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Творческа Европа **меріа**





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CLASS '90 Klas '90 **Bulgaria, 2024, 110**'

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Director: Boiko Boyanov Script: Boiko Boyanov, Stansilav Todorov – Rogy Cinematography: Martin Balkansky Composer: Roumen Boyadjiev Jr. Cast: Robert Yanakiev, Julian Vergov, Stefka Yanorova, Paraskeva Djukelova, Lyubomir Neikov, Lyudmila Miteva, Bilyana Petrinska, Stefan Denolyubov, Katrin Jeahne, Georgi Zlatarev, Nadya Konakchieva, Elena Atanasova Production: Miramar film Producers: Matey Konstantinov, Ilian Djevelekov, Georgi Dimitrov, Mila Voinikova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 943 4904, office@miramarfilm.com

Schoolmates who graduated in 1989 in Bulgaria gather at a small hotel in the Rhodope mountain to celebrate their 30th high school anniversary. What is supposed to be a festive event turns into painful experience as old secrets and trauma still haunt them. The sum of their life experiences, their unfulfilled dreams and current goals reflect the upheavals of the postcommunist society during the 30 years after the fall of the Berlin wall.





ETERNITY PACKAGE

СомР Сетер

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Paket vechnost

Bulgaria, Italy, 2024, 85'

Director: Magdelena Ilieva Script: Jonathan Heidelberger, Magdelena Ilieva Cinematography: Debora Vrizzi Composer: Simone Civitillo Cast: Stoyan Doychev, Mariana Krumova, Kitodar Todorov, Aleksandra Sarchadzhieva, Konstantin Todorov Production: AGITPROP; Producer: Martichka Bozhilova Co-Production: Mammut Film and Little Wing Productions Co-Producers: Ilaria Malagutti, Magdelena Ilieva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Italian Ministry of Culture, Eurimages and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU Contact: +359 2 983 14 11, producer@agitprop.bg

Set in a small Southern town in present day Bulgaria, "Eternity Package" chronicles Bobby, a debt-ridden funeral director, and his complex relationship with Joana – the unpunished killer of his father and emblematic of communist- era transgressions. As Joana confronts her mortality, she tempts Bobby with a sinister proposition: her wealth for a grand funeral tribute to her life. In his bid to sidestep this morbid pact, Bobby teaches dance to seniors, intending to market funeral plans to them, only to be ironically paired with Joana.



THE ANSWER OF ALL QUESTIONS

CEMP

Otgovor na vsichki vuprosi Bulgaria, Italy, 2024, 98'

> Director: Dimitar Kotzev – Shosho; Script: Dimitar Kotzev – Shosho Cinematography: Aleksandar Stanishev; Composer: Kaloyan Dimitrov Cast: Anastasia Zhovtovid, Velina Georgieva, Sara Draguleva Production: Kontraplan Producers: Dimitar Kotzev, Aleksandar Stanishev, Zoritsa Kotzeva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: shoshokotzev@gmail.com

Nastia is a troubled young woman. She is deep into partying and drugs. She is also an unmotivated actress in a small theatre company. Her colleague Velina who is very enthusiastic is soon devastated by the words of a director who sees her as worthless. As she is about to leave the theatre company's dressing rooms she meets somebody... Sara is a quietly anxious assistant in a law firm. She seems quite distant from her job. Sara breaks up with her boyfriend. As she is crossing the park she meets somebody... In the meantime Nastia has also met somebody... All of these young women seem to have met the person to be the answer to all their doubts. Three young women find emotional support in this mysterious person, but can they survive their own delusions?





WORKING CLASS GOES TO HELL

СомР LETED

Rabotnicheskata klasa otiva v ada

Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, 2024, 127'

Director: Mladen Djordjevic; Script: Mladen Djordjevic Cinematography: Dusan Grubin; Composer: Kalin Nikolov Cast: Tamara Krcunovic, Leon Lucev, Momo Picuric, Lidija Kordic, Ivan Djordjevic, Szilvia Krizsan, Mirsad Tuka, Olivers Viktorovic, Tomislav Trifunovic, Stephan A. Shtereff, Tanya Karbova Production: Sense Production (RS), Banda (RS) Co-Production: AGITPROP (BG), Homemade Films (GR), Adriatic Western (ME), Kinorama, (HR), Tangaj Production (RO), Cinnamon Film (RS) Producers: Milan Stojanovic, Mladen Djordjevic Co-Producers: Martichka Bozhilova, Neda Milanova, Maria Drandaki, Ivan Marinovic, Ankica Juric Tilic, Anamaria Antoci, ivica Vidanovic, Nevena Savic Supported by of Eurimages, Serbian Film Center, Bulgarian National Film Center, Greek Film Center, Croatian Audiovisual Film Center, Film Center of Montenegro Contact: +359 2 983 14 11, producer@agitprop.bg

After losing their loved ones, jobs, and dignity to a tragic factory fire and corrupt privatization, a group of ex-workers seeks hope and justice in the supernatural.

Festivals & Awards: Toronto IFF 2023, Tallinn Black Nights 2023, Sofia IFF 2024 (Balkan Competition)





APOSTLE: A GENTLE KNIGHT IN BRUTALIA

Apostol: Edin nezhen ritsar v Brutalia Bulgaria, 2023, 85'

> Director: Petar Rusev Script: Petar Rusev Cinematography: Elena Nikolaeva Composer: Stefan Chernev Cast: Georgi Gotsin, Stanka Kalcheva, Katalin Stareyshinska, Ovanes Torosyan, Damyan Zdravkov Production: Gallant Spirit Productions and Doli Media Studio Contact: : +359 889 855 971, gallantspiritproductions@gmail.com

Apostol, one of the most talented poets in his country, suffers from severe headache, which makes him unable to work. Guided in his dreams by his idols – Apollinaire and Debelyanov, he tries to get his life back.

Festivals & Awards: Official Selection – Golden Rose 2023; Sofia International Fim Festival – New Bulgarian Cinema





LOVELESS Luboff Bulgaria, 2023, 87'

Director: Ivaylo Hristov Script: Ivaylo Hristov Cinematography: Orlin Ruevski, Emil Christov Cast: Polina Grozdanova, Ivan Shumanov, Natalia Doncheva, Vladimir Karamazov, Snejana Zdravkova, Mariana Zhikich, Teodor Kisiov, Eleonora Ivanova, Jasen Atanasov, Viara Kolarova, Krasimir Dokov, Sirma Kuncheva, Alexander Grigorov, Irini Jambonas, Ivan Barnev, Kristina Yaneva, Miroslava Gogovska, Meglena Karalambova Production: Moviemento Producer: Orlin Ruevski Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 888 33 67 84, orlin.ruevski@gmail.com

The anonymous characters of this visual omnibus meet outside of linear time in eight different stories. "Loveless" is a mosaic story about the comic in the imperfections, in the twists and turns and in the great universal human themes.

SOWING SUUN



SILENT OBSERVERS

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Tihi nablyudateli

Bulgaria, Germany, 2024, 96'

Director: Eliza Petkova Script: Eliza Petkova Cinematography: Constanze Schmitt Composers: Adam Goodwin, Anil Eraslan, Jung-Jae Kim, Lukas Akintaya, Shingo Masuda Production: Red Carpet Producer: Veselka Kiryakova Co-Production: Wood Water Films Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Eurimages Contact: +359 89 8610764, redcarpetfilms.bg@gmail.com

In a remote Bulgarian mountain village, six animals with hidden secrets reveal the darker side of human superstitions and fears. Matsa, the cat, is believed to be a vampire, Kirka, the donkey, supposedly holds the soul of a village woman's son, and Mila, the dog, is accused of killing the chickens. While the human inhabitants face their perils in the background, SILENT OBSERVERS sticks to the perspective of the animals. In a sensitive observation, we experience a village's fading hopes through the eyes of its four-legged residents.





TARIKA Stadoto Bulgaria, Germany, Luxembourg , 2023, 87'

Director: Milko Lazarov Script: Milko Lazarov, Ekaterina Churilova, Simeon Ventsislavov Cinematography: Kaloyan Bozhilov Cast: Vesela Valcheva, Zachary Baharov, Ivan Barnev, Ivan Savov, Christos Stergioglou Production: Red Carpet Producer: Veselka Kiryakova Co-Production: 42 film, Amour Fou Luxembourg Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Eurimages and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU Contact: +359 89 8610764, redcarpetfilms.bg@gmail.com

Tarika, a girl with extraordinary abilities, lives in a border area where people of different ethnicities seem to be coexisting in harmony until one day their livestock mysteriously start dying. The superstitious villagers put the blame on Tarika and decide to kill her.





