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**CURRENT EVENTS** 

94 min

### PUTIN FOREVER?

directed and written by Kirill Nenashev

#### **COULD THE PUTIN ERA LAST FOREVER?**

The day before Vladimir Putin's inauguration, a march takes place in Bolotnaya Square, Moscow – a protest against the Russian government. This peaceful march is brutally dispersed by the police. The film's protagonist, protest activist Vselovod Chernozub does not know yet that May 6th 2012 is the beginning of a new era in which protest people will be highly unwanted. They will be called 'Fifth column' and traitors of Motherland soon. This movie is an attempt to answer some questions: Who is Mr. Putin for Russians today, really? Why don't people in Russia want changes?



Realize, what happened what hone person too much power in his hand Film by Kirill Nenashev & Maria Muskevich

RUSSIA

2016

RUSSIAN



**CURRENT EVENTS** 

106 min

### 2012. A FAILED REVOLUTION

directed and written by Evgeny Mitta

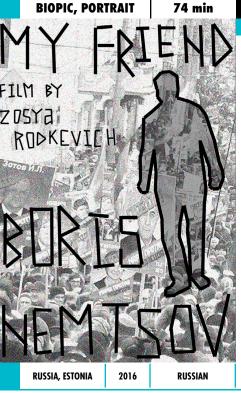
## PUTIN IS FOREVER, IT'S NOT A MYTH. BUT IT'S REALITY

In early 2012 Moscow witnessed mass protest events involving tens of thousands of people. The people's discontent with the policy of authorities, with their irremovability from office, with election manipulation and corruption, resulted in numerous rallies and face-offs with the police. Five years later, several activists whose slogan was "You do not even imagine us" tell the story how the participation in these events changed their lives. Among the protagonists are a defendant in the Bolotnaya case, the most massive political case of the last years, a female LGBT activist, imprisoned in the Bolotnaya case and a socialist historian.



RRILER





## MY FRIEND BORIS NEMTSOV

directed and written by Zosya Rodkevich

### YOU CAN KILL THE PERSON. YOU CAN'T KILL THE TRUTH

It is a documental tragedy, a chronicle showing the criminal essence of the Russian authorities in detail and an intimate portrait of the Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov – once Deputy Prime Minister and 'an heir of President Yeltsin'. later an uncompromising adversary of Putin. It took three years to make this portrait, this sketch of a talented physicist, of the youngest Russian governor murdered by the guards of Ramzan Kadyrov, the President of Chechnya. Election campaigns and hotel beds, protest rallies and office routine, train compartments and courtrooms, night walks and police vans - you have never seen any politician so close.



**ART & POLITICS** 

52 min

### MUSEUM "REVOLUTION"

directed and written by Nataliya Babintseva

#### THE UKRAINIAN REVOLUTION AS A CULTURAL OVERTURN

Bad taste is socially dangerous. Therefore, during the Euromaidan at Independence Square in Kiev, a gold toilet seat with a figure of the escaped President Viktor Yanukovych stood there. It was a symbol of kitsch, glamour and depravity of the system. The lively spontaneous art that emerged in the midst of the Maidan carnival stands against the primitive aesthetics of the ruling elite. The film documents the richness of the artistic activities that took place during the Dignity Revolution. It is an 'open storage' just like in a modern European museum - of emotions, frustrations, trauma, insight, personal stories, and the phenomena of creativity in extreme circumstances.

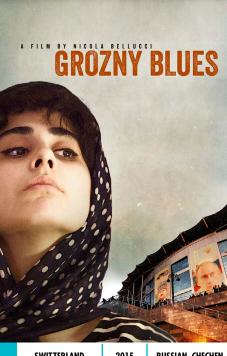
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**GROZNY BLUES** 

directed by Nicola Bellucci

### CONTEMPORARY CHECHNYA. A LAND IN OBLIVION

*Grozny Blues* follows a few people around Grozny, the capital of war-torn Chechnya where daily life is defined by political repression, constricting customs, forced Islamification and the failure to come to terms with recent history. The film revolves around four women who have been fighting for human rights under worsening conditions for many years but are getting more and more distillusioned with the situation in Putin's Russia. The building where they work is also home to a blues club that is a place of freedom for young people, having only vague memories of the Chechen wars in the 90s, but they try to make sense of the strange things that are happening in their country.



