHITECTURE



Legends of Polish Cinema

Gwiazdy przedwojennego kina

In this documentary, experts walk the audience through the development stages of the movie industry in pre-war Poland. They focus on great personalities, both the actors and directors. The film is an attempt to show how the stars were perceived back then, what was their social status and how did their personal lives look like. Two stars of the era achieved international fame, Pola Negri who made a career in Hollywood and the singer Jan Kiepura. Most stars of the time had one thing in common: their promising careers were cut short by the outbreak of WWII. Which of them became heroes? Who survived and continued to star in movies? The authors of the film also try to give a comprehensive overview of the pre-war cinema in Poland and consider the popular statement that the acting skills of these stars outran the production value of the movies themselves. They also look for the timeless values in the pre-war movies.

Directed by: Jacek Papis

55', HD, 2020

ARTS



Our Hollywood

Nasze Hollywood

By the end of the 19th century, Poland did not exist on the maps, partitioned by three neighbouring empires. Despite this, a surprisingly large number of the pioneers of the Cinema industry and Hollywood's founders came from this part of the world, many of them with Jewish origins. Samuel Goldwyn, co-founder of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer was born in Warsaw as Szmul Gelbfisz. The Warner Bros was founded by the Wonsal brothers from Maków Mazowiecki (north of Warsaw). The Academy Award record holder with 6 wins, the director Billy Wilder was born near Krakow as Samuel Wilder. Richard Boleslawski, director of movies starring Marlena Dietrich, Greta Garbo or Clark Gable, also came from Poland. They created during the early days of cinema. This documentary presents the pioneers and the stars of the silent film in Poland with an abundance of classic archive footage.

Directed by: Jacek Papis

52', HD, 2020

ARTS

**Pola Negri znów w
rezygnacji**

A Polish Thing

Rzecz polska

It is a series dedicated to the most outstanding examples of the Polish design. Each episode of this series presents a usable object characteristic for a given decade, it reconstructs the history of its creation, shows its functions in space and presents its creators and designers. In the first episodes, viewers may learn more about building blocks for children by Zofia Stryjeńska, a sugar-bowl designed by Julia Keilowa, a collection of furniture from the President's Castle in Wisła, and the Osa scooter.

Directed by: Tomasz Filiks and Anna Zakrzewska

10 x 12', HD, 2018

ARTS



The Beksinskis. A Sound and Picture Album

Beksińscy. Album wideofoniczny

It is a story of the eminent Polish painter, Zdzisław Beksinski and his complicated relations with his son Tomasz. Beksinski's parenthood was not easy, since his son, a popular music journalist, suffered from depression and ventured several suicide attempts. It is a shocking documentary drama that has been precisely reconstructed on the basis of never published materials. Numerous audio recordings, videos and photos taken from the archives of Beksinski family have been incorporated into the film. The scenario is based on the bestselling biography of Magdalena Grzebawłkowska entitled *The Beksinskis. Double Portrait* published in 2014.

2017 – Kraków Film Festival – Honorable Mention
2017 – Sopot Film Festival – Audience Award
2018 – New York Festivals – Silver World Medal
2018 – Polish Film Festival in America, Chicago –
Special Award of the Chairperson of the
Organizing Committee of the Festival

Directed by: Marcin Borchardt

80', HD, 2017

PEOPLE/ARTS



Młynarski. The Final Song

Młynarski. Piosenka finałowa

The last very personal and honest interview with Wojciech Młynarski, a great Polish poet, song writer, translator and director. In the film, previously unknown archives, photographs and music videos reminding the most beautiful songs of the artist, have been incorporated. The documentary is complemented by over 30 statements of his close friends, including Janusz Gajos, Janusz Głowacki, Jerzy Derfel, Janusz Senta, Włodzimierz Korcz, Ewa Bem, Janusz Stokłosa, Irena Santor, Michał Bajor, Magda Zawadzka, Krystyna Janda as well as the family and also numerous other outstanding composers, actors and singers. These extremely honest stories about Wojciech build a portrait of an unusual artist, but also a man struggling with human weaknesses.

2017 – Polish Film Festival in America – Special Jury Award

Directed by: Alicja Albrecht

90', HD, 2017

CULTURE/MUSIC

Kantor's Circle

Krąg Kantora

It is a documentary presenting outstanding Polish artists of the 20th century and their youth, maturing and the creative path. The documentary is an attempt to show the process of artistic creation of people like Tadeusz Kantor, Jerzy Nowosielski or Wojciech Jerzy Has. The production allows viewers to confront their own reflections on the arts with those of the last generation to create during the occupation. It is hard to imagine that they were able to paint or act on stage knowing that at the same time innocent people were being arrested, tortured and taken to concentration camps. Young artists working with Kantor would risk their lives by doing so; nevertheless, they were passionate about contemporary arts including cubism, surrealism or abstracts, which were forbidden by the Germans. The production contains archival footage of Polish Public Television, French INA – L'Institut National de L'Audiovisuel, Polish National Film Archive, Polish Radio and other sources.

2016 – FIFA Montreal – Best Education Film
2016 – Prix Italia – Nomination

Directed by: Adrianna Książek, Iwo Książek

57', HD, 2015

PEOPLE/HISTORY/ART

Agony

Agonia

The filmmakers take the viewers into the world of traditional music. It is an attempt to analyze its current state. The predominant theme is its agony, the death of music passed on via oral history, the dawn of the old ways of performing and listening to it. The last representatives of the genre, born before the WWI and WWII are passing away.

Directed by: Tomasz Kinttel

52', HD, 2020

MUSIC



The American Tour

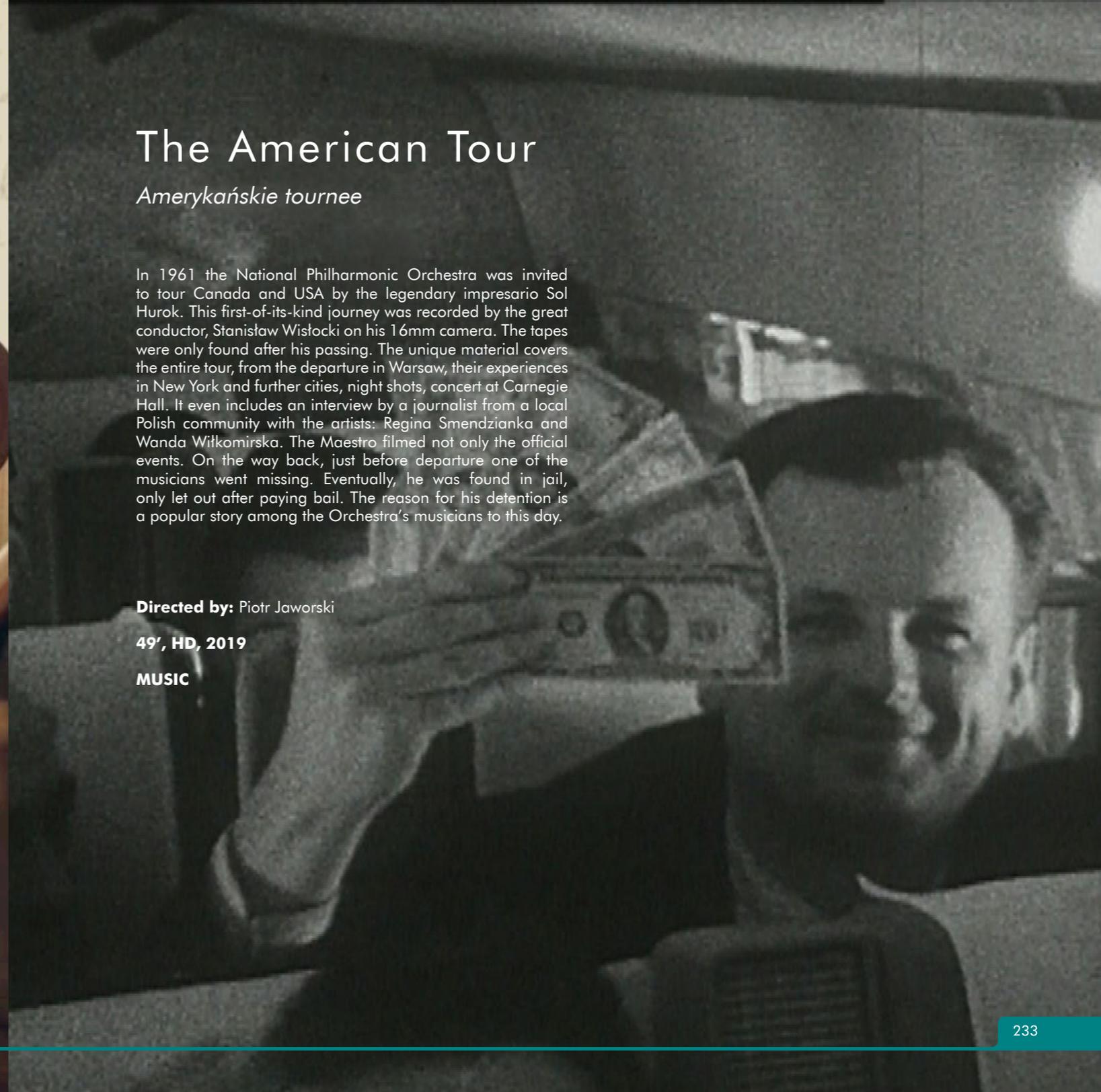
Amerykańskie tournée

In 1961 the National Philharmonic Orchestra was invited to tour Canada and USA by the legendary impresario Sol Hurok. This first-of-its-kind journey was recorded by the great conductor, Stanisław Wisłocki on his 16mm camera. The tapes were only found after his passing. The unique material covers the entire tour, from the departure in Warsaw, their experiences in New York and further cities, night shots, concert at Carnegie Hall. It even includes an interview by a journalist from a local Polish community with the artists: Regina Smendzianka and Wanda Witkomirska. The Maestro filmed not only the official events. On the way back, just before departure one of the musicians went missing. Eventually, he was found in jail, only let out after paying bail. The reason for his detention is a popular story among the Orchestra's musicians to this day.