WINDLESS

Bezvetrie Bulgaria, Italy, 2023, 93'

> Director: Pavel G. Vesnakov Script: Pavel G. Vesnakov, Simeon Ventsislavov, Teodora Markova, Nevena Kertova, Georgi Ivanov Cinematography: Orlin Ruevski Composer: Ascari Cast: Ognyan Pavlov – FYRE, Veselin Petrov, Mihail Mutafov Production: Red Carpet Producer: Veselka Kiryakova Co-Production: dispàrte Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Eurimages Contact: +359 89 8610764, redcarpetfilms.bg@gmail.com

Kaloyan returns home to handle the sale of his late father's apartment. At the beginning, the process starts as a routine mundane task, but soon transcends into a journey of self-discovery that tries to track the connection between childhood trauma, memory, and the passage of time.





BAUK (ERL-KING) BAUK (Gorski tsar) Serbia, Bulgaria 120'



Director: Goran Radovanovic Script: Goran Radovanovic Cinematography: Vladislav Opelyants Cast: Jaksa Prpic, Milos Bikovic, Sara Klimoska, Vojin Cetkovic, Kalina Kovacevic, Branka Selic, Davor Janjic, Andjelija Filipovich Production: NAMA FILM D.O.O. Co-Production: PREMIERSTUDIO PLUS LTD Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Serbian Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

The story follows 78 days in the life of Sava (8) living under the bombs in Belgrade 1999. Under mysterious circumstances, caused by shell-shock or stress, Sava loses his hearing and the ability to speak. The war is finally over. Will his life return to normal?





DAD Tatko Bulgaria, 2024, 91'



Directors: Dimitris Georgiev, Mariy Rosen Script: Mariy Rosen, Dimitris Georgiev Cinematography: Rosen Savkov, Maria Tsvetkova Cast: Deyan Donkov, Mario Vasilev, Silvia Dragieva, Ana Valchanova, Boriana Babanova, Boyan Petrov Production: Four Elements, New European Wave Entertainment Producers: Lyubo Yonchev, Rosen Savkov, Elena Doroshenko, Teodora Mladenova Supported by the Bulgarian National Culture Fund Contact: +359 88 656 4538, lyubo.yonchev@fourelements.com

A young boy falls in love with his stepfather. This brings the family to a tragedy.





FACING THE SUN Sreshtu slunceto **Bulgaria, 2024, 140**'



Script: Lyubomir Mladenov Cinematography: Kiril Prodanov Cast: Paolina Dimitrova, Miglena Vezirova, Boris Varbanov, Plamen Dimov, Margita Gosheva, Grigor Antonov, Vladimir Benev Production: Screening Emotions Producers: Poli Angelova, Nikolay Todorov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359894700869, screening.emotions@gmail.com

Neda feels isolated in the small town. Her fate sends the big world to a guest. Instead of finding joy at the meeting, she faces hatred and ruin.





FLESH Plut Bulgaria, 90'

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Director: Dimitar Stoyanovich Script: Dimitar Stoyanovich Cinematography: Rali Ralchev Cast: Plamena Getova, Vesela Babinova Production: Premierstudio Plus Ltd Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

Does the soul or the flesh rule our lives?

When a famous translator in her prime learns that she is diagnosed with cancer, not only her, but also her entire family will have to answer this question. Illness changes the course of time, reveals the true characters of those involved, personal suffering collides with the chilling routine of medical therapy in its monstrous detail. And somewhere outside, people continue to laugh, drink and sing, as if this will not happen to them tomorrow. In the battle for life and on the road to death, the flesh always turns out to be the ultimate victor.





GOOD PARENTS Dobri roditeli **Bulgaria, 104**'



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Director: Kutsy Vaptsarov Script: Kutsy Vaptsarov Cinematography: Kaloyan Bozhilov Cast: Lina Zlateva, Piotr Krzeminski Production: Premierstudio Plus Ltd Producer: Nikolay Moutaftchiev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

A Bulgarian woman, Sofia, is divorcing her husband Rune, with whom they live in Norway and have two children. The husband uses Barnevernet, The Norwegian child protection service agency, to accuse Sofia of being overly emotional and obsessing over the children, and he states that she's turning them against him. Then both parents have been placed under surveillance, and their children have been taken away and placed in different foster families. The mother experiences the separation with her children very dramatically, but she struggles to repress her despair and emotionality in order to keep her mind cold so she can prove that she fits into a society, totally different from her psyche and culture, just to win her children back.



GUNDI – LEGEND OF LOVE

Gundi – legenda za lyubovta **Bulgaria, 2024, 159**'

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Director: Dimitar Dimitrov Script: Emil Bonev Cinematography: Boris Slavkov Composer: Georgi Strezov Cast: Pavel Ivanov, Alexandra Svilena, Dimitar Marinov, Paraskeva Dzhukelova, Penko Gospodinov, Emil Markov, Bilyana Petrinska, Stoyan Radev, Alexandra Kostova, Dimitar Nikolov Production: Medium Station Producers: Ivan Hristov and Andrey Arnaudov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: + 358 884 580641, bulynski.vasil@gmail.com

"Gundi – Legend of Love" depicts the life of Georgi Asparuhov, a renowned Bulgarian footballer, from his teenage years to his untimely death in 1971. Despite societal barriers, he falls in love with Velichka Markova-Lita, navigating familial opposition. Gundi's ascent in football, marriage, and the birth of his son Andrey mark significant milestones. International recognition follows his outstanding performances, yet personal crises strain his marriage. Refusing lucrative offers to remain loyal to his club, Gundi's fame grows, but tensions with the regime escalate due to his independence.





GURIA Georgia, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Turkey, Norway, 110'



Director: Levan Koguashvili; Script: Boris Frumin, Levan Koguashvili
Cinematography: Cevahir Şahin, Georgy Shvelidze; Composer: Georgy Gordeladze
Cast: Kakhaber Chiladze, Natia Nikolaishvili, Vamekhi Jangidze
Production: Kino Iberica, Cineworx production, Art Fest, Tarantula,
Asteros / Tato Film, Staer
Producers: Olena Yershova, Levan Koguashvili
Co-Producers: Pascal Trächslin, Stefan Kitanov, Donatto Rotunno,
Kanat Doğramacı, Elisa Fernanda Pirir
Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Georgian National Film Center,
Swiss Film Fund, Zurich Film Fund, Luxembourg Film Fund, Hubert Bals Film
Fund, SorFond Film Fund and Eurimages.
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Stefan Kitanov, Art Fest, kita@siff.bg

Debt collectors are closing to Zuriko. He also has problems with his son and lacks a wife. So he courts the singing teacher Maya. But to win her over, he must buy a new bed first, his ex-mother-in-law warns him. Meanwhile, policemen steal trolley bus cables, injured crooks are operated on with the help of electricity from a car battery and girls have to milk goats to become beauty queens. That's life in Guria!

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IT ALL ENDS HERE

Vsichko si ima krai



Croatia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey

Director: Rajko Grlić; Script: Rajko Grlić, Ante Tomić Cinematography: Branko Linta h.f.s.; Composer: Duke Bojadziev Cast: Živko Anočić, Jelena Đokić, Boris Isaković, Janko Popović Volarić, Emir Hadžihafizbegović, Anjela Nedyalkova Production companies: Inter film, RFF international, West End Production, Artikulacija, Veda film, Oktavijan, Saudade film; Producer: Ivan Maloča Co-Producers: Stefan Kitanov, Uliks Fehmiu, Milena Garfield, Ivan Đurović, Elena Stanisheva, Slaven Knezović, Mike Downey, Emir Külal Haznevi Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Croatian Audiovisual Centre, Film Center Serbia, Cinematography Foundation Sarajevo, Film Centre of Montenegro Contact: Inter film, interfilm@interfilm.hr Contact for Bulgaria: Stefan Kitanov, RFF International, kita@siff.bg

Successful lawyer Max Pinter obtains an acquittal for his wealthy and powerful client Dinko Horvath, who was charged with double murder. At a party to celebrate the successful conclusion of the case, the drunken Max openly accuses Horvath of the cold-blooded murder of two workers who had come to claim their unpaid wages.



The conflict with a man regarded as one of the pillars of society makes the lawyer persona non grata. Max loses his clients and partners, his wife leaves him, yet he does not give up and together with Nina, his young love, he leads a battle against Horvat...



LAND Zemya Bulgaria, 2025, 140'



Director: Nikolay Todorov Script: Nikolay Todorov Cinematography: Kiril Prodanov Composer: Hristo Namliev Cast: Tigran Torosyan, Yara Enev, Mihail Stoyanov, Valeri Georgiev, Monika Ivanova, Martina Peneva, Margita Gosheva Production: Screening Emotions Co-Production: Nu Boyana Film Studios Producer: Poli Angelova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 894 700 869, screening.emotions@gmail.com

Kamen wants to be successful and is even ready to sacrifice his love to Tsveta. His avid wish for material possessions has no boundaries. It brings him down and he loses his human face.





