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## THE GULLS

directed by Ella Manzheeva



**CHAIKY** 

Drama, debut

production 2015, Russia, TELESTO company with the support of the Russian Ministry of Culture budget € 800 000 87 min, Russian-Kalmyk

screenplay

Ella Manzheeva

Alexander Kuznetsov

Elena Glikman, Yaroslav Zhivov

Evgeniya Mandzhieva Sergey Adianov Evgeny Sangadzhiev Lyubov Ubushieva Dmitry Mukeyev synopsis

'Only the wind, the sand, the reed and a desire to live not worse than the others..." – these words served as a base for the atmosphere of this story, and they are incredibly precise as a definition of the real world in these places.

The Seagulls are a parable on the background of modern Kalmykia. It is about love, with the characters intuitively fulfilling forgotten traditions. Their love is silent and their sorrow is without tears... The seagulls are souls of dead fishermen, broken boats... a hope.

Elza the fisherman's wife lives in a seaside town in Kalmykia. She wants to leave her husband but cannot take this step because she is afraid of uncertainty. Suddenly her husband dies. Because of his death, Elza has to think everything over and reconsider her views on life, on happiness, on liberty...

asia, love, tragedy, crime, Buddhism





Starring EUGENIYA MANDZHIEVA is a Russian fashion model of ethnic Kalmyk descent. She has appeared on the cover of Russian Vogue and Vogue China and is a regular on the runway for Jean-Paul Gaultier, Marc Jacobs, Hugo Boss, Vera Wang, Vivienne Westwood and others. Additionally, she has been featured in advertising campaigns for Costume National, MAC Cosmetics, Vera Wang, Garnier, Diesel, Moschino and Uniqlo.



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