Directed by: Piotr Jaworski

49', HD, 2019

MUSIC



Love

Miłość

Tymon Tymański, Mikołaj Trzaska, Leszek Możdżer, and Maciej Sikala are jazz musicians of the cult Polish jazz group of the 90s called Love. The band was one of the most important jazz formations in Poland in the 90s. It is because it was associated with incredible musical achievements, punk sensitivity and witty, clever and subtle non-conformism. Ten years after the group disintegration, the Love musicians meet to play together again. Even though they remember about the past, they try to create new music and open a new chapter in the history of Love. What is more, TVP has also produced an interesting documentary on Jacek Olter, one of the early members of Love group.

Directed by: Filip Dzierżawski

91', HD, 2012

MUSIC

- 2013 – Kraków Film Festival – Grand Prix – Golden Hobby-Horse at Polish Competition
- 2013 – Kraków Film Festival – Audience Award, Best Producer Award
- 2013 – Polish Film Festival in America – Discovering Eye Award for the most promising young documentary film director
- 2014 – Polish Film Awards – Best Documentary Film Nomination

Impressions

Impresje

It is an animated series created using classical and combined animation inspired by various artists e.g. Joan Miro, Pablo Picasso, Hans Memling, Marc Chagall and others. The music in the background is of equal status with the animations creating complete pieces of art.

Episodes:

- Pablo Picasso – directed by Artur Wrotniewski, 5,30'
- Hans Memling, *Judgement Day* – directed by Kazimierz Urbański, 10'
- In the Lascaux cave – directed by Artur Wroniewski, 5,30'
- Marc Chagall – directed by Aniela Lubieniecka, 7,30'
- Paul Cezanne – directed by Tomasz Tobolski, 3'
- Variations on Vitkacy – directed by Monika Martini-Madej, 6'
- Magritte – directed by Hieronim Neumann, 10,30'
- Piet Mondarian – directed by Jacek Kasprzycki, 10'
- Gustav Klimt – directed by Piotr Muszalski, 7'
- Vincent van Gogh – directed by Anna Dudek, 4,50'
- Pieter Bruegel, *Icarus fall* – directed by Jacek Kasprzycki, 4,30'
- Joan Miro – directed by Paweł Walicki, 4,30'

3'-10', SD, 1993-1997

MUSIC/ARTS

Classical Music Videoclips

Wideoklipy muzyki klasycznej

These are absolutely unique, brilliant and eye-catching clips based on classical music of Vivaldi, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Bizet, Debussy and many other famous composers. The videos are made with the use of different techniques: classical animation, puppets, paper cut-outs, combined friable material, etc. The directors' ability to think in musical terms makes the visual side of the video clips, a smooth dramaturgical and compositional whole, like a musical piece.

53 x 2'-6', HD remastered, 35 mm, 1989-1998

MUSIC/ARTS

Classical Music Scene

Scena klasyczna

A series of programmes presenting the most renowned young classical musicians, laureates of prestigious domestic and foreign competitions. The young musicians perform classic forms, including cantos, preludes, chorales in their own way. The concerts take place in a modern TV studio with a unique artistic setting.

16 x 32'-44', HD, 2018

MUSIC



Heartbeat of the Primeval Forest

Tętno pierwotnej puszczy

In the centre of the Old Continent, on the Poland's eastern border and the western limits of Belarus, beats the heart of Europe's last lowland Primeval Forest, as it has for thousands of years. Deep within this shadowy green world, the same trails are still followed by the emperors of the Forest – the European bison. The Białowieża Primeval Forest is the only reminder of the primeval forests that once densely covered the European lowlands.

Directed by: Bożena Walencik, Jan Walencik

5 x 30', FULLY RESTORED, HD, 1993-1995

NATURE



The Saga of the Ancient Forest

Saga prastarej puszczy

As the authors combined traits of documentary and feature movies, this documentary series shows the nature of Central and Eastern Europe in a new and a totally innovative way. The directors show stories of ten extraordinary characters through a three-act structure of drama by combining their wild nature with the language of the silver screen. As a result, the viewers meet an orphaned wolf, an owl who feeds its family, a hard-working bug and many others. The plots are enriched with various information on each species. The documentary is extraordinary also thanks to the place where the plot is set. It is the Białowieża Forest, the last remaining of the lowland, primeval forests that covered nearly the entire Europe.

2011 – Shanghai TV Festival – Silver Magnolia Award

Directed by: Bożena Walencik, Jan Walencik

10 x 52', FULLY RESTORED, HD, 2007-2008

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Postcards from the Republic of Absurd

Pocztówki z republiki absurdu

This unusual movie shows a story that could have happened. It depicts celebration of the 70th anniversary of People's Republic of Poland. At that time socialism flourishes, shop queues are always present and kids practise wearing gas masks. People's Republic of Poland is visited by Anna Sundgren who is a young Swedish documentary maker that wants to show the life of her peers in the place where the Round Table failed and communism prevailed. While shooting the grey reality with a hidden camera, she notices that even though the older citizens got used to it, the members of the young generation still believe that they can change their country.

Directed by: Jan Holoubek

46', HD, 2014

HISTORY



The Cabaret of Death

Kabaret śmierci

It is a story of Jewish artists who struggle with the WWII reality by the only means available to them which are music, theater and film. They defend themselves from the Nazi repression by performing at cabaret shows organized in concentration camps and ghettos. In fact, they fought not only for life but also for their dignity. The movie includes recreations of the performances and shows the unique kind of humour and mockery, clear for the prisoners and incomprehensible for the guards and authorities.

2015 – The New York Festivals – Gold World Medal

2015 – Prix Italia for TV Performing Arts

Directed by: Andrzej Celiński

95', HD, 2015

HISTORY/HOLOCAUST

Wartime Portraits

Portrety wojenne

It is a documentary series presenting heroic stories of the participants of WWII. The series is unique as it is a mix of comic book shots with archive footage as well as modern re-enactments of history and expert interviews. It combines all the elements that attract viewers along with modern music in the background. We have a chance to observe full of emotions and dramatic lives of the heroes of WWII from their own perspective. The main characters show courage, fortitude, power of the will and sometimes even daring behaviour. Successfully the series revives the memory of these amazing people building a legend that will inspire young generations.

Directed by: Rafał Skalski, Cezary Iber, Tomasz Matuszczak

HISTORY

5 x 25', HD, 2014

School of Life

Szkoła życia

It is a fictionalized series that focuses on problems of contemporary schools that affect students, parents and teachers. The situation of Polish schools becomes a hot issue on and off with press stories giving an insight into the unknown school reality which sometimes shocks the public. Each episode tells a complete story of problems encountered by a student, teacher or parent, identifying the root causes of the problems and suggesting possible ways out of the crisis. Each episode is set in a different Polish city or town to create the feeling of closeness with its viewers. For greater credibility of the story, the cast includes nonprofessional actors. In the final minutes of each episode a psychologist rounds up the events, points out mistakes of each party to the conflict and suggests some more appropriate responses. *School of Life* attractively combines the formula of a fictionalized series with pro-social activities which include building risk awareness, social education, instruction on how to deal with crisis situations, and reinforcing people's trust in public institutions. Also available as a format.

Directed by: Michał Janów, Agnieszka Makowska and Paweł Ferdek

48 x 39', HD, 2013

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Agatha

Agatka

This smart and uplifting series shows the adventures of a young girl Agatha and her hamster Cyril. They set out on journeys to the world of imagination. The stories concern people and objects around the girl, but they are far from ordinary. Agatha visits the world of *Paper people* to help them get rid of pests, another time she goes to the world of soap with a soap bubble competition. All episodes are entertaining and they teach children something about the world they live in. When Agatha finds herself in a land of cake and candy she is faced with the consequences of eating too many sweets and then she ends up with an aching stomach and a visit to the dentist ahead.