LUST Potomak Bulgaria, Denmark, Sweden, 2024, 90'



Director: Ralitza Petrova Script: Ralitza Petrova Cinematography: Julian Atanassov Cast: Snezhanka Mihailova, Nikola Mutafov, Mihail Milchev Production: Aporia Filmworks, Screening Emotions Co-Production: Snowglobe (Denmark), Silverx (Sweden) Producers: Ralitza Petrova, Poli Angelova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Eurimages, Danish Film Institute, Film I Väst AB Contact: Ralitza Petrova, +359 893385791, aporiafilmworks@gmail.com Poli Angelova, +359 894700869, screening.emotions@gmail.com

When Lilian (41) becomes the unwitting heir to her estranged father, all she wants is to refuse the heritage, and get back to her life. But a near-death experience changes everything.



Festivals & Awards: The Artekino International Prize (CineLink Co- Production Market 27th Sarajevo Film Festival, 2021)



MUM Mama **Serbia, Bulgaria, Croatia, 110**'

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Director: Nikola Lezaic Script: Nikola Lezaic Cinematography: Aleksandar Pavlovic Cast: Filip Djuric, Izudin Bajrovic, Stojan Matavulj, Snjezana Sinovcic Production: PR QCE Co-Production: Premierstudio Plus Ltd, Nukleus Film d.o.o. Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Eurimages, Serbian Film Center, Croatia Audiovisual Center Contact: : +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

A film director in the advertising business is dissatisfied with his current situation. He buys an old van to travel with his wife and daughter. In the meantime, he is called by his parents who have learned that there is a possibility that the remains of his late grandmother, Pera, who fled Croatia during the war and died in the early 2000s in Serbia, will finally be returned to Dalmatia. Considering that he hasn't seen the old house for 25 years, Nikola enthusiastically accepts the idea. Nikola goes on a trip with his father, Mirko (74), and on the way he gets a lesson about parenting, family, time that passes while you're not looking, and memories that sometimes aren't real.



THE PLATFORM Platformata Bulgaria, 94'

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Director: Nikolay Moutaftchiev Script: Nikolay Moutaftchiev Cinematography: Kaloyan Bozhilov Cast: Boyko Krastanov, Kitodar Todorov, Eleonora Ivanova, Mira Boyadzhieva Production: Premierstudio Plus Ltd Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

Stan becomes a refugee from a country with a totalitarian regime and now is stateless. He finds a way out of the situation and decides with three other people to find a new democratic state on an abandoned platform in the sea. His skills and understanding of the democracy contradict each other, and in order to give freedom, he becomes a dictator.





WAIT TILL YOU HEAR MINE

Pochakai da chuesh moyata Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, 2024, 110'



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Director: Pelin Esmer; Script: Pelin Esmer Cinematography: Barbu BalasoiuComposer: Hristo Namliev Cast: Merve Ozgur, Timucin Esen, Ipek Bilgin, Nur Surer, Sebnem Hassanisoughi, Mehmet Kurtulus Production: SINEFILM, ROSA FILM, AY YAPIM; Producers: Pelin Esmer, Dilde Mahalli, Kerem Catay; Co-Production: SCREENING EMOTIONS – Poly Angelova; LIBRA FILMS (Romania) – Tudor Giurgiu Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Eurimages, Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism Contact: Pelin Esmer, pelinesmer@sinefilm.com; Poli Angelova, screening.emotions@gmail.com

Aliye, a young housekeeper in a small town hotel, wishing to shape her own future, reaches out to a well-known director Levent from İstanbul. She creates a story where she blends her past with an imagined one. While Levent is immersed in this story told in voice recordings, his own story chases him. A playful hide- and-seek, where stories set the game, would not only change the future, but also the past.



THE SWEET BITTERNESS OF RIPE POMEGRANATES



Sladkata gorchivina na zrelite narove

North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Croatia, 2025, 100'

Director: Andrey Volkashin Script: Andrey Volkashin Cinematography: Kiril Prodanov Cast: Zorica Nusheva, Leo Dolores Popovic, Ana Kostovska, Gorast Cvetkovski Production: Veda Film Productions; Producer: Elena Stanisheva Co-Production: Screening Emotions – Poli Angelova, Nikolay Todorov, Studio Corvus – Zvonimir Munivrana Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Eurimages, North Macedonia Film Agency, Croatian Audiovisual Center Contact: +389 713 214 87 – Elena Stanisheva, elena.staniseva@gmail.com; +359 894 700 869 – Poli Angelova, poli.angelova@gmail.com

When a traditional, middle-aged Macedonian housewife welcomes a wounded, mysterious woman into her home, her long-suppressed desires are awakened. Unable to accept herself, the love she feels turns into fear and agony, driving her to madness and extreme actions.



Festivals & Awards: Post-production award ApostLab Amsterdam (2022)



WOMANISER

Div kon Bulgaria, UK, France, Cyprus, 2024, 95'

> Director: Mina Mileva ,Vesela Kazakova Script: Mina Mileva, Vesela Kazakova Cinematography: Dimitar Kostov, Galina Vasileva Cast: Jerome Godfrey, Mariko Nishino, Tyresse Mccalla, Naomi Meaden, Lucy Grace Childs, Chi-Lin Nim, Miquel Flack, Jamie Littlewood, Abe Taylor, Joseph Elliott, Matthew George Walsh, Su McLaughlin, Rositza Gevrenova Production: Activsit38 Producers: Mina Mileva and Vesela Kazakova Co-Production: MK38 (UK); LOCO FILMS (FR) – Laurent Danielou, Caretta Films (CY) – Constantinos Nikoforou Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Eurimages, Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU, Quick Fire Films

A 17-year-old provocateur challenges stereotypes and political correctness in his new English school.







FAULT Razlom Bulgaria, 2026, 120'

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Director: Georgi Djulgerov Script: Georgi Djulgerov Cinematography: Stefan Ivanov Composer: Mira Iskarova Cast: Vesela Petrova, Alexander Benev, Nikola Paraskevov Production: Screening Emotions Producers: Poli Angelova, Nikolay Todorov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: Poli Angelova, +359 894 700 869, screening.emotions@gmail.com

For half a century, a son can't forgive his mother. In 1951 when he was a 5- years old boy, his mother becomes an agent of the Bulgarian secret service in order to prevent him from having a miserable future. She infiltrates the oppositionary groups of guerrilla fighters against the regime. Initially the mother commits treasons with no thought of the consequences, but when she realizes her sin and tries to stop, the state crushes her. Her son falls ill and she collapses mentally. She does nothing to save him. One of those she betrayed, though, cures her child. The boy condemns his mother and leaves. Half a century later, the son manages to forgive her.





RESONANCE Rezonans Bulgaria, Greece



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Director: Yordan Petkov Script: Yordan Petkov Cinematography: Orlin Ruevski Production: Portokal, Garti Films, Klas Film Producers: Vanya Rainova, Victoria Mitreva, Rossitsa Valkanova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU, SEE Cinema Network Contact: vanya.portokal@gmail.com, gartifilms@gmail.com

Convinced that human activity is bringing the world to an end, Milko lives in voluntary exile from civilisation. Below the hills, where his hut is, lies a sleepy provincial town, where the locals are used to his warnings and accept him as part of the landscape. Their fragile ceasefire is disrupted by the arrival of a new public warning system, designed to sound an alarm in case of emergency and disaster. The sirens turn out to be malfunctioning. The locals, however, find it easier to live with their constant howl, than with Milko's relentless challenge to their apathy. Their indifference gradually grows into a slow-burning hostility. An ambitious young policeman however, groomed to become part of the establishment, slowly yet inevitably finds himself drawn into Milko's world and ideas.



ASK THE WIND Popitai vyatura **Bulgaria, 100**'

IN DEVE

Director: Dimitar Kotzev – Shosho; Script: Dimitar Kotzev – Shosho Based on the novel *Balkan Rhapsody* by Maria Kassimova-Moase Production: Cinelibri; Producer: Jacqueline Wagenstein Contact: jwagenstein@colibri.bg, info@cinelibri.com

Maria is a young woman facing a conversation with her ancestors, mostly with her rebellious grandmother Miriam. Through the voices and images of the past, Maria tries to explain not only the actions of those whose blood flows in her veins, but also her own decisions. Inspired by the wonderful secrets of two cities – Burgas and Istanbul – the film unfolds two parallel storylines, revealing destinies separated by decades. Past and present alternate, the story is full of drama and passion, which expect to be unlocked. Each of the characters experiences a major personal transformation that binds them even more strongly to everyone else. We are moving along the fault lines between two worlds. One – dominated by conservative patriarchal values, and the other – empowered by a belief in free will and spiritual growth.