**SWITZERLAND** 

2015

RUSSIAN, CHECHEN

**POETIC DOC** 

51 min

### **COME BACK FREE**

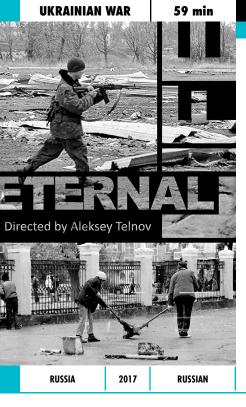
directed and written by Ksenia Okhapkina

#### THEY DREAM OF THE SIMPLEST HUMAN THINGS

A poetic documentary. The cemetery is a symbolic focal point of a war-torn Chechen village, where Death is an everyday visitor. It does not even matter that yet another war has ended. The people live stuck in a circle of vengeance. They also gather into circles to chant prayers to God. Only the cows are grazing calmly next to the cemetery and the children are going about their business happily. The Chechens' parting words to one another are, "May you come back free!"







### ETERNAL LIFE

### directed by Alexey Telnov

#### SAVING IS IMPOSSIBLE. THIS IS NOT A GAME

An armed conflict continues in Ukraine. Why do people stay in the city during the war? The protagonist puts this question to those who he meets in Donetsk. The answers, the frames showing ordinary, trivial things done by the citizens of Donetsk are like pieces of a puzzle that shows the life of the isolated city. Doing what they did before the war and what they would do after its ending, the people stand up to the very idea of war. The only question is, how long will it last?



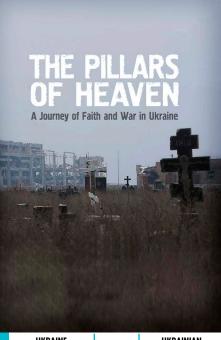
3x52 min

### THE PILLARS OF HEAVEN

directed and written by Nicholas Rooney

### RELIGION VERSUS WAR. A SAD OUTCOME IS FORESEEN

A young and disillusioned British diplomat abandons his diplomatic career, spends his own money, and risks his life on a journey in Ukraine. With the Ukrainian people (including soldiers, military priests, peacekeepers, humanitarian aid workers, refugees, church leaders, politicians, 'terrorists' and everyday victims of the war) as his guide, his journey takes him to the very heart of the hellish War-zone in Donetsk. He's searching for the soul of this troubled nation and for something which might help to bring a lasting end to the bloodshed and prevent a wider military confrontation between Russia and the West.



UKRAINE.

2017

UKRAINIAN. RUSSIAN, ENGLISH





### directed by Laurent Van Lancker

### NECESSARY FEELINGS TO UNNECESSARY PEOPLE

An intimate and inside perspective of the 'jungle' of Calais evoked through the polyphony of people, tales and atmospheres. A sensory journey running through the social life and survival strategies of migrants. The film is both poetical and political, evoking an untold and internal perception of the faculty of adaptation and social life of migrants. It is made of wind and despair, of fire and solidarity, of hope and hell.

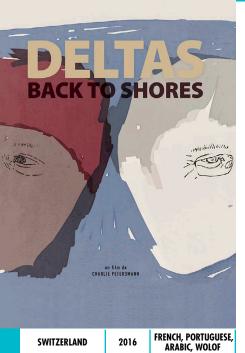


**PASHTO** 



### **DELTAS. BACK TO SHORES**

directed and written by Charlie Petersmann



## BETWEEN EARTH AND SEA. A PORTRAIT OF TWO DISPLACED LIVES

The sea... On one shore, IBRAHIM, a young Senegalese man living illegally in Tangier is dreading his passage over to Europe. On the other shore, Agostinho, a fisherman for over forty years, has to depart to join his family in Holland. Two stories of migration, whose similarities reveal the need and difficulty of finding one's place in the world in a state of crisis.