Directed by: Robert Turło, Paweł Czarzasty, Andrzej Kukuła

26 x 10', HD, DIALOGUE, 2017-2019



Jim and Screw

Kuba i Śruba

Although he does not always make the right choices, Mateusz, whose nickname is Screw, is the natural team leader of the duo. Because he is hyperactive, he treasures fantasy over rational thinking. The boy is a daredevil and an adventurer, who is always prone to pranks. Also, he gets into trouble a lot. His younger brother Jim is an intellectual. Due to his foresight he has to wear glasses. He is serious and rather on the mature side; yet, he can also be cheerful and witty. In other words he is prudent and alert but only to a point. Jim is impressed by his older brother, so he tries to become a match for him, or even outdo him. Each of the episodes shows a different adventure of the two main characters. In the subsequent episodes the world of fairytales mixes with the reality and elements of different fairy tales.

Directed by: Bronisław Zeman, Andrzej Orzechowski (Copernicus' Star)

13 x 13', HD, DIALOGUE, 2016



Polish Fairy Tales

Baśnie i bajki polskie

It is a collection of cartoons for children aged 4 to 7. The series of the Polish traditional, best-known fairy tales that unite generations. From grandparents to the youngsters, everyone will find something to entertain, amuse and educate. It is a colourful and violence-free animation full of action and humour. The 1st season won many awards at international film festivals including the Gold Medal at the New York Film Festival 2005.

Directed by: Robert Turło, Janusz Martyn

3 seasons, 2 x 13 x 13', SD, 1 x 13 x 13', HD

DIALOGUE, since 2002



Copernicus' Star

Gwiazda Kopernika

It is a breath-taking story for children, teenagers and adults which both entertains and teaches. It is about one of the greatest astronomers in the world who is said to have moved the Earth and stopped the Sun. Young Nicolaus Copernicus meets an astrologist who foretells him a great career. The boy's interest in science increases but no one expects that his discovery will change the world. We have a chance to observe his struggles with evil forces that are trying to drag him away from making a great discovery. Packed with adventures, the story incorporates both authentic facts from history as well as fictional events, making it a great entertainment for everyone.

Directed by: Andrzej Orzechowski, Zdzisław Kudła

90', HD, DIALOGUE, 2009



Fantazy the Bear

Miś Fantazy

It is a series about experiencing various adventures filled with warm humour and fantasy together with friends. The characters of the tale find out what the meaning of true friendship and happiness is. They learn the secrets of nature and discover its amazing phenomena. With *Fantazy the Bear*, we set out onto an extraordinary journey awakening and inspiring imagination and onto a path through the land of magic and fantasy, sensitizing us to the fate of others. The peaceful mood of the tale, filled with rainbow-like colours together with unique charm and warmth of its characters, their relationships with each other and the surrounding world provide a wonderful canvas for a cinematic tale for children.

Directed by: Robert Turło

13 x 12', SD, DIALOGUE, 2007



Teddy Drop-Ear

Miś Uszatek

A puppet bedtime series for 3-5-year-olds. Before going to bed, Teddy recalls and relates the most interesting events of his day. Teddy makes his comments on every adventure that happened to him and his friends on a particular day. The characters of this series are Teddy's animal friends. Important educative subject matter, supplied in a light, entertaining form, is enormously enjoyed by children.

Directed by: Janusz Galewicz, Lucjan Dembiński, Jadwiga Kudrzycka, Dariusz Zawilski, Marian Kiełbaszczak

104 x 9', HD, DIALOGUE, 1975-1987



Christmas Specials & Easter Specials

A collection of the best cartoons for Christmas and Easter.

It is a collection of the best cartoons for Christmas and Easter. In the *Christmas Specials* series there are: *A Christmas Eve and the Gnomes*, *a Christmas Eve in the Forest*, *Philemon's the Cat Christmas Eve*, *The Lost Star Hunters*, *Reindeer Christmas Tale*, *Between the Snow and the Seventh Heaven*. In the *Easter Specials* series you can find: *Cat's Easter*, *Mr. Mouse's Easter Porch*, *Easter Egg City*.

6 x 17'-25', 3 x 25', SD, DIALOGUE, 1995-1997



Where Is the New Year?

Gdzie jest Nowy Rok?

The Kowalski family is making preparations for the New Year's Eve party. In the meantime, TV news announces that the New Year has been lost, which results in a great commotion all over the globe. The party is cancelled but soon it appears that the New Year got lost not very far away from the Kowalskis' house. So the Kowalskis' three children decide to find the lost baby: along with their dog they form the sting brigade, a group specializing in unusual cases. Their grandpa, who is an inventor, makes various contraptions in order to help them to find the New Year.

Directed by: Robert Turlo

23', SD, DIALOGUE, 2006



Beechland

Bukolandia

It is a story of a tree-world in which the bucolic life of its creatures goes on from the roots to the top. Each of the creatures is specialized in a certain thing which is useful in a small community. Each one has its faults but it is all about accepting these creatures along with their imperfections. The series is intended for young children who just start to make their first friends. The core rule of each episode is similar as the idyllic life is wrecked by the appearance of outside danger. They all need to work together to cope with the problem.

Directed by: Danuta Adamska-Strus, Jerzy Knabe, Jarema Strus

22 x 4', SD, 35mm, DIALOGUE, 1997-2006



The Storm Cloud Odyssey

Podróże na burzowej chmurze

Two goblins travel all around Europe searching for ingredients needed to complete a magic recipe which will take the spell off their friend who has been turned into a plaster figurine by a black character Bazyliszek the Dragon. Each of the ingredients is to be found in a different country on the old continent and is in the possession of gnomes, monsters, and ghosts. The characters travel to various places with help of Babajaga the Witch who has a map and a magic flute. Every episode takes us to another land where our viewers have the opportunity to see the characters from mythologies and fairytales from every corner of Europe.

Written and directed by: Agnieszka Sadurska

26 x 13', SD, DIALOGUE, 2008



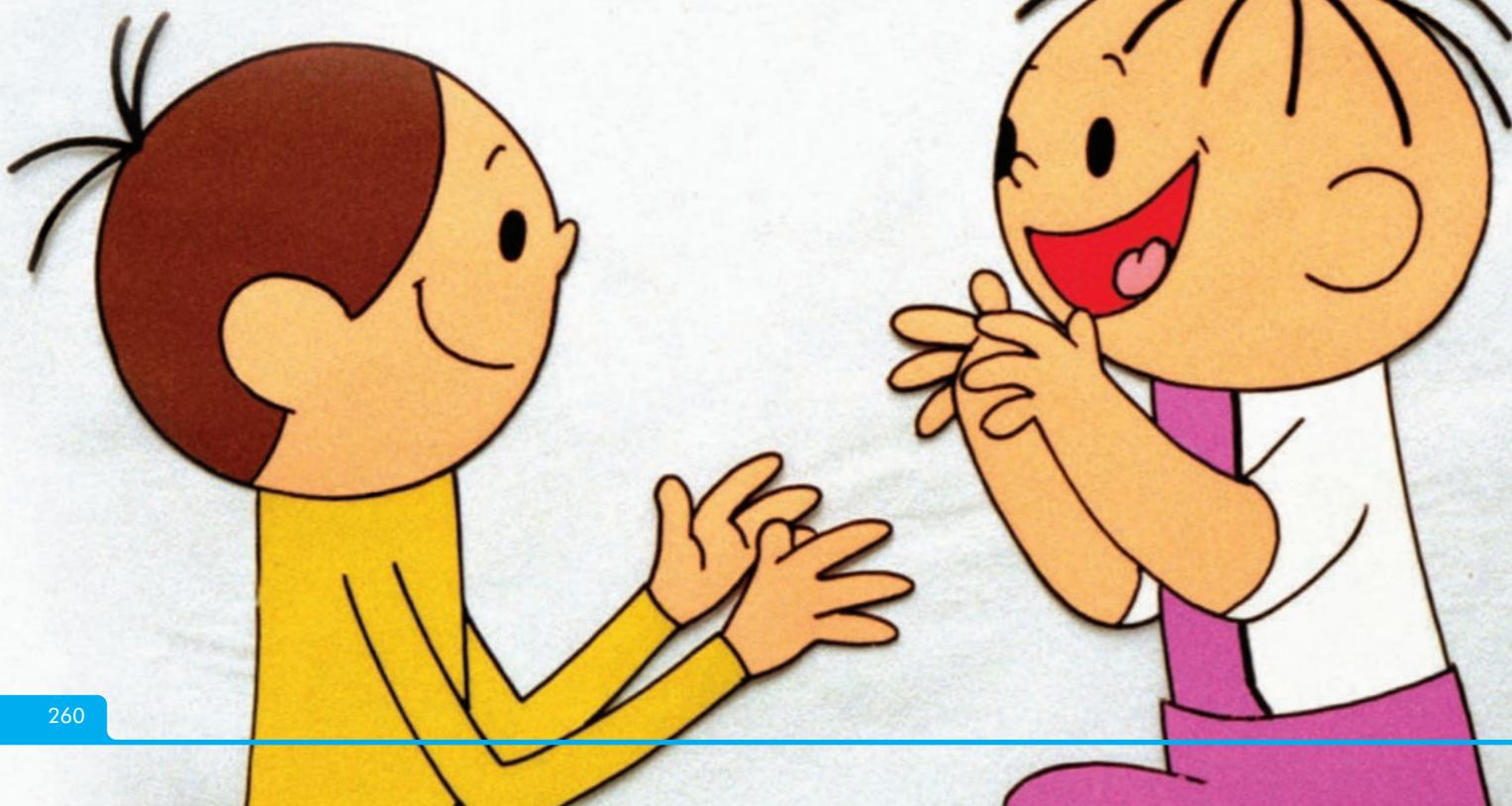
The Olympics of Bolek and Lolek

Olimpiada Bolka i Lolka

It is an animated series for children about the adventures of two boys. Bolek and Lolek always get in trouble and always learn about the world. This time the two friends decide to go in for sports. In the cartoon you can find unpretentious simple drawings, attractive plot and interesting stories. It is a classic of Polish animation for children.