AUTHORITY Avtoritet Bulgaria, 90'

IN DEVE LOP MENT

Director: Vladimir Todorov Script: Vladimir Todorov Based on the novel *To Survive Hell* by Savko Kalata Production: Cinelibri Producer: Jacqueline Wagenstein Contact: jwagenstein@colibri.bg, info@cinelibri.com

The fate of a professional thief during the period of mature socialism, whose career began in his early childhood, his encounter with the system of justice and incarceration and the years spent surviving behind bars led to his construction as an Authority in prisons, which became his home, until he meets the woman who manages to do what the entire repressive machine has failed to do - to "tame" him and transform him from a criminal into an ordinary, law-abiding citizen.





EMIL Bulgaria, 2024/2026, 120'



Director: Yana Titova Script: Emil Bonev, Yana Titova Production: Medium Station Producers: Ivan Hristov and Andrey Arnaudov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: + 358 884 580641, bulynski.vasil@gmail.com

A biographical film about the extraordinary life of the Bulgarian pop legend Emil Dimitrov, who started from Sofia's streets and reached the world stage. A path marked by triumph, tragedy and sacrifice. His partnership with the lyricist and impresario – Vasil Andreev turned Emil into a sensation, producing the most emblematic Bulgarian songs of all times. Under Vasil's leadership, Emil becomes a cultural phenomenon, but their success is threatened by their sexuality. In communist Bulgaria, to protect Emil, Vasil arranges his marriage to Marietta. Despite fame and record sales, Emile's dream of living in France is shattered when Vasil's control and jealousy lead to a cruel betrayal. Vasil's revenge tarnishes Emil's reputation by personally compromising him in front of the upper echelons of power and creative censorship, ruining his career forever. Vasil's words come true: "I created you and I will destroy you!" Emil soon sinks into obscurity.





THE ICON PAINTER AND THE DRAGON



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Bulgaria

Script: Orlin Milchev Production: Geopoly Ltd Producer: Pavlina Jeleva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 888 605 350, geopoly@gmail.com 16, Kapitan Andreev Str., Sofia 1421, Bulgaria

Trying to stop a robbery at his co-op, a well-regarded icon painter shoots a young drug addict. An investigation begins dividing public opinion and challenging the shooter's conscience.





THE LAST WOMAN ON EARTH

Poslednata zhena na zemyata Bulgaria



Director: Milena Fuchedjieva Script: Milena Fuchedjieva Production: Cinelibri Producer: Jacqueline Wagenstein Contact: jwagenstein@colibri.bg, info@cinelibri.com

Eva lives in a dystopian world where babies are chipped from the moment they are born and the psychological picture of every person on Earth is monitored to keep them from deviating from the norm. Happiness is a must. While Eve is debating whether or not to have children, a Black Swan event wipes all humans off the face of the Earth. Trying to survive on her own in an otherwise unspoiled world, she realizes that there is no way to continue the human race and decides to die. She is rescued by a mysterious, handsome man who offers her everything she has ever dreamed of. Or so it seems at first glance. The salvation of Mankind is possible, but the price Eve must pay is inhuman.





THE LIFE WE NEVER HAD

IN DEVE

Jivotut, koito nyamahme **Bulgaria**

> Director: Martin Markov Script: Teodora Markova, Nevena Kertova Production: Portokal Ltd Producer: Vanya Rainova; Co-Production: No Blink Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU Contact: vanya.portokal@gmail.com

Boyan is an unfulfilled artist who makes a living creating tacky artworks for parvenues. Often at night he makes suicidal moto rides to suppress his anger. One evening he witnesses an accident, in which a renowned artist (Andrey) dies. Boyan discovers that his girlfriend Yana had previously had an affair with the painter. He becomes obsessed with him and even breaks into his studio, where he finds an erotic painting of Yana. The studio becomes Boyan's secret shelter, where he ventures to paint for the first time in years.

Festivals & Awards: an award for best pitch at Transilvania Pitch Stop 2023



THE RESIDENCE *Rezidentsiyata* **Bulgaria, 110'**

IN DEVE

Director: Theodore Ushev Script: Georgi Tenev Based on the novel The Residence by Georgi Tenev Production: Cinelibri Producer: Jacqueline Wagenstein Contact: jwagenstein@colibri.bg, info@cinelibri.com

At the end of the XXI century, young people are fighting an unequal battle against prohibitions and repressions in the State of Order. The mystical teaching of the Rila Lesson rules their minds. The extermination of this sect is the task of the Supreme Procurator. He will discover his deep connection with the adversary and with Rila Mountain.





TWO TIMES ONE Dve po edno **Bulgaria**

IN DEVE LOP MENT

Director: Vladimir Petev Script: Vladimir Petev Production: Portokal Ltd Producer: Vanya Rainova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU Contact: vanya.portokal@gmail.com

Victor is a 40-years-old charismatic architect who aims to become an MP. When his ex-wife suddenly dies, Victor must take care of his 10-year-old son, Daniel, whom he barely knows. Daniel finds himself in the midst of Victor's political dealings – a swirl of intrigues and mistrust. The presence of the boy makes Victor slowly lose focus and drive which leads to the end of his political career. The disillusioned Victor tries to at least save his relationship with his son, but will it be too late?





ACTION HERO Ekshun geroi Bulgaria, France, 2023, 19'

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Director: Plamen Marinov Script: Plamen Marinov, Guillaume Tanis Cinematography: Andrey Kaloudov Composer: Ivan Manov Cast: Kalin Pacherazki, Boryana Bratoeva Producer: Пламен Маринов Co-Production: École Nationale Supérieure d'Audiovisuel Contact: +359 883 345 405, plamen.marinoff@gmail.com

Stanimir is a student who has grown up in France surrounded by intellectuals. He would like to shoot an action movie in Bulgaria. The whole world seems to be against him.





ALICE IN THE REAL WORLD CEMED

Alisa v realnia svyat Bulgaria, 30'

> Director: Ivan Abadjiev Script: Ivan Abadjiev Cinematography: Ivan Abadjiev Cast: Anna Koshko and Navid Afzali Production: Ivan Abadjiev Films Producer: Ivan Abadjiev Supported by National Culture Fund

Alice is a young girl who is going through a crisis in her personal life. Trying to overcome her problems, Alice goes through various hardships. Challenged to find a way to herself, she is confronted with a reality she did not know, or suspect existed. The film explores the minds of young people torn by alienation and the longing to love and be loved.

Festivals & Awards: Aasha Film Festival – Best Short Film (India, 2023), David Film Festival – Best Experimental Film (Turkey, 2023), Silver SCAD Film Festival – Best Concept Film (Russia, 2023)





AUGUST 13TH Trinayseti avgust

Bulgaria, 2023, 30'

Director: Ventsislav Sariev; Script: Ventsislav Sariev Cinematography: Dimitar Tenev; Composer: Evgeny Enchev – Gena Cast: Aleksandar Tonev, Boryana Simeonova, Zachary Baharov, Bogdan Buhalov, Slavyan Bozhinov, Aleksandar Benev Production: NO BLINK | Pictures; Producers: Ventsislav Sariev, Siyana Nedyalkova, Aleksandar Aleksiev, Nicky Stoichkov Supported by the Bulgarian National Culture Fund Contact: +359 896 786 137, august13movie@gmail.com

AUGUST 13th is a film inspired by actual events from the near past. The story follows the encounters of Victor and Tanya at the end of their junior year. The two of them grow closer and closer during the summer vacation, despite the danger surrounding them. On the night of August 13th, they come across the bullies of the hood and their gang leader Galin, who seems to have come up with a cruel plan.

Festivals & Awards: The European Values Award at the 45th Drama International Short Film Festival 2022, Best Short at the 8th Burgas International Film Festival, Best Actress: Boryana Simeonova at the ON THE BEACH International Film Festival, Special Mention at the 41st "Golden Rose" Bulgarian feature film festival

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CHOCOLATE Shokolad Bulgaria, 2024, 14'

Director: Orlin Milchev Script: Orlin Milchev Cinematography: Orlin Ruevski Composer: Joni Iliev Cast: Borislav Paunov, Nataliya Tsekova, Joni Iliev Production: Geopoly Ltd. Producers: Pavlina Jeleva, Georgy Cholakov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 888 605 350, geopoly@gmail.com

Little Bobby and his large family live in a Roma neighbourhood, and on a holiday, he fails to get his due share of chocolate. Feeling let down by his lack of luck, he embarks on a journey through the mysterious vast city.