14 CASES

directed and written by Marianna Kaat

## YOU RUSSIAN OR ESTONIAN? OR JUST EUROPEAN?

It's a fresh documentary look at the present-day Russians living in Estonia. It focuses on the personal stories of several young people born in Estonia, the descendants of migrants from the Soviet era. Some of them face a crisis: a conflict between their national and civil identity. Will the Russian language and the Russian culture become foreign to the children who learn Estonian intensely? The strength of the film is in its narration that preserves absolute neutrality. Neither the author, nor the characters choose sides, they avoid the temptation to single out those who are right or wrong, those who are guilty or who are victims. A pure, human, defenseless and inspirational story.

CHILDREN OF ALL ESTONIA, UNITE!

14 CASES



ESTONIA

2017

RUSSIAN, ESTONIAN

**RUSSIAN DREAM** 

52 min

### RUSSIAN DREAM

directed and written by Sergey Debizhev

### LET'S WAKE UP RUSSIA FROM A CRUEL DREAM. YOU'LL BE SURPRISED

The film tells us about Marina Albi, a famous American woman who has been living for twenty years in Russia. She undertakes a spiritual trip to the Russian province to find 'the Heart of Russia'. It is with her eyes that we see the beauties and the joys of small Russian towns and villages, as well as their sufferings and problems. The goal of her trip is to find the answers to the questions: What is one's own life? How to live it? At the end of the film, she meets someone and this circumstance reveals simple and great truths to her.





**LGBT-RIGHTS** 

76 min

LET ME JUST BE

directed and written by Matvey Troshinkin

#### THE STATE IS PICKING YOUR BED

What should you do, if you want to marry another guy, but the State is against it? Is it possible to be together if it's practically forbidden in your country? Maxim dreams about a house of his own, not far from Moscow. He wants to live with his artistic and touchy boyfriend Eugene in a calm and beautiful place, away from the stress and homophobia of the megalopolis. They are a funny and sincere couple. Do they have a chance to build their family nest in the country where homosexuals are outlaws? Or their dreams cost too much...



**HUMAN RIGHTS** 

64 min

2016

RUSSIAN

RUSSIA

### CONVICTIONS

directed and written by Tatiana Chistova

#### A COMEDY WITH A BITTER AFTERTASTE

Citizens may declare that their personal convictions are incompatible with military service. The protagonists believe this right cannot be limited. However, there is one problem: once you come to the enlistment office, you have to prove that your convictions are indeed what you say. It is a sequence of documentary stories of young men's encounters with army recruitment commissions. A pacifist Roman is sent through a series of humiliating court trials. Lyosha and Viktor endure long deliberations that undermine their feeling of human worth. An LGBT movement veteran, Johnny is bluntly rebuked and handcuffed. The hatred mounts against those who choose non-violent means of struggle.

**PORTRAIT** 

81 min

### TRANSPARENT WORLD

directed and written by Vato Kuntsev

## AUTISM ISN'T DISORDER. IT'S JUST ANOTHER WAY OF GRASPING THE WORLD

The film is about a handicapped young fellow Beka. His 'transparent world' is built on photography and film shooting. Beka was prematurely born when his mother was 6 months pregnant. He didn't have any sign of life but heartbeat. On the third week of the baby's life, his father took him home from the hospital. Today Beka is 26. His father blames himself for his son's condition and he does his best to assist his autistic child to find his place in the society. The father reveals a lot of patience and understanding introducing his son to adult life. Teaching him film directing, photography and editing, he makes Beka believe in his own talent.