Directed by: Józef Byrdy, Romuald Kłys, Stanisław Dülz, Jan Hoder, Marian Cholerek, Józef Ćwiertnia, Ryszard Lepióra

13 x 9', SD, DIALOGUE, 35 mm, 1981-1993



Leon the Fox

Lis Leon

A life in the woods, where animals wear clothes, use tools and take part in automobile races. Leon the Fox and Beaver are the main characters and best friends. Leon is hot-headed and he easily gets into trouble, has a powerful voice and a talent for impressive mimicry. Beaver is quiet and cautious and often has to rescue the fox.

Directed by: Jan Hoder, Marian Cholerek, Eugeniusz Kotowski and others

20 x 9', SD, 35mm, NON-DIALOGUE, 1981-1993



Magic Tree

Magiczne drzewo

The storm knocked down a huge old oak tree. It was a Magic Tree. People used its wood to make many things starting from a sledge, furniture, to toys and others. Each of them retained some of the magic power. The day they were sent to stores amazing things started to happen. Each episode tells a separate story of events caused by different objects made out of the Magic Tree.

Written and directed by: Maciej Maleszka

7 x 26, SD, DIALOGUE, 2003-2008

2004 – Divercine International Film Festival For Children and Youth – Children’s Jury Prize
2004 – Chicago International Children’s Film Festival – Second Prize
2004 – Prix Jeunesse International Munich – Grand Prix, Children’s Jury Prize, Heart Programme Award
2005 – Cairo International Children’s Film Festival – The Bronze Cairo and International Children’s Jury Prize
2005 – BANFF World TV Festival – Rocky Award for Children’s Programs
2005 – Prix Danube Festival – Grand Prix
2006 – Schwinge Children’s Film Festival – Grand Prix
2007 – Hugo Television Awards – Silver Hugo Award

2007 – Emmy Awards – Children & Young People
2009 – PFF Chicago – POLTEL Special Award
2009 – Oulu International Children’s and Youth Film Festival – CIFEJ Special Award
2010 – New York BAM Kids Festival – Best Feature Movie Award
2010 – Taiwan International Kids and TV programmes Festival – Audience Award, Grand Prix
2010 – Kristiansand International Children’s Film Festival – Audience Award, Grand Prix
2010 – ZLIN Film Festival – Golden Shoe Award
2010 – Filmfest Munchen – Audience Award
2010 – ARTEK International Children’s Film Festival

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Decalogue

Dekalog

This original series illustrating the Ten Commandments has firmly established Kieślowski's international reputation. Each of the presented stories is linked to the theme of a particular commandment. Because of its form, all viewers are deeply moved by these movies, regardless of their views or religious beliefs. Asked on numerous occasions why he had chosen such a hard subject, the director replied curtly: "It's worthwhile to be reminded of these ten very well written sentences. There needs to be a point of reference, a definitive criterion (...)". The series won numerous awards at film festivals and is one of the most recognizable Polish productions.

1989 – Venice Film Festival – Children and Cinema Award;
FIPRESCI Prize

1989 – São Paulo International Film Festival – Critics Award

1989 – San Sebastián International Film Festival – OCIC Award –
Honorable Mention

1990 – Italian National Syndicate of Film Journalists – European
Silver Ribbon

1991 – French Syndicate of Cinema Critics Awards – Best Foreign
Film

1997 – Chicago Film Critics Association Awards – Best Foreign
Language Film

2000 – National Board of Review USA – Special Citation:
Outstanding Cinematic Series

2016 – Cannes Film Festival – Cannes Classic Selection and
Presentation

Directed by: Krzysztof Kieślowski

10 x 53', HD, FULLY REMASTERED, 1988

DRAMA

Quo Vadis

Quo Vadis

It is based on a historical novel written by Polish Noble Prize awarded writer Henryk Sienkiewicz. This series shows the Roman Empire and the dawn of Christianity. The main plot is a relationship between young Christian woman and Roman's hostage called Ligia and Roman Patrician Marcus Vinicius. At first Lidia rejects his advances and decides to hide from him. He wants to find her and force to be his wife but gets wounded in fight. After being taken care of by Ligia and other Christians, he decides to convert into Christianity. Ligia falls in love with him but soon she gets imprisoned. The historical background has been thoroughly studied both by the author of the novel and by the director of the movie. Thanks to this, viewers may see the re-enactment of the Great Fire of Rome presented with spectacular special effects.

2002 – Polish Film Awards – Best Supporting Actor Award, Best Production Design Award, Best Costume Design Award

Directed by: Jerzy Kawalerowicz

6 x 45', 160', HD, 2001

HISTORICAL





With Fire and Sword

Ogniem i mieczem

It is a Polish historical drama based on a novel by Henryk Sienkiewicz. It shows the rivalry of Polish knight Skrzetuski and a Cossack ottoman Bohun who both fell in love with the same woman called Helena. The story has been set in Ukraine in the 17th century which was the time of struggle between Cossacks and Polish nobles who were in control of the land. In the series fictional characters mingle with historical ones. *With Fire and Sword* turned out to be the most profitable and one of the most watched movies and series in the history of Polish cinematography.

Directed by: Jerzy Hoffman

4 x 50', HD, 1999

HISTORICAL/ADVENTURE



The Career of Nicodemus Dyzma

Kariera Nikodema Dyzmy

The series tells a story of a stunning social and political career of an unemployed post office clerk. It is set in Warsaw in the interwar period. The unemployed clerk called Nicodemus Dyzma decides to leave his hometown and look for a job in Warsaw. By chance, he finds an invitation to an evening party and decides to go there in order to have a decent meal. During the party, he starts to quarrel with Terkowski, who turns out to be the head of Prime Minister's Cabinet Office. However, he does not get kicked out of the party. On the contrary, he becomes the hero of the evening and this spontaneous act of courage mixed with foolishness makes him win new pretty affluent and influential friends. Prominent guests admit him to their circle. This is the beginning of the amazing career of Nicodemus Dyzma who soon becomes "the saviour of Polish economy" desired by women and admired by men.