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MILLIONS OF CATS Milioni kotki Bulgaria, 2023, 7'

Director: Petya Andreeva Script: Petya Andreeva Cinematography: Branimir Miladinov Cast: Daria Andreeva Production: Monotone films Producer: Petya Andreeva Supported by the National Culture Fund Contact: project@monotone-films.com

Mother and daughter share a lovely afternoon reading their favourite book, but they find themselves in an unfamiliar location. Time moves in an unusual way and reveals the reason behind their presence in this extraordinary place.

Festivals & Awards: Best Director Super Short Film – Budapest Movie Awards

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MOTHER DIED TODAY Mama umrya dnes

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Bulgaria, 2024, 28'

Director: Philip Andreev Script: Katerina Lambrinova, Philip Andreev Cinematography: Georgi Andreev Composers: Hristo Namliev, Gueorgui Linev, Nova Generacia Cast: Alexander Benev, Elina Karastoyanova, Yossif Surchadzhiev, Tanya Shahova, Svetla Tsotsorkova, Dimitar Petkov, Tsvetan Alexiev, Iren Petrova, Mak Marinov, Alexander Kanev Production: Borough Film Producers: Vladimir Andreev, Katerina Lambrinova, Georgi Andreev Co-Production: Soul Food Ltd, Doli Media Studio, Right Solutions **Supported by** the Bulgarian National Film Center **Contact:** katerina.lambrinova@gmail.com; philip.v.andreev@gmail.com

Alexander (24) has returned from Denmark for the funeral of his mother. Instead of facing up to his estranged relatives though, he chooses to embark, together with his teenage sister Kalina, on a journey through the city, probably in search of their ever-absent father. What they find is one another.





SILENT IN THE SNOW

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Tiho v snega Bulgaria, Germany, 2023, 18'

> Director: Stephan Ganoff Script: Stephan Ganoff Cinematography: Enno Endlicher Composer: Boris Hristov Cast: Ekaterina Voinova, Stephan Ganoff, Stefan D. Ganoff Production: Prodeka EOOD Producer: Ekaterina Voinova Co-Production: Enno Endlicher Supported by the National Culture Fund of Bulgaria Contact: +359 877 666 654, prodeka@abv.bg

An existential and magical film that not only shows the interpersonal, but also the deep primal connection with life and death. The hypnotic mood of the footage, poetry and music create a richly emotional atmosphere. It is inspired by and contains poems by Boris Hristov, the dramaturgical adviser, composer and performer of the music for the film.

Festivals & Awards: Golden Rose 2023 for Best Bulgarian Short





\$100 A HUNDRED DOLLARS BILL \$100 sto dolara Bulgaria, 2024, 15'

Director: Momchil Ap. Karamitev Script: Sergei Komitski Cinematography: Kaloyan Bozhilov Composer: Antoni Donchev Cast: Lubo Neikov, Boyana Detelinova, Ivailo Simeonov, Boyana Petkova, Lubomir Garbev Production: Nightmarepiktures; Producer: Momchil Karamitev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 876 660 863, karamitevma@gmail.com

A senior citizen – retired woman, violist, finds by accident \$100 – a hundred dollars bill in the garden, when walking her dog in the morning. She imagines the money will solve some of her problems, but it comes out the money is fake. For this reason, the cashier calls the police, and the old lady passes out. A doctor from ER unit helps her to get on her feet. On the way home she meets a young blind woman playing on cheap violin with a bad sound her favorite classic music piece. She gives to the blind girl her own instrument – a perfect violin.





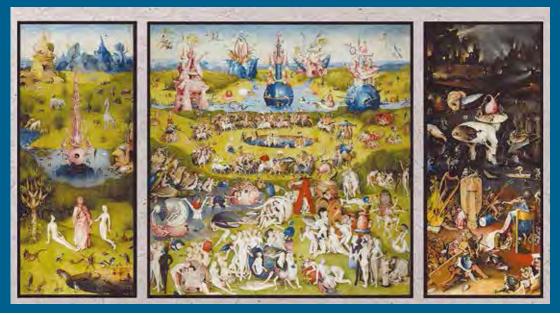
WHAT STAYS AFTER Tova, koeto ostava Bulgaria, 2024, 20'

SOWING SUUN

Director: Dimitris Georgiev Script: Mariy Rosen, Dimitris Georgiev Cinematography: Damian Dimitrov Cast: Maria Bakalova, Yan Lozov, Elena Telbis, Zachary Baharov Production: NO BLINK Pictures, New European Wave Entertainment, Five Oceans Producers: Aleksandar Aleksiev, Borislav Borislavov, Nicky Stoichkov, Teodora Mladenova, Julian Kostov, Maria Bakalova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 887 873 072, alek.aleksiev@noblink.group

What Stays After tells the coming-of-age story of a boy during tragic events that tear his family apart. The characters in the movie face the pain of losing a loved one, discover truths they are not ready for, make choices that will change their lives, and feel guilt that eats them away.





TRIPTYCH Triptih UK, Bulgaria, 15'

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Director: Sophia Ray Script: Roland Walters, Atticus Hoffman Cinematography: David Foulkes Composer: Finn Keane Cast: Emma Suki, Emmanuel Imani, Stoyan Radev, Anjela Nedyalkova Production: Script Compass, Academy Films, Partizan, Four Elements Producers: Byron McNally, Medb Riordan, Mayling Wong, Lyubo Yonchev, Rosen Savkov Contact: +359 88 656 4538, Iyubo.yonchev@fourelements.com

A high-end art dealer is haunted by a mysterious force from her past that threatens to destroy everything she's built.





GARBAGE Bokluk **Bulgaria**, 14'



Director: Aleksey Kozhuharov Script: Aleksey Kozhuharov Cinematography: Rosen Daskalov – The Teacher Production: Samsara EOOD Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center

Angel, a young man of Roma origin, starts his day with collection of waste from the landfill and garbage containers. Defending what he has collected, he goes through various vicissitudes and conflicts situations. Nothing unexpected about his ethnicity. At the end of the day, however, the collected garbage takes on a different meaning.



SCHROEDINGER'S MAN



Shriodingeroviyat chovek **Bulgaria, 15**'

Director: Asparuh Frangov Script: Asparuh Frangov Cinematography: Fejmi Daut Composer: Lachezar Mihaylov Cast: Borislav Chouchkov Production: iFilm Producer: Irina Gurova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: i.gurova@ifilmproduction.com

A man of middle age has declared himself Schroedinger's Man – a man who, to the outside world, is both dead and alive. In the throes of an existential crisis, he permanently ostracizes himself from society to live the rest of his days in solitude, in an underground bunker, with a system in place designed to euthanize him at any random time. Now isolated in his underground paradise of reason, and in complete control of his surroundings, he finds his freedom – a temporary oasis of peace – only for it to be shattered by the very nature that makes us human in the first place.





WHEEE Fuuur Bulgaria, 10'

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Director: Kiril Todorov Script: Miglena Dimova and Mariana Subeva Cinematography: Fejmi Daut Production: iFilm Producer: Irina Gurova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: i.gurova@ifilmproduction.com

Little Annie dreams of being a grown-up. When her parents start fighting, her wish begins to literally come true.







IN DEVE LOP MENT

Director: Lyubo Yonchev Script: Lyubo Yonchev Cinematography: Rosen Savkov Production: Four Elements, Crystal Frame Producers: Lyubo Yonchev, Rosen Savkov, Samuil Djoganov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 88 656 4538, lyubo.yonchev@fourelements.com

A mixed marriage family survives thanks to the help of the woman's parents. When their baby is born, responsibility grows, and their relationship begins to deteriorate. Differences in their visions of the future appear, distancing the young parents. Dog fighting seems to be the only "salvation" for the man. One day his dream of a better life suddenly leaves him.







FLYING WITH FINS Da letish s plavnitsi Bulgaria, 2024, 81'

Director: Maria Averina Script: Mariana Svetoslavova, Maria Averina Cinematography: Boris Missirkov and Georgi Bogdanov Composer: Petar Dundakov Cast: Alzek Mischeff Production: AGITPROP Producer: Martichka Bozhilova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU Contact: +359 2 983 14 11, producer@agitprop.bg

Paintings, performances, experiments, electronic music sounding in the spaces of two old houses in a small Italian town, heated conversations about contemporary art, touching meetings with the closest people and places in Bulgaria after 50 years of separation. "Flying with Fins" is a film about the constant search for meaning in art and life. Alzek Misheff, artist – rebel and experimenter, leads us in this philosophical and aesthetic journey through time, space and ideas.