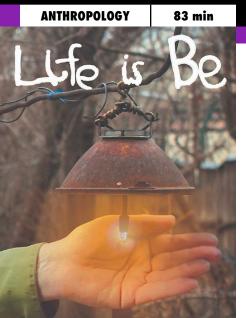
GEORGIA

2018

GEORGIAN



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A FILM BY VATO KUNTSEV

2016

GEORGIA

RUSSIAN, GEORGIAN,

GERMAN

### LIFE IS BE

directed and written by Vato Kuntsev

#### FIVE FREAKS. FIVE FABULOUS LIVES. WHY NOT?

Five people, five shards of the past, five small but unique lives in a town in eastern Georgia. They are homeless; they adore their past and the great, though crumbled Soviet empire. They are smart, sensitive, fantastic interlocutors, committed to their great idea. Living in ruin and desolation, they manage to build a whole world of their own, so that even Ilon Mask could envy them. The main thing they understand is that whatever happens – let there be life!



2016

RUSSIAN

RUSSIA

## #HEAR ME

directed by Olga Arlauskas, Svetlana Gorlo

## THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO HEAR BUT WANT TO BE HEARD

Millions of people in Russia have various hearing impairments. Such people are usually called deaf but they want self-actualization no less than those who can hear. #hearme is a film and a social media campaign about those who successfully overcome harsh circumstances and about those who need support in their soul searching. Among the characters of the film there are businessmen, philosophers, artists, painters, and just ordinary people. They are capable of so much, and if, with some help, they are socially integrated – they can achieve even more and become full-fledged.



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### LONG ECHO

directed and written by Lukasz Lakomy
& Veronika Glasunowa

### **ROUTINE LIFE 50 MILES AWAY FROM WAR**

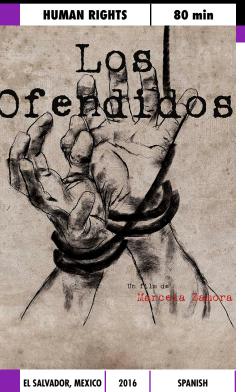
Long Echo – does it refer to the explosion that has occurred not far from the town? Or to the long echo of the Soviet mentality that led to the bloody conflict? The film portrays the town in Eastern Ukraine - 50 miles away from the border with the breakaway republics - and some of its people against the backdrop of the war. The characters are inventive and gripping despite their numerous hardships: they set up a singles club, build a zoo with chameleons, play in a heavy metal band and drive a taxi. The film shows people on the periphery of the war, how it changed their daily lives. Their struggle for survival is sometimes marked by quirky moments that give the film unexpected

lightness and extraordinary insights.



TRE





### THE OFFENDED

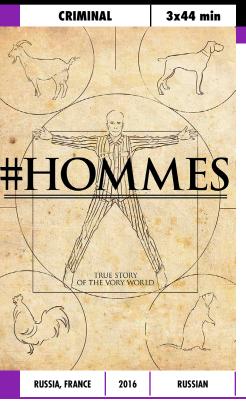
directed and written by Marcela Zamora

#### **TORTURE, ABDUCTION, VIOLENCE. EX-PRESIDENT TALKS WITH HIS DAUGHTER**

In the Salvadoran civil war, thousands of people were captured and tortured by the State. When the director turned 33 she learnt that her father was one of them – kept by the National Police for 33 days. Two years later she had the courage to question him and other men and women about what was happening back then. These people do not ask for revenge, all that they ask for is to learn the truth



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## #HOMMES

directed and written by Sa Nia

## AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT THE RUSSAN WORLD OF THIEVES

It is a unique project that changes our idea about Russian mobsters radically. Never before had a camera penetrated so deeply into the heart of a transnational criminal organization. All the characters of our film are well-known and respected people in the criminal world. They retell its chronicle from the very beginning till the times we live in. There are no cut-in scenes, only direct splicing, there is no off-screen commentary, either. The only ones speaking are people and documents - either the mobsters or those who have an unquestionable level of competence in the field. This film is the only of its kind, both in Russian and in global documentary cinema.