Directed by: Jan Rybkowski, Marek Nowicki

7 x 60', HD, 1980

COMEDY



The Passions of Poland

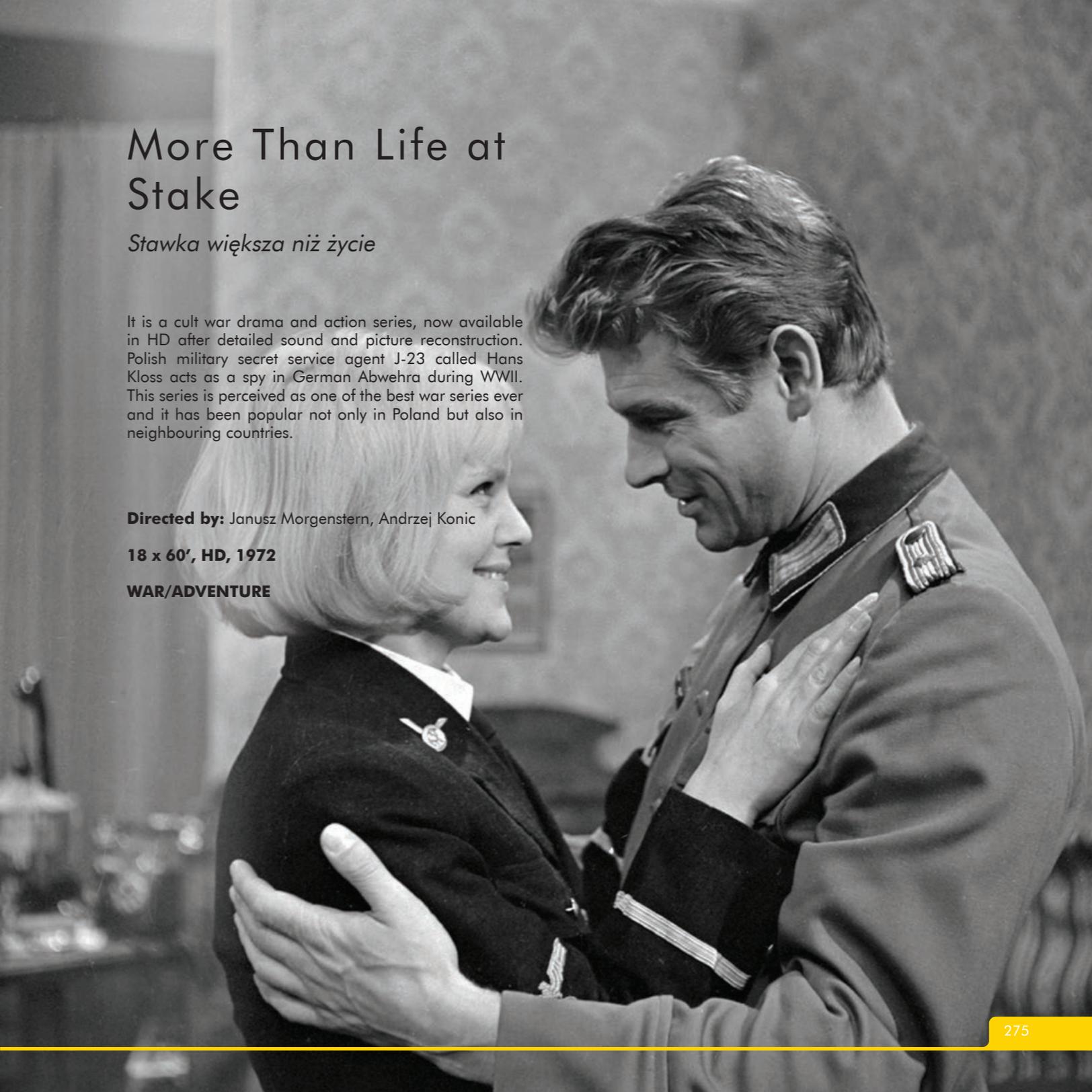
Polskie drogi

One of the most popular Polish TV series presenting the portrait of Poles fighting with the Nazis. The plot revolves around two main characters, an educated cadet Władysław Nawiński, and a wily Leon Kuraś. Based on these two stories we have a chance to learn about Poland and the Poles in those dark times. The story takes us to big cities such as Warsaw or Cracow but also to small villages where various shades of society are presented together with their bright and dark sides. There are different life stories involved, presenting the clash of cultures, society circles and opinions formed by people who are totally astounded by the events happening around them. We see how people changed, evolved and even adapted under the Nazi terror.

Directed by: Janusz Morgenstern

11 x 85', SD, 1976-1977

WAR



More Than Life at Stake

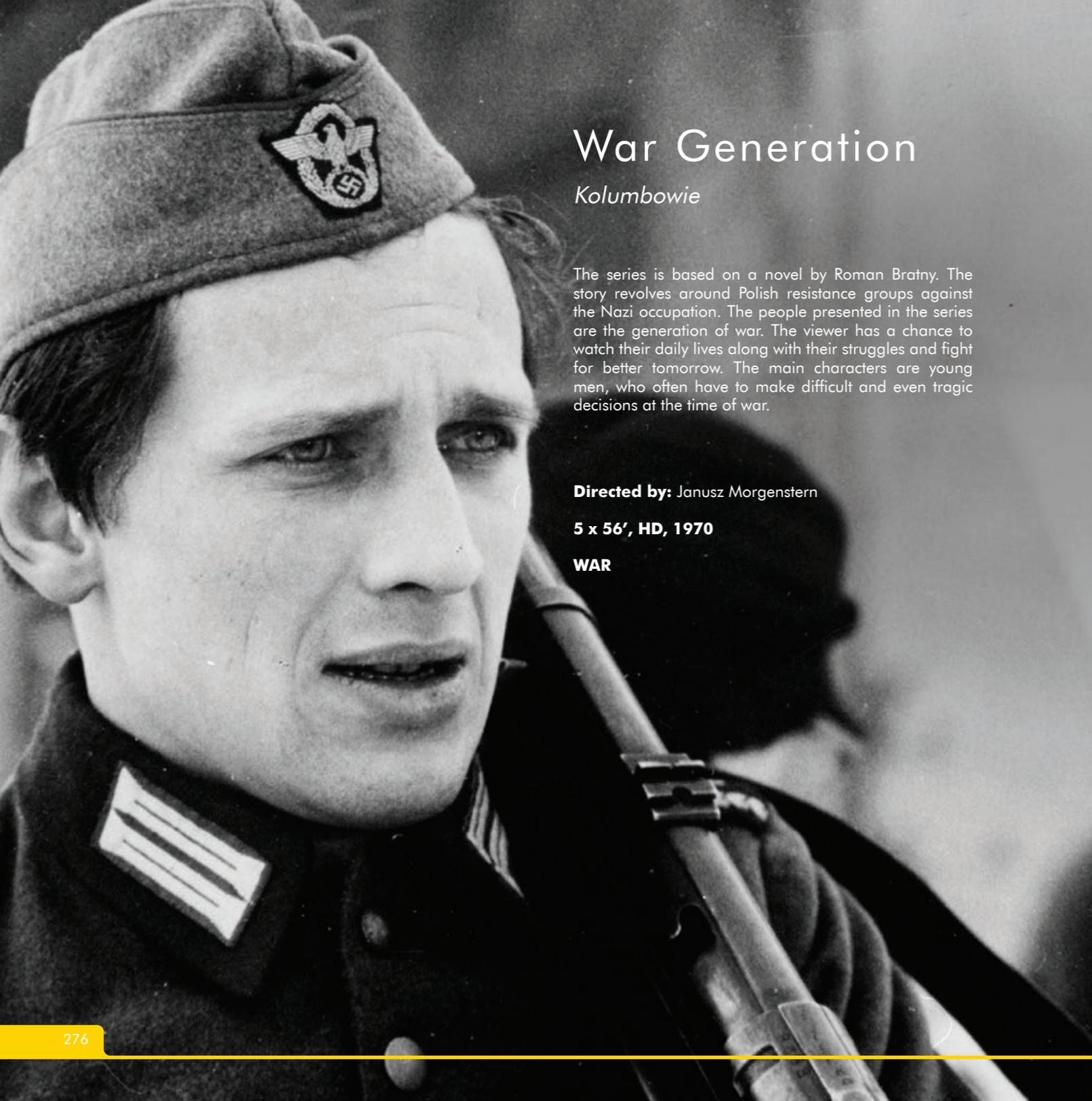
Stawka większa niż życie

It is a cult war drama and action series, now available in HD after detailed sound and picture reconstruction. Polish military secret service agent J-23 called Hans Kloss acts as a spy in German Abwehra during WWII. This series is perceived as one of the best war series ever and it has been popular not only in Poland but also in neighbouring countries.

Directed by: Janusz Morgenstern, Andrzej Konic

18 x 60', HD, 1972

WAR/ADVENTURE



War Generation

Kolumbowie

The series is based on a novel by Roman Bratny. The story revolves around Polish resistance groups against the Nazi occupation. The people presented in the series are the generation of war. The viewer has a chance to watch their daily lives along with their struggles and fight for better tomorrow. The main characters are young men, who often have to make difficult and even tragic decisions at the time of war.

Directed by: Janusz Morgenstern

5 x 56', HD, 1970

WAR



Four Tank Men and a Dog

Czterej pancerni i pies

The 21-episode Polish cult TV series of wartime adventures. An unforgettable story of lifetime friendship between four young men, members of a tank crew. They come from different countries but they have the same dreams and the same task: to conquer the Nazi force and start their lives in the liberated homelands. It is one of the most famous and popular Polish series ever.

Directed by: Konrad Natęcki

21 x 60', HD, 1966-1970

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The Magnificent Eight

Ośmiu wspaniałych

A new TV show, in which 8 men take on a difficult task of changing their lives. They are supported in this endeavour by a host, an expert in mending people's hearts. Throughout 10 episodes the viewers may follow the participants' struggles with their limits, weaknesses, rejection or demons of the past, and their longing for family and lost love. Each episode focuses on a different issue; the host discusses with the participants whether real men never cry, the influence of parents on their children's life choices, how to show affection, paternity and masculinity. The viewers may watch participants' heroic fight to regain confidence and self-acceptance, identify their own flaws and start on a path of change to reach their goals.