Festivals & Awards: Opening film, Master of Art 2024; Best Bulgarian Documentary Award, Master of Art 2024; Bulgarian Critique's Guild Award, Golden Rhyton Bulgarian Documentary and Animated Film Festival



ON THE OTHER SIDE Ot drugata strana



Ot drugata strana Bulgaria, 2023, 58'

> Director: Nikolay Rusakiev Script: Nikolay Rusakiev Cinematography: Zdravko Ruzhev Production: Teleman and Plamar Studio Producer: Nikolay Rusakiev Contact: +359 889 534 412, Martin Georgiev

In the spring of 2023, a journalist from Bulgaria was admitted to the other side of the front in Ukraine. Martin Georgiev had already gone to Odessa, Nikolaev and Kiev, at the beginning of the war, when all the Ukrainians were fleeing in the opposite direction. And even then, he asked to see the other side – Russia, Donetsk, and why not Mariupol. Being from a NATO member country – declared an "enemy state" by Russian President Putin – his admission there seemed impossible. But exactly one year after the beginning of the conflict, the journalist from Bulgaria received a visa and accreditation, after which he spent two weeks on the other side.

Festivals & Awards: Best Fiction Documentary Film award at the Best Film Awards Los Angelis





SCHOOL FOR HOPE Uchilishte za nadezhda

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Bulgaria, 2024, 82'

Director: Yana Alexieva; Script: Yana Alexieva Cinematography: Krasimir Andonov Composer: Maya Harrigan Cast: Animari Dimitrova, Zlatko Zlatkov Production: Mono Collective; Producer: Simeon Tsonchev Co-Production: Krasimir Andonov, Svetlosar Georgiev, Krastyo Lambev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 898 472 844, info@monoco.eu, schoolforhopefilm.com

Animari and Zlatko take seven-year-old Rossi into their unique boarding school in rural Bulgaria for her first school year. While she progresses to second grade, making good friends along the way, Animari and Zlatko are faced with numerous challenges to keep the school running. A poetic, whimsical journey through their lives in the course of one year, the film explores the limits of what they are ready to do to protect their pupils and help them thrive.



Festivals & Awards: International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam, Thessaloniki International Documentary Festival, Visions du Réel, Beldocs International Documentary Film Festival



SOUL BEYOND MEASURE

СомР Сетер

Neravnodelnata dusha Bulgaria, 2024, 109'

> Director: Sofia Stoycheva Script: Sofia Stoycheva Cinematography: Ognyan Kalaydjiev, Kiril Tasev, Plamen Gelinov Production: AGITPROP Producer: Martichka Bozhilova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Sofia Municipality Culture Mobility Programme Contact: +359 2 983 14 11, +359 2 983 19 29, producer@agitprop.bg www.agitprop.bg

> What attracts people from the richest countries in the world to a small and poor Eastern European country? What did they manage to discover here, when at the same time many Bulgarians emigrated abroad? Here they feel the Bulgarian living folklore tradition, which in their countries has long been lost.

Festivals & Awards: Sofia International Film Festival 2024





WEIMAR EXPRESS Vaimar Ekspres

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Bulgaria, 2023, 75'

Director: Milena Fuchedjieva Script: Milena Fuchediieva Cinematography: Emil Topuzov Composer: Assen Avramov Production: Magic Shop Producer: Georgi Nikolov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 885 773 830, milena.fuchedjieva@gmail.com

In 1941, Hitler's propaganda chief Goebbels invited 37 European writers, 36 men and 1 woman, to a month-long trip through Germany ending in Weimar. Acknowledging the power of Literature, Goebbels's plan was to create a European Writers Union in favour of Germany's view of the world.





SEA ME: A LIFE IN SILENCE *Az Moreto: Zhivot v malchanie* **Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, 30'**



Director: Lyubo Yonchev Script: Lyubo Yonchev, Rosen Savkov Cinematography: Rosen Savkov Production: Greenpeace, Four Elements, Crystal Frame Producers: Meglena Antonova, Samuil Djoganov Contact: +359 88 656 4538, lyubo.yonchev@fourelements.com

Inhabited since ancient times, intertwined with legends and traditions, the Black Sea hides many secrets. Unique and little known, life in it faces various challenges.

Is the sea polluted? Is there poaching? Are his assets being used without control? Are marine life under threat? Whatever problems it encounters, nature is stronger and will always heal it. We just have to help her.



THE DECEPTION QUEEN Izmamnata kralica Bulgaria, 50'

Director: Lachezar Avramov Script: Dimitar Stoyanovich Cinematography: Kaloyan Bozhilov Production: Premierstudio Plus Ltd Producer: Nikolay Moutaftchiev Ռվոս

Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

Bulgarian-born Dr. Ruja Ignatova, who went underground in 2017, just as law enforcement were starting get wind of the company, was living a glamorous life – Oxford-educated entrepreneur, who attracted vast audiences to her OneCoin lectures and had close relationships with both politicians and celebrities. In 2016, Dr. Ruja spoke at Wembley Arena. She persuades everyone to invest in her project and promise to doubles everyone's coins. These lofty promises were never fulfilled and Dr. Ruja disappeared in October 2017 and hasn't been seen since.



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THE SOCIALLY STRONG ONES



Socialno silnite

Bulgaria, 2024, 87'

Director: Nikolay Vasilev Script: Nikolay Vasilev Cinematography: Borislav Georgiev Production: Screening Emotions Producers: Poli Angelova, Nikolay Todorov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Bulgarian National Television Contact: Poli Angelova, +359 894 700 869, screening.emotions@gmail.com

They quietly and selflessly work for the wellbeing of humanity, investing their efforts and talents in the realm of science and technology. What binds them is an invisible net of bright minds, which emerged from the academy of the renowned physics teacher Theodosiy Theodosiev. They are the 'socially strong' people of Bulgaria who are building the future of the world.





ANGEL'S PENTATEUCH Petoknijie Anzhelovo Bulgaria, 6 episodes



Director: Lachezar Avramov Script: Dimitar Stoyanovich Cinematography: Rali Ralchev Production: Cinelibri Producer: Jacqueline Wagenstein Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: jwagenstein@colibri.bg, info@cinelibri.com

"Angel's Pentateuch" is a six-episode documentary film about the life and work of a great Bulgarian screenwriter, writer, public figure, and intellectual. This is the 100-year story of Angel Wagenstein. A direct witness of at least three historical revolutions, a participant in the illegal movement during the Second World War, a camp worker, a fighter against fascism, condemned to death, the creator of fifty-two film scripts, cinema and theater director, the author of four novels and countless more pages of journalism, recipient of hundreds of awards from all over the world, a Bulgarian citizen and a German pensioner, a rebel who managed to preserve himself in each of the eras he lived through.



ЕДНА МИНУТА ОЩЕ



ONE MORE MINUTE Edna minuta oshte **Bulgaria, 60**'



Director: Lubomira Stoyanova Script: Lubomira Stoyanova Cinematography: Irina Ivanova Production: Samsara EOOD Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center

Lubomira and Dimo get married in 2013. He's a famous Bulgarian musician, songwriter and puppet actor, who is very loved in the public space. She is the love of his life and they have two daughters, whom they purely adore and raise with care and attention. When Dimo passes away, just 45 y.o. from COVID-19, she's left alone to take care of their two devastated children, two dogs, their home and their living. In her struggle to keep the balance of the family, she accidentally comes upon a few of his conversations with other people which raise many questions in her. She takes on a long journey through her husband's life, work, friends, fans of the band, his romantic affairs before their marriage to find out all she didn't know about him and to find a way to move forward.



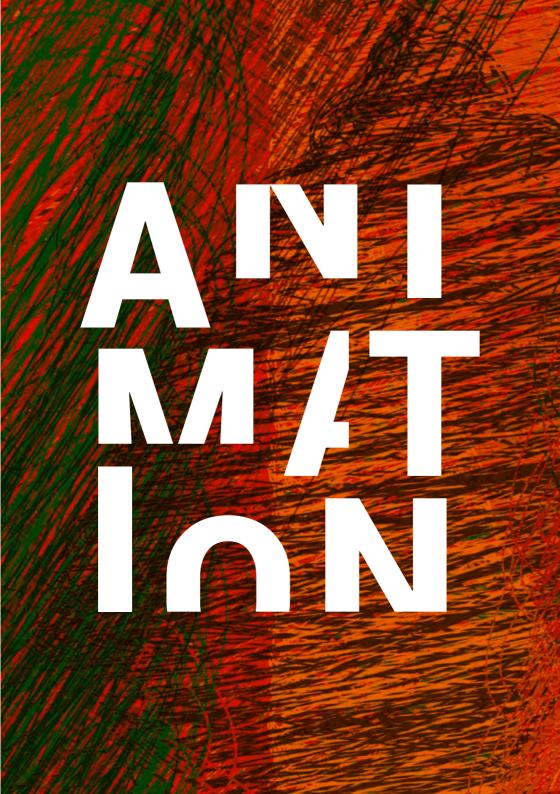
THE ROMANTIC PIRATES Romantichnite pirati Bulgaria, 60'

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Director: Borimir Ilkov – Bono Script: Nikola Dimitrov Production: Geopoly Ltd. Producer: Pavlina Jeleva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 888 605 350, geopoly@gmail.com

The amazing background of home video in Bulgaria full of exciting testimonies on the local video pirates' sincere love for international film and their path to the heights of professionalism.