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### SEE YOU IN CHECHNYA

directed and written by Alexander Kvatashidze

### A LOOK THROUGH THE CAMERA VERSUS THE GUN SIGHT

It's a fascinating insight into the psychological peculiarities of war reporters - an exceptional tribe of courageous idealists, hardcore conflict veterans and eccentric adventurers who risk their lives and their relationships with their loved ones to report the truth. They are contemporary heroes whose business is death, and who have to face up to their own mortality every time they go to work. The film takes place against the backdrop of the war in Chechnya: a particularly bloody conflict which has now been forgotten by most of the world. But this could be any war, in any country.



ESTONIA, FRANCE

2016

GEORGIAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN





### THE IRON MINISTRY

directed and written by J.P. Sniadecki

## INTIMATE GLIMPSE AT THE CHINESE RAILWAY ANTHILL

Having been filmed for over three years on China's railways, the film traces the vast interiors of the country on the move: flesh and metal, clangs and squeals, light and dark, language and gesture. Scores of rail journeys blend into one, capturing the thrills and anxieties of the social and technological transformation. *The Iron Ministry* immerses the audience in the fleeting relationships and uneasy encounters between humans and machines on what will soon be the world's largest railway network



RRILER

<u>IS WHEN YOU FIND A MOMENT YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE</u>

62 min

### CURIOSITY, ADVENTURE & LOVE

directed by Sunshine Lichauco de Leon & Suzanne Richiardone

#### AN INCREDIBLE LIFE RESTORES FAITH IN THE POWER OF HUMANITY

It's the story of a 106-year-old American woman who journeyed to Manila at the age of 18. Sitting in her 250-year old colonial house, Jessie Lichauco shares stories of a life guided by fate, where her innate sense of adventure, curiosity and compassion to others knows no boundaries. Jessie's husband worked for the Philippine colonial government lobbying for independence in Washington DC and was among the country's most prominent lawyers, allowing her to witness the rebirth of the nation. Bridging the past, the present and the future, it's an amazing journey of a century of humankind, of love and finding

home, of the cruelty of World War II and the occupation, and the rebuilding of a nation.



**ENGLISH** 



FASCISM 6

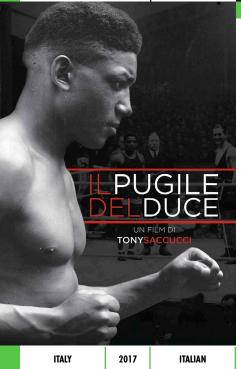
65 min

### **DUCE'S BOXER**

directed and written by Tony Saccucci

#### ONE ERASED VICTORY OVER FASCISM

Today, many people have heard of the boxer Primo Carnera, a symbol of the fascist regime. But no one's ever heard of Leone Jacovacci, until now. Yet in 1928 Jacovacci was a household name in Italy. The Romans idolized Jacovacci and that frightened Mussolini. The footage of the boxing match was cut at the fifteenth round, and Jacovacci isn't seen coming out the winner. The film frames are lost forever. What for? After the match Mussolini erased the event from Italian history (the original footage of the match, which the documentary hinges on, was tampered with and altered beyond recognition) and promptly invented a new champ, the 'white' Primo Carnera.



HISTORY

71 min

## ARMONIA, FRANCO AND MY GRANFATHER

directed by Xavier Ladjointe

# ARMONÍA, FRANCO AND MY GRANDFATHER

directed by Xavier LADJOINTE



## A QUEST ABOUT A FAMILY HISTORY IN THE FRANCO ERA

Why and when did his grandparents come to France? His mother's silence leads the narrator to take her to Spain, back to her Spanish family. There, immersed in the tenebrous territory between emotions and the prohibited, the words begin to flow; but soon the quest changes tack, becoming an obsession to know the truth about his grandfather, a veritable mentor. The director selected the archives telling the story of the Spanish anarchists to follow his grandfather's footsteps. There are also, of course, images from Franco-era news archives. Will the narrator find his own personal truth within this chapter of History?