10 x 45'

REALITY SHOW



The Health Resort

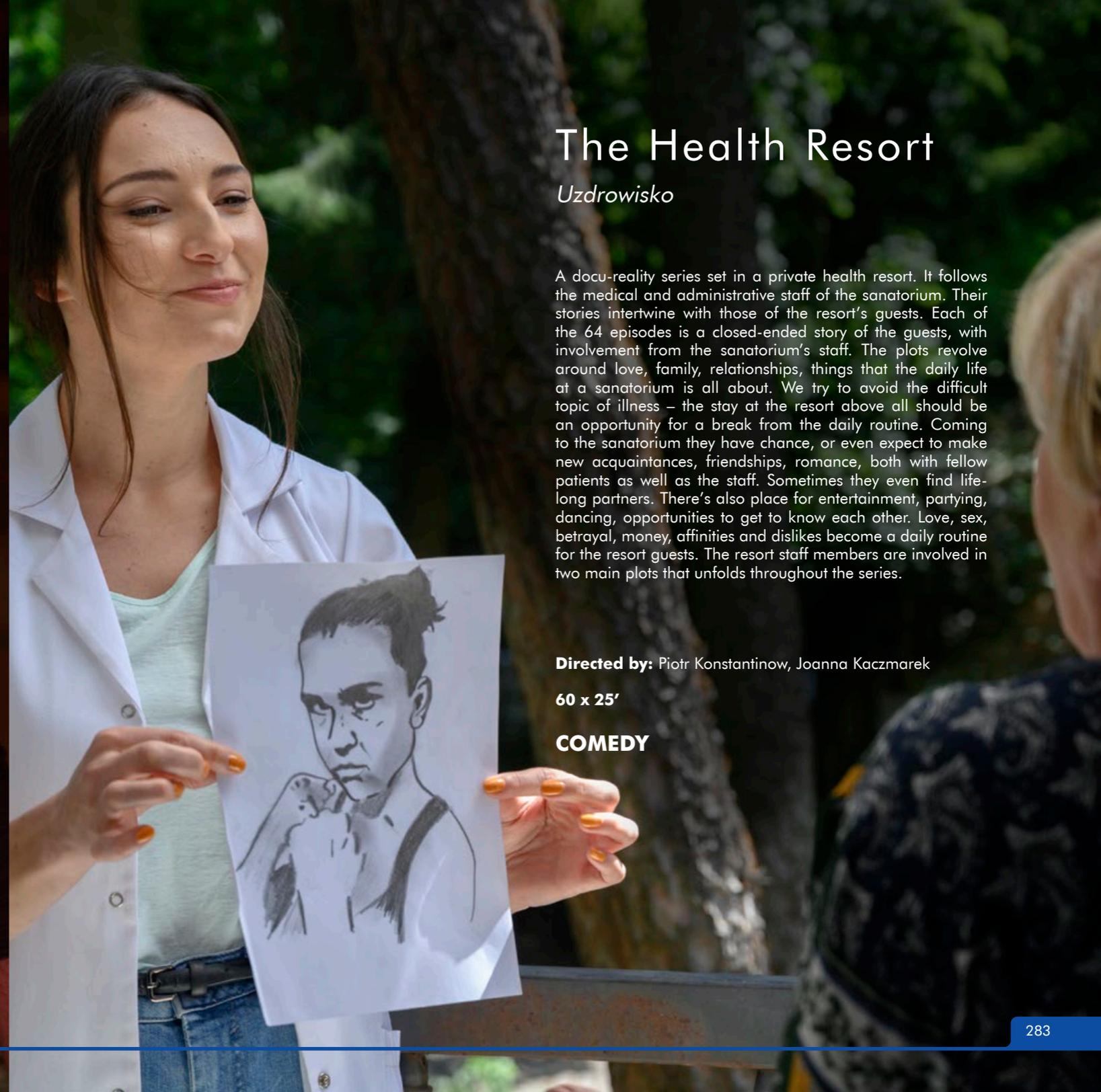
Uzdrowisko

A docu-reality series set in a private health resort. It follows the medical and administrative staff of the sanatorium. Their stories intertwine with those of the resort's guests. Each of the 64 episodes is a closed-ended story of the guests, with involvement from the sanatorium's staff. The plots revolve around love, family, relationships, things that the daily life at a sanatorium is all about. We try to avoid the difficult topic of illness – the stay at the resort above all should be an opportunity for a break from the daily routine. Coming to the sanatorium they have chance, or even expect to make new acquaintances, friendships, romance, both with fellow patients as well as the staff. Sometimes they even find life-long partners. There's also place for entertainment, partying, dancing, opportunities to get to know each other. Love, sex, betrayal, money, affinities and dislikes become a daily routine for the resort guests. The resort staff members are involved in two main plots that unfolds throughout the series.

Directed by: Piotr Konstantinow, Joanna Kaczmarek

60 x 25'

COMEDY



Sanatorium of Love

Sanatorium miłości

Six elderly ladies and six senior gentlemen, who differ in character, personality, passion, and life experience set off to a picturesque health resort in the mountains, where for three weeks, they are given the opportunity to get to know one another and experience new adventures, also related to the sphere of feelings. All the participants have one thing in common – they are lonely and want to change it. The program aims to show the problem of discrimination against older people and to present the autumn of life in a colourful and warm way, emphasizing the value and dignity of a human being regardless of their age.

2019 – PITCH&PLAY LIVE! – Budapest – Best Entertainment Program in Central and Eastern Europe
2020 – Venice TV Award – Nomination for Best Reality TV

10 x 45'

REALITY SHOW

The Forest House

Leśniczówka

It is a family story full of love and secrets with beautiful nature in the background. The plot of the series focuses on Katarzyna and her partner Krzysztof, who move to a forest house owned by Katarzyna's grandfather. The beloved grandpa is shot in some mysterious circumstances. Along with the house, Katarzyna also takes over family secrets from the past. Will she attempt to uncover the mysteries from the past or perhaps it will be better for her to keep them secret?

Directed by: Maciej Żak

429 x 22'

DRAMA

The Artists

Artyści

It is a story about eminent theatre artists of the young generation. The series begins on the day when a deserved director, after many years of being in charge of the theatre, commits a spectacular suicide. After that, a young small-town regisseur with very ambitious repertoire plans, substitutes for the deceased. However, it soon becomes apparent that the theatre's budget makes these plans impossible. What is more, it turns out that the new director is a toy in the hands of municipal officials, who look for an excuse to shut the institution down. The struggle for the theatre survival is intertwined with the artistic struggles of the actors. The series is full of intrigues and the young director feels that he is a part of a tragicomic masquerade.

Directed by: Monika Strzępka

Written by: Paweł Demirski

8 x 46'

COMEDY/DRAMA



I'll Be Fine

O mnie się nie martw

A top-notch comedy series, full of humour and laughter, in which two different worlds collide. The first one is the world of ordinary people who live from hand to mouth, while the second is the world of rich lawyers. The series proves that an ordinary girl can become a better defender than many advocates. The main heroine, Iga Małecka, is a twice divorced, unemployed mother of two children, without higher education, who speaks the truth straight in the eyes. The woman possesses an amazing sense of observation, a soft heart and a sharp tongue. She is direct and excessively honest, which does not help her in dealing with other people. Her life changes when she meets a young and talented lawyer Marcin Kaszuba, who treats life as an endless party. The relation between the two is not an easy one and it results in many hilarious events. Is love between people from such different worlds possible? Will the affection survive all the adversities and challenges?

Directed by: Michał Rogalski

13 seasons, 13 x 45'

COMEDY



Girls From Ukraine

Dziewczyny ze Lwowa

Love, drama, humour and well depicted characters guarantee that this exciting series will win over hearts of viewers around the world. It follows life stories of four friends from Ukraine who come to Warsaw in an attempt to find jobs and better lives for themselves. Each girl starts her career in Poland by working below their qualification or experience, however, soon their lives are about to change dramatically. Intriguing and complex life stories set in the world where millions of people move to different countries in order to find jobs, escape some problems or simply enrich their lives. All these make this series a universal journey into the heart of any big city where dreams and hopes are just around the corner and every day may bring a breakthrough.

Directed by: Wojciech Adamczyk (The Ranch)

4 seasons, 13 x 45'

COMEDY/DRAMA

The Ranch

Ranczo

The series follows the story of Lucy Wilska, a Polish-American who has inherited her grandmother's country house in the fictional small village of Wilkowyje. On arrival she decides to stay overnight but she feels the place attracts her stronger than she expected and decides to stay on. Her settling down in Wilkowyje becomes a major social event and at the same time the start of a serious breach in the little community's world and a shake-up of local social conventions. On the background of the main plot, the viewers will observe life of vivid local personalities including twins: hearty priest and cynical village mayor as well as local philosopher, journalist and many others.

2012 – CAP Communication Awards – 1st place in Innovative Communication, European Union

2016 – Telekamera Award (an award granted by the readers of "TeleTydzień" Magazine)

Directed by: Wojciech Adamczyk

10 seasons, 13 x 50'

COMEDY

By the Backwater

... nad rozlewiskiem

The series includes romantic love stories of three generations, revolving around twists of the plot. The series shows various types of love that are all equally important. It may be teenage or mature, between man and woman, the disabled, mother and daughter or it may be love for nature or animals. The main character Gosia leaves the urban rat race and moves to a village where resides her mother. She restores relations with her mother and looks for love and happiness.