BEARD BLUE Bradata Sinya Bulgaria, 2022, 7'

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Director: Veni H. Zamfirova-Kaleva Script: Veni H. Zamfirova-Kaleva Storyboard and Art: Lyubomir G. Kalev Production: Balkan Sword Ltd Producer: Lyubomir G. Kalev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and National Fund Culture Contact: +359 899 477 961, yu.kalev@gmail.com

A young boy wants to grow up faster so he can travel the seas like his ancestors. And with the help of a magic shrimp, he might just get his wish. Sam is a boy who wants to travel the seven seas as all his ancestors have done before him. Therefore, he must get his own ship, his crew, oh, and he must get older. His unexpected encounter with a magical blue shrimp fulfils one wish, but with an unexpected turn. In his request to grow up faster he gets a blue beard.





FLIP Flip Bulgaria, 2023, 6'



Director: Ivailo Boliarov Script: Ivailo Boliarov Sound: Ivaylo Yanev Production: Counter-Star LLC Producer: Ivailo Boliarov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359878871106, toivailo@yahoo.com

Somewhere out there, through the lonely streets and corridors of personal searches, questions and building attempts, lies the way out of being able to change our lives and our surroundings, in the way we want. The key not only knows how to find the right door, but also to turn everything upside down while opening it.





THE ARTIST'S DAUGHTER

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Dashteryata na hudozhnika **Bulgaria, 2023, 85**'

Director: Dimitar Dimitrov Script: Dimitar Dimitrov Music: Dimitar Dimitrov, Natalia Gyurova Production: Metamorfoza-N EOOD Producer: Neli Gacharova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 885 691 710, animiter@gmail.com

An ironic-grotesque story about a father and his daughter who first die, then mysteriously come back to life, and the apparent drama melts into the lightness of a game in which death is stripped of weight and transformed into a dummy paper bird. The aesthetics of absurdity, embedded in the script, was inspired by the work of Daniil Kharms.

Festivals & Awards: Golden Rython 2023 – Best Artist Award





THE ILLUMINER Ilyuminerut Bulgaria, 2023, 7'

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Director: Lachezar Velinov Script: Lachezar Velinov, Teodora Piperevska Composer: Vladimir Djambazov Production: Zographic Films Producers: Tania Asova, Lachezar Velinov Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

A story about the path each of us takes, about the choices we make. Once we choose the difficult path in life, we are bound to follow it to the end. At the beginning of his journey, a man does not know the pain of others. What happens when he shows empathy? What price will he have to pay? And can he give up?

Festivals & Awards: AniMate – Australia Animation Film Festival, New York Animation Film Awards (NYAFA), Los Angeles Animation Festival





TRACE Sleda Bulgaria, 2022, 6'

Director: Asparuh Petrov; Script: Asparuh Petrov Composer: Andrea Martignoni Production: Compote Collective Producer: Vessela Dantcheva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 895 005 007, : info@compote-collective.com,

A young writer dedicates his nights to hunting entangled phrases with his pen. The moment he is confronted with the pregnancy of his wife, his world collapses. Lingering fears and painful memories overwhelm him, and he needs to trace the missing piece.

Festivals & Awards: Best International Animation, CINELEBU Lebu International Film Festival; Best Bulgarian Short Film, Sofia International Film Festival; Special Mention, Go Short International Short Film Festival; Jury Award for Animated Film, The National Festival of Bulgarian Cinema – SBFD Awards Vasil Gendov ; Grand Prix for Best Animated Film, Golden Rhyton Documentary and Animated Film Festival



BUTTON FOR DREAMS

Kopche za sun Bulgaria, 28'

> Director: Ivan Stoyanovich Script: Dimitar Stoyanovich Production: Premierstudio Producer: Nikolay Moutaftchiev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

Like every night, little Oggy lies in his bed and his grandfather tries to put him to sleep. But that is not an easy job. Before the dream finally closes his eyelids, the bedroom will be filled with his favorite toys that ask him to play with them for at least a while. The legendary tale of the famous Bulgarian writer and screenwriter Valeri Petrov is for the first time animated in a feature-length animated film. This is the magic world of the child's subconscious, its purity and its ability to fantasize in a way that adults have long forgotten. A unique portrait of a modern child who, though intelligent and well-informed, seems to be getting lonely and more in a need of simple answers in a ruthlessly complex world around.

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CLUB 127 Klub 127 **Bulgaria, 2024, 10**'



Director: Svilen Dimitrov Script: Svilen Dimitrov Composer: Petko Manchev Production: Miramar film Producers: Georgi Dimitrov, Ilian Djevelekov, Matey Konstantinov, Mila Voinikova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 943 4904 , office@miramarfilm.com

Three elderly men are stuck in the big city, each dreaming of a different life. It takes a BOMB to get them to act and go to a place where their lives would be better and possibly longer.

Bulgaria used to be a rural country. Many of today's elderly people were forced to migrate to the city and now in their old age feel completely out of place. The film explores with compassion the longing for the lost past. It is a poetic account of the character's dissatisfaction and drive to return to their roots.





ELI, BIMZAL AND THE WATER OF LIFE



Eli, Bimzal i zhivata voda Bulgaria, 15'

> Director: Angel Manov Script: Teodora Manova Animation: Boyan Manov Production: Premierstudio Plus Ltd Producer: Nikolay Moutafchiev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 877 600 028, info@premierstudio.eu

This is a 3D animation film about a little girl Eli, the imaginary monster Bimzal and the fabulous world they meet while looking for a medicine to cure Eli's little brother Nicola. Following the magic Path, Eli succeed in getting over her fear to accept the truth about herself. That is the lesson which helps her to find out the precious Water of Life and save her little brother.

Festivals & Awards: Selected for pitching on Cartoon Next 2023





SOMEONE AS FLOW

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Estonia, Bulgaria, 2024, 8'

Director: Helen Unt Script: Anti Naulainen, Helen Unt Cinematography: Urmas Jõemees Composer: Petar Dundakov Production: Undi Teod Producer: Edina Csüllög Co-Production: Compote Collective Co-Producer: Vessela Dantcheva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center, Estonian Film Institute and Estonian Fund for Culture Contact: +359 895 005 007, info@compote-collective.com

A poetic and philosophical story about the difficult decision to choose oneself. The heroine goes through a series of reincarnations and metamorphoses, becoming transparent as water and ethereal as light, merging with the world around her and almost losing herself in order to return home.



Festivals & Awards: CEE Animation Workshop 2020 Finalist



BALCONADA

Balkonada Bulgaria, France, 2025, 7'



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Director: Iva Tokmakchieva; Script: Iva Tokmakchieva Animation: Iva Tokmakchieva, Andrea Popyordanova, Petya Zlateva Composer: Amin Goudarzi Production: Compote Collective; Producer: Vessela Dantcheva Co-Production: Girelle production; Co-Producer: Christophe Camoirano Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 895 005 007, info@compote-collective.com

"Balconada" is a film about the relationship between internal and external tension – atmospheric and mental pressure. A hot summer day brings several neighbours out on their balconies. During a sudden rainstorm, one of them gets a burst of inspiration, which encourages the rest to live in the moment.

Festivals & Awards: Best film project from the 18th Screenplay Competition of the Bulgarian Cinema Society; Finalist in CEE Animation Workshop 2021; MIFA Pitch, category "Animation du Monde", 2021; Best Film Project of the 18th Bulgarian Cinema Society Screenplay Competition; CEE Animation Workshop 2021 Finalist; MIFA Pitch "Animation du Monde" category, 2021



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FISHIE *Ribka* **Bulgaria, 2024, Series 6 x 6**'

Director: Dimitar Dimitrov Script: Rositsa Dobreva, Roza Kolchagova Production: Zographic Films Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

Because of his strange name, the cat, named Fish, does not meet understanding and friends, and goes out into the world in search of love. Each episode takes him to a new place where he meets various strange characters and gets into unusual situations. He goes to a hatter's shop, to an abandoned haunted house, meets a female cat who is only interested in shiny gifts, but in the end, he finds real friends. In the last episode, Fishie meets Mouse – the love of his life and his best friend.





HOW IT ALL BEGAN Taka zapochna vsichko Bulgaria, 2024, 15'

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Directors: Lachezar Velinov, Maya Bocheva Script: Mariana Krasteva, Dimitra Mircheva Production: Zographic Films Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and CNC Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

When the king and the queen of a small kingdom realize they can't have a child, they embark on a dangerous journey to find one. On their way, they save a small fox cub from the cruel hands of the ruler of the marshes and the animal helps them in their quest. The king and the queen meet the three fairies who foresee they will finally meet the baby that was assigned to them by fate and will become a happy family.