Directed by: Adek Drabiński

6 seasons, 13 x 45'

DRAMA



The Blonde

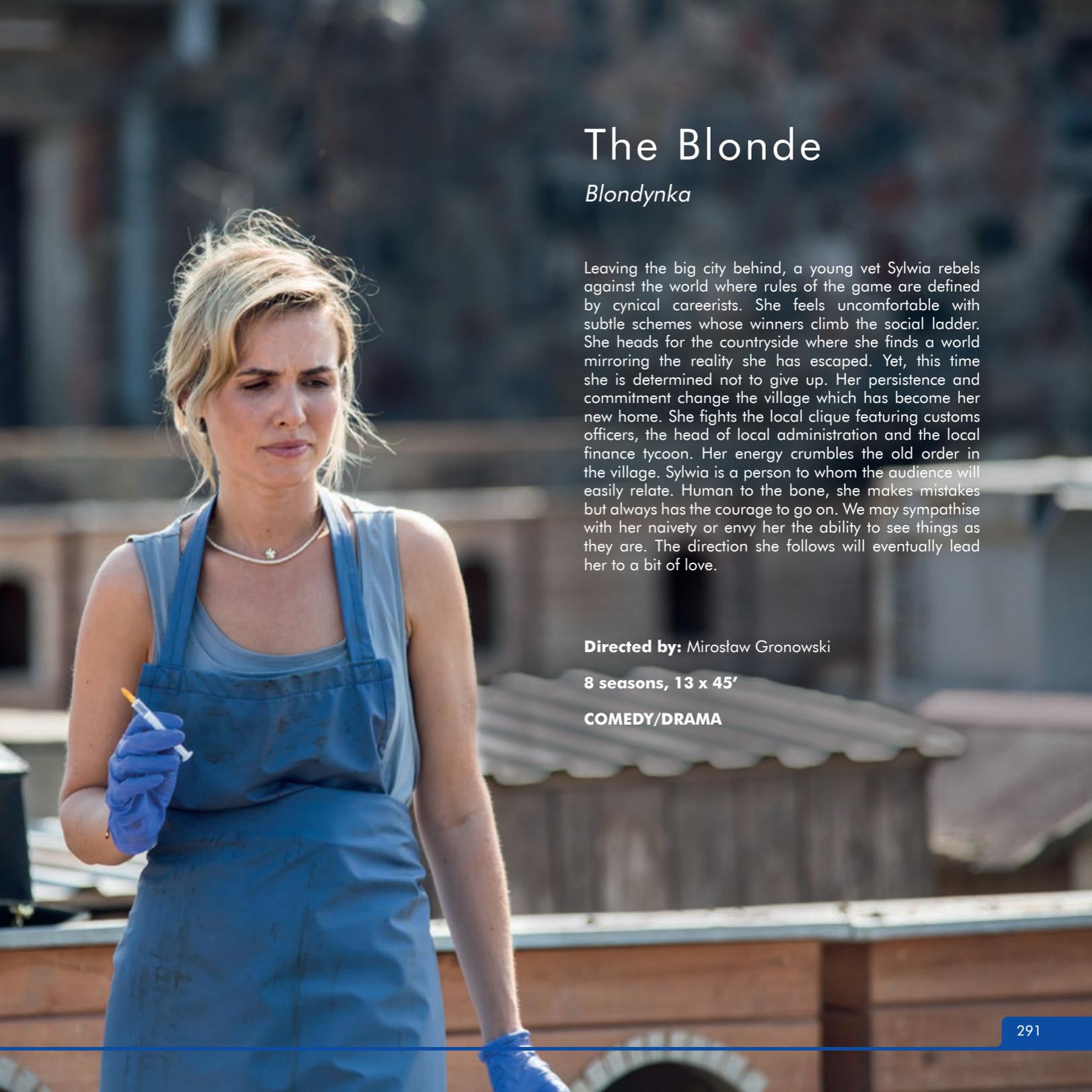
Blondynka

Leaving the big city behind, a young vet Sylwia rebels against the world where rules of the game are defined by cynical careerists. She feels uncomfortable with subtle schemes whose winners climb the social ladder. She heads for the countryside where she finds a world mirroring the reality she has escaped. Yet, this time she is determined not to give up. Her persistence and commitment change the village which has become her new home. She fights the local clique featuring customs officers, the head of local administration and the local finance tycoon. Her energy crumbles the old order in the village. Sylwia is a person to whom the audience will easily relate. Human to the bone, she makes mistakes but always has the courage to go on. We may sympathise with her naivety or envy her the ability to see things as they are. The direction she follows will eventually lead her to a bit of love.

Directed by: Mirosław Gronowski

8 seasons, 13 x 45'

COMEDY/DRAMA





The Deep End

Głęboka woda

It is a strong, real and sometimes even brutal drama series that shows the darkest side of human existence. The series features work of social workers in one of the social welfare centres in a big city. Each episode focuses on a different social problem and characters struggling for help. Wiktor Okulicki who is a newly nominated director of the centre is a man of acts not words. He has been a social worker for over 15 years and during this time he faced not only numerous difficult social problems, but also went through a serious personal crisis. His young, enthusiastic and idealistic co-workers meet individuals who often have to face the toughest and most depressing circumstances and here they work together in hope they can actually help someone in need.

2012 – Hugo TV Awards, Chicago – Gold Plaque
2012 – Monte Carlo TV Festival – Nomination for the Gold Nymph Prize
2012 – Prix Italia for the Best TV Series
2012 – Prix Europa – Special Commendation

Directed by: Magdalena Łazarkiewicz

2 seasons, 13 x 45', 12 x 45'

DRAMA



The Determinator

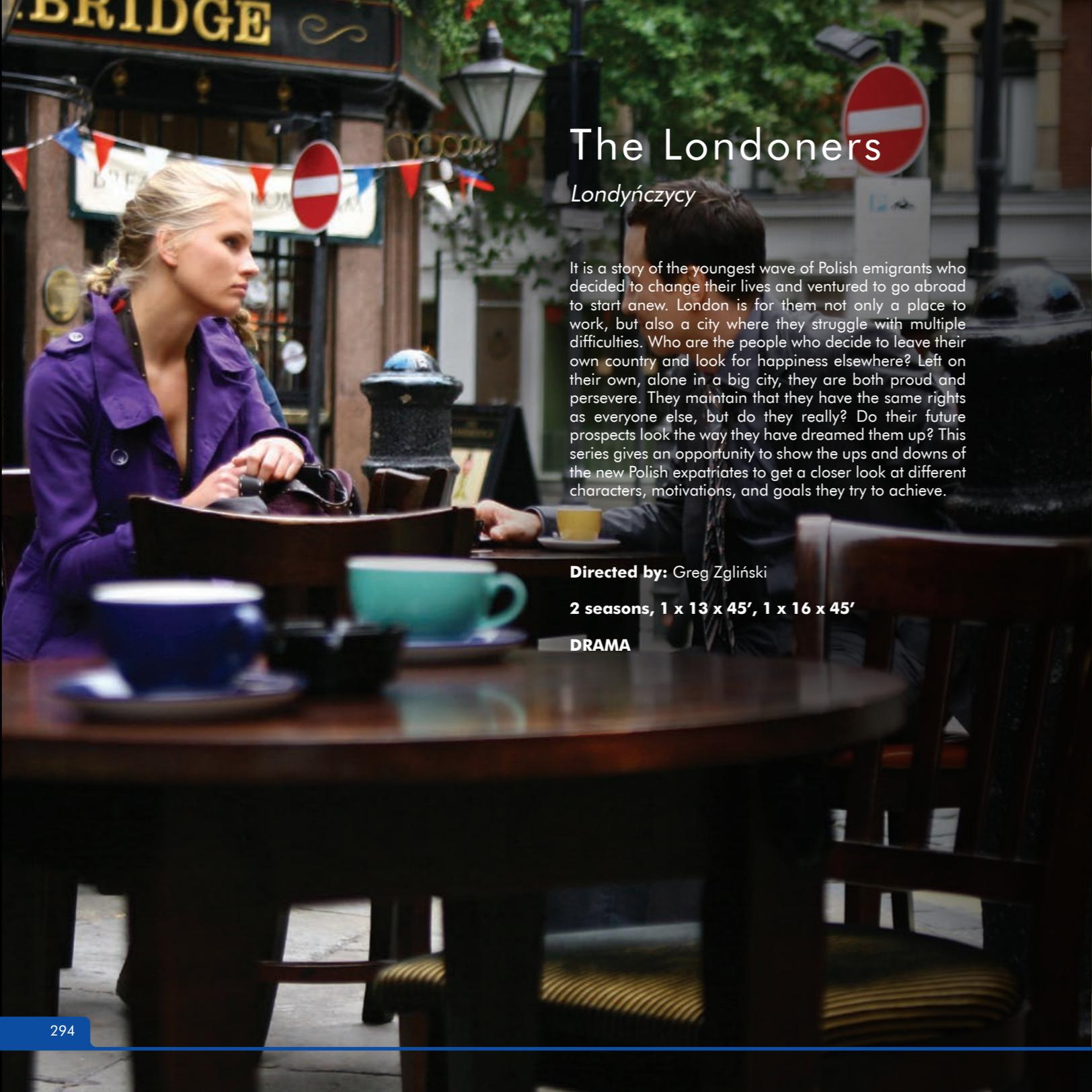
Determinator

It is a contemporary TV series of the detective drama genre. It exposes how informal connections function in business-political-social circles that are always on the brink of law. Piotr Skotnicki, who is a young skilled surgeon, challenges such connections. Despite the injustice he has suffered, he is an idealist who still believes in honesty and order. He will soon realize how little those notions matter and what price you pay for following the straight and narrow.

Directed by: Mirosław Gronowski, Katarzyna Janicka, Adam Santura

13 x 45'

CRIME

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a purple coat, is sitting at a dark wooden table in a cafe. She is looking towards the right. On the table in front of her are several coffee cups and saucers. In the background, there are other tables and chairs, and a sign that says "BRIDGE" is visible. The scene is set in a city street with a red and white circular sign and a string of colorful bunting.

The Londoners

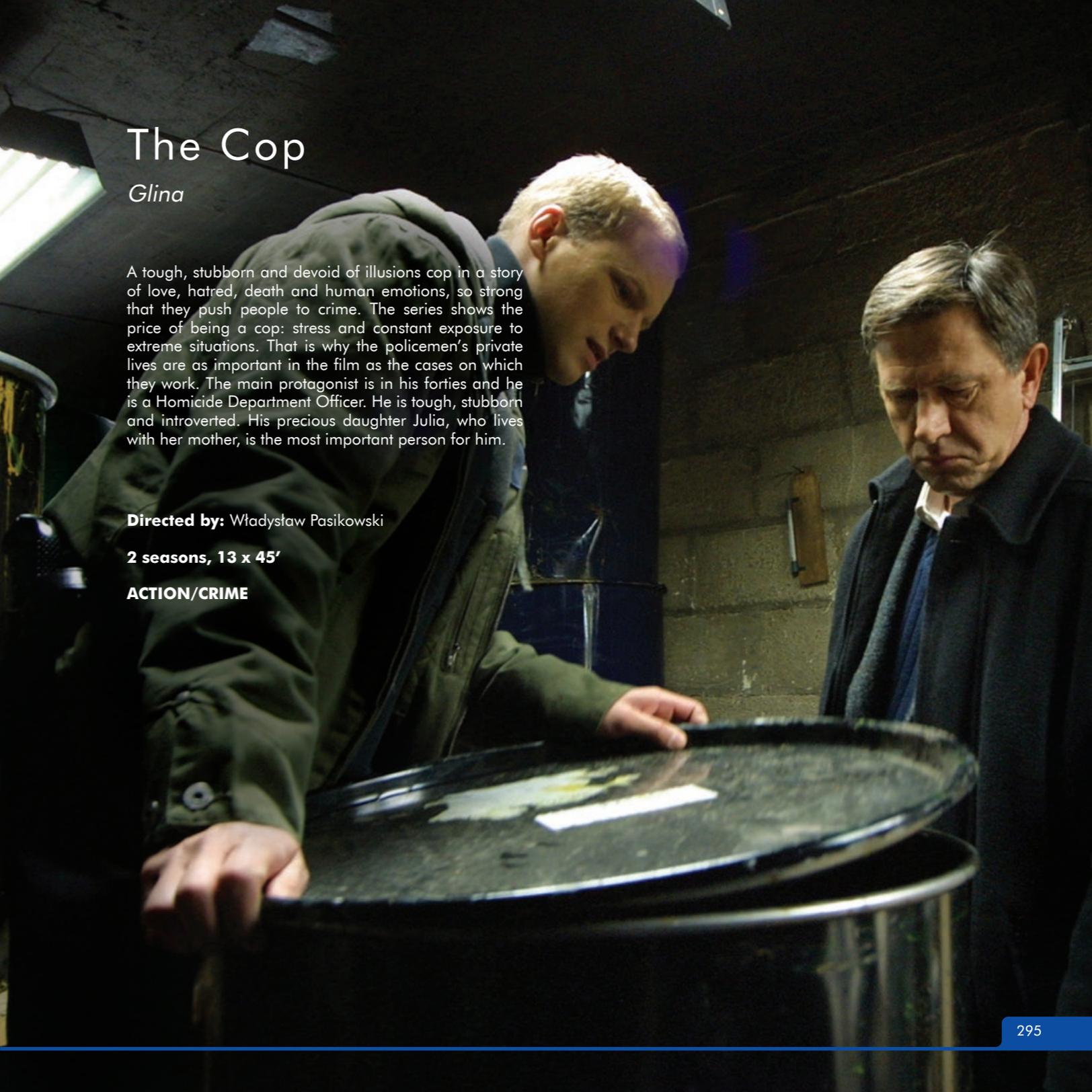
Londyńczycy

It is a story of the youngest wave of Polish emigrants who decided to change their lives and ventured to go abroad to start anew. London is for them not only a place to work, but also a city where they struggle with multiple difficulties. Who are the people who decide to leave their own country and look for happiness elsewhere? Left on their own, alone in a big city, they are both proud and persevere. They maintain that they have the same rights as everyone else, but do they really? Do their future prospects look the way they have dreamed them up? This series gives an opportunity to show the ups and downs of the new Polish expatriates to get a closer look at different characters, motivations, and goals they try to achieve.

Directed by: Greg Zgliński

2 seasons, 1 x 13 x 45', 1 x 16 x 45'

DRAMA

A man in a dark jacket is leaning over a black tray, looking at something on it. He has a serious expression. Another man in a dark coat is standing next to him, also looking down at the tray. The scene is set in a dimly lit room, possibly a police station or a laboratory, with a stone wall in the background.

The Cop

Glina

A tough, stubborn and devoid of illusions cop in a story of love, hatred, death and human emotions, so strong that they push people to crime. The series shows the price of being a cop: stress and constant exposure to extreme situations. That is why the policemen's private lives are as important in the film as the cases on which they work. The main protagonist is in his forties and he is a Homicide Department Officer. He is tough, stubborn and introverted. His precious daughter Julia, who lives with her mother, is the most important person for him.

Directed by: Władysław Pasikowski

2 seasons, 13 x 45'

ACTION/CRIME

Domisie

Domisie

It is a theatre play for children aged 3 to 6. In a friendly and entertaining way it introduces them to the world and teaches the right attitude towards their environment. The aim of the programme is to create social bonds and relationships, teach how to solve emotional problems and shape norms and commonly accepted values. Each episode has its educational purpose e.g. how to cope with fear, how not to boast, how to help others, how to keep clean etc. The programme has a clear educational message. Each episode contains cognitive elements including film stories presenting nature, practice in language communication and articulation, speech therapy games, physical exercises, songs and fairy tales. There are games and songs as well as mouth and tongue training for the youngest children. Each episode is full of laughter and fun. Fairy tale characters, a rich set, a quick pace of the plot, acting combined with animation and personification of the objects attract the attention of children and help them in learning complicated concepts.

Script by: Anna Bernat

311 x 23'

CHILDREN



Margo, Teddy, and Friends

Przyjaciele Misia i Margolci

The program is aimed at teaching and developing skills among children. It shows them right behaviors and helps identifying and understanding their emotions. It stimulates their creativity and boosts imagination. Each character in this program is created to help children develop in different ways. The Beetle, Jou-Jou, teaches children the alphabet. The Squirrel, Victor, introduces the world of numbers and takes care of gross motor skills of children. The Spider, Talentula, takes care of fine motor skills of children by making different handicrafts. She speaks in rhyme, at the same time expanding linguistic capabilities of children. The Fly, Buzzer helps children explore the world. He carries a tiny encyclopedia, using it to explain different phenomena to young viewers. Grandpa Eugene teaches children tinkering and gardening. Margo helps them find answers to unusual questions. And finally, the Bear, Teddy, tells children made up stories, while enjoying another batch of cookies. Children partake in making up the stories, which immensely stimulates their imagination.

Directed by: Jacek Soltysiak

12 x 20'

CHILDREN



The Great Quiz

Wielki Test

It is a cutting-edge multimedia live game show that turned into a social phenomenon that unites even political opponents. It started as an occasional history quiz to celebrate crucial events and anniversaries. The participants of the tests are politicians who unite on this occasion, artists, journalists and other famous people as well as anyone who wants to take part. There is also the third party which is viewers who participate using text messages, online forms or mobile apps. Both viewers and competitors in the studio can win valuable prizes. The competition takes place at the national level, so that not only individuals but also whole cities and regions can compete. The idea of the history quiz was received so enthusiastically that the subject matter has expanded and now it includes economy, football, the European Union, television itself, movies, health, and food. The attractive, multimedia form and the selection of the most important topics make this show an excellent choice for both public and private TV stations.

QUIZ SHOW

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Wordplay

Krzyżówka. Gra słów

This game show offers the viewers great fun filled with classic puzzles in a modern format! Intriguing puzzles, crazy letters, attractive prizes and a sharp host! The creators of this game show invite to the program both crossword beginners and experts in cracking codes and racking brains. There are four contestants in each episode who compete against each other. In the 1st round, the host provides definitions of words and the contestants have to guess them. In the 2nd round, the contestants have to form words with letters from the main clue from the 1st round. Only two contestants move on to the 4th, final round. Who pushes the buzzer first, may answer. Each episode lasts approximately 22 minutes.

QUIZ SHOW

Natalia



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