SWITCH Klyuch Bulgaria, 2025, 10'

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Director: Dalibor Rajninger Script: Dalibor Rajninger Animation: Evelina Daneva-Rajninger, Maja Veselinovic Composer: Dalibor Rajninger Production: Compote Collective Producer: Vessela Dantcheva Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 895 005 007, info@compote-collective.com

The plot of "Switch" follows the relationship of a young couple, who begins to build their life together far from the world. The discovery of a mysterious switch, hidden under the ivy of a tree trunk nearby, unlocks their inner aspirations, desires and longings. Within time the love fades away and the two characters grow distant and alienated from each other.

Festivals & Awards: Award Winner Animateka PRO Pitch 2020, Ljubljana, Slovenia





THE BISCUITEERS

Biskvitkovtsite Bulgaria, 2024, Series 6 x 6' ៲Ν Ρϡ∩ϼϧ ϹϯͿϭℕ

Director: Lachezar Velinov Script: Rositsa Dobreva Production: Zographic Films Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

The Biscuiteers wake up after a long sleep from the smell of Elly's cookies. They become friends with her and have a lot of fun, trying to perform some everyday tasks. The friends work in a team and rely on their magic powers to make things right when they go out of control. Rosemary controls plants with magic seeds. Basil passes electric current with hands. Pepper's magic pepper makes creatures and objects invisible.





CODDIWOMPLE Kodiuompul **Bulgaria, 2026, 9**'

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Director: Petko Modev Script: Petko Modev Animation: Petko Modev Production: Compote Collective Producer: Vessela Dantcheva Contact: +359 895 005 007, info@compote-collective.com

"Coddiwomple" is a word from the English dictionary, which means to travel purposefully to an as-yet-unknown destination. The film follows that direction.

Festivals & Awards: First Award at Sofia Animation Lab Animation Pitching Workshop 2022, Finalist in RISE & SHINE 2023 development & pitching Lab for young talents





THE CIRCLE Krugut Bulgaria, 2024, 6'

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Director: Milen Hailov Script: Michail Popov Production: Zographic Films Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

Ex-soldier, Viktor Belev, wakes up by an abandoned house in the woods without knowing how he got there. From that moment on, strange and mysterious things begin to happen. Gradually, he realizes that he is dead and that he goes through the same events over and over again. This is his own hell. He is being punished for the cruel deeds he committed while alive.





THE THREE GADGETEERS

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Mashinariikovtsite Bulgaria, 2024, 8'

> Director: Kiril Ivanov Script: Kiril Ivanov, Kremena Jordanova Production: Zographic Films Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

Kosta, Jozhek, and Liska sneak into Grandma Bunny's garden. They eat well but, in their game, they destroy the beautiful garden. The watchman – the scarecrow, drives the animals out of the garden. All scared and out of their breath, they go to the Old Badger and he tells them the story of Grandma Bunny. They realize what they have done and fix their mistake by cleaning and planting the garden once again.





GRIZZLEBETTER RAAF *Grizulbetur Raf* **Bulgaria, 2026, 72'**

IN DEVE LOP MENT

Director: Bronislav Likomanov Script: Teodora Piperevska, Maria Avramova Production: Zographic Films Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

The Stone tribe is in a constant struggle with the living world – plants and animals. Both camps fear each other. Thanks to Prince Grizzlebetter and the destructive actions of the shaman Toramat, the enemies get to know each other and grow closer. They see the advantages of being different and of the opportunity to live together. But first the giants must reveal a big mystery.

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LIGHT BOXES Feneri prez zimata **Bulgaria, 90'**



Director: Theodore Ushev Script: Theodore Ushev Based on the novel Light Boxes by Shane Jones Production: Cinelibri Producer: Jacqueline Wagenstein Contact: jwagenstein@colibri.bg, info@cinelibri.com

An epic tale of the flight of the spirit, the love of light, and the noble resistance to evil that is only possible through united effort, ingenuity, and unbreakable dreams. A beautiful and exciting puppet fantasy, in which the keywords are air and magic, but it is not about supernatural magic, but about the triumph of human will. Because beyond every winter lurks a sparkling summer – and it depends only on us how long it will last.





THE SYLPHS Silfite Bulgaria, 2027, 75'



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Director: Lachezar Velinov Script: Rositsa Dobreva Production: Zographic Films; Producers: Lachezar Velinov, Tania Asova Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 443 8000, office@zographic.com

In her dead granny's house, Zoe discovers a book about gnomes, along with a letter in which Zoe is entrusted with the protection of the gnome forest. There, Zoe will find a crystal that will help her. Zoe meets the Sylph Goodwill who needs resin from the gnome Sacred tree to restore Sylphs' thought transformation system which guides people to good deeds. Zoe and Goodwill venture into the underworld and find the crystal. They meet the gnome Barkella who doesn't help, in spite of sensing Zoe's connection with the gnomes. When the forest is on fire, Barkella opens a passage and asks them to find God Gob by the Sacred tree and beg for help. Zoe must master the elements and navigate trials to succeed. The friends save the forest by sending thoughts of respect to the fire. Goodwill realizes people aren't bad – they just can't read their thoughts.

Festivals & Awards: Cinekid Script LAB





DEMON'S FALL Esenta na demona

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Esenta na demona Bulgaria, 2024, 12 episodes x 46'

Director: Pavel G. Vesnakov; Script: Ivan Spassov – Space Cinematography: Ivan Vatsov, Nikolai Bekiarski Cast: Teodora Duhovnikova, Vladimir Karamazov, Marian Vulev, Dimo Alexiev, Hristina Apostolova, Veselin Petrov, Nikolay Nikolaev, Irmena Chichikova Production: Dream Team Group & NOVA TV; Producer: Evtim Miloshev Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: evtim@dreamteam-bg.com, pavelgvesnakov@gmail.com

The former police officers Mia and Philip find themselves in the medieval Bulgarian capital of Turnovo, where a series of murders of prominent citizens begins to occur. The murders are ritualistic, following execution methods from the past. The investigation gradually reveals that the victims harbour secrets related to both their personal and public lives. It appears that the murderer is invoking the "Krum's Laws," usurping the functions of a state incapable of dispensing justice. However, this turns out to be a cover for personal revenge, with the ultimate goal being Mia and Philip themselves.

Festivals & Awards: Golden Rose 2023 for The Best Bulgarian TV Series 87

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OPERATION SABRE

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Operatsiya Sabya Serbia, Bulgaria, 2024, 8 episodes x 50'

Directors: Goran Stanković, Vladimir Tagić Script: Dejan Prćić, Vladimir Tagić, Goran Stanković, Maja Pelević, Marjan Alčevski Cinematography: Aleksandar Košutić Composer: Aleksandar Ranđelović Cast: Dragan Mićanović, Milica Gojković, Ljubomir Bandović, Lazar Tasić, Zlatko Burić, Jasna Đuričić, Dolya Gavanski, Linda Ruseva, Stephan A. Shtereff Production: Agitprop Producer: Martichka Bozhilova Co-Production: Radio Television of Serbia, This and That Productions Co-Producers: Snežana van Houwelingen Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center and Creative Europe MEDIA Programme of the EU Contact: +359 2 983 14 11, producer@agitprop.bg

TEHLERS HALE MAN

Belgrade, 2003. When Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Đinđić is assassinated, the country plunges into chaos, and the government declares a state of emergency. A turning point in recent Serbian history told through the perspective of a female journalist, a police inspector and a young criminal.



ANXIETY *Trevozhnost* **Bulgaria, 2024, 12 episodes x 54**'



Director: Ilian Djevelekov Script: Ilian Djevelekov, Matey Konstantinov, Radoslava Topalova, Emil Stefanov Cinematography: Martin Balkansky Composer: Petko Manchev Cast: Penko Gospodinov, Ana Papadopulu, Irmena Chichikova, Radena Valkanova, Petar Dochev, Boyan Mladenov, Tsvetan Peychev, Nikola Dodov, Dimitar Ivanov, Evelina Bibova, Stefania Kocheva, Ina Dobreva, Elena Kabasakalova Production: Miramar film; Producers: Matey Konstantinov, Ilian Djevelekov, Georgi Dimitrov; Co-Production: Bulgarian National Television Supported by the Bulgarian National Film Center Contact: +359 2 943 4904, office@miramarfilm.com

The drama series which takes place in a Psychotherapy Center created by a psychoanalyst and his wife – a specialist in child and adolescent counselling and therapy. We follow the stories of people who have sought psychotherapeutic help from the two specialists at the centre. In each episode there are three main segments – in two of them we talk about what happens in parallel in the two offices, and in the third – about the relationship between the two therapists. **89**





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