LIDA

directed and written by Anna Eborn

## A SWEDISH FAMILY. FRIENDS IN THE GULAG, ENEMIES IN UKRAINE TODAY

LIDA is an old Babushka, who is the last Old-Swedish speaking person in a former Swedish settlement from the 18th century in Ukraine. The film is a narrative painting about family loves that only exist in memories now, created by blending time and places. Two sisters, Lidia and Maria Utas, spent their youth in the GULAG. After Stalin's death, Lidia came back to Zmiyevka, and Maria stayed in the region where the jail was. The sisters have stopped all communication with each other. Over the last years, they have found themselves on the opposite sides of a new war. Maria is a Putin supporter in Russia, while Lida passes her last years in a retirement home in Ukraine



**SWEDEN, DENMARK** 

2017

SWEDISH, RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, GERMAN



### TOGETHER

directed and written by Denis Shabaev

## A FATHER AND A DAUGHTER ARE TRAVELING. WHO MAKES THE OTHER BETTER?

Two people are on the road. Everyday life, business calls, games, a curve of a highway, a swing and again business calls... During this year the father and the daughter have not seen much of each other and they have not been alone with each other for a long time. Two cameras are face to face; different fears inhabit one and the same space. There is a question: should they come back or should they continue traveling together? Shabaev's filming of his daughter is pitiless; we see the storm of her emotions: bewilderment, terror, calculation, humour and the sudden joy that passes across her face when her father scratches her head.



**ADVENTURES** 

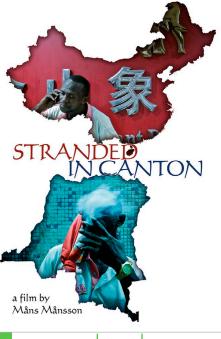
75 min

### STRANDED IN CANTON

directed by Måns Månsson

## CHINESE TRICKERY. PRICKLY, FUNNY AND SAD FILM ABOUT EPIC FAIL

LEBRUN is a new player in the burgeoning Chinese-African trade route, brokering in Guangzhou an enormous order of t-shirts for the Congolese presidential campaign. But he gets stung when the order is held up in production until months after the election. Instead of returning to Kinshasa, a rich man with a bright future, he remains in limbo in Guangzhou, facing nothing but mounting debts for warehousing the useless garments. Inspired by the success of fellow Africans in the field and determined not to return to the farm, Lebrun develops the plan to repurpose the t-shirts and sell them to the opposition.



SWEDEN

2014

FRENCH



Documentary by Ivars Tontegode



Knutifiction

Life Is Hard

LATVIA

2017

LATVIAN, RUSSIAN

### KNUTIFICTION

directed and written by Ivars Tontegode

#### **GULAG AS THE FORGE OF NOBEL PRIZE** NOMINEES

The documentary feature film Knutifiction provokes to review one's own existence in this world through the prism of the History and the personality of the Latvian Nobel prize nominee Knuts Skujenieks. A young soviet poet returns from studies in the Soviet metropolis, Moscow, to his provincial homeland, Latvia, where he faces stagnation, and soon, as a premonition to the free-minded, he is captured and sentenced to seven years in the GULAG. But, unlike with the KGB plans, he returns from the camp even more creative and undesirable to the existing system. And he keeps being like this till today, in his 80ies.



HISTORY

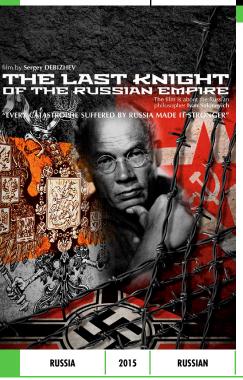
80 min

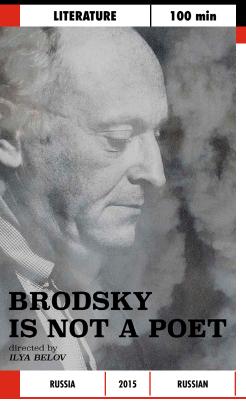
### THE LAST KNIGHT OF THE EMPIRE

directed and written by Sergey Debizhev

## THESE PEOPLE LOST THE COUNTRY. BUT WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE THE COUNTRY HAS LOST!

A documentary about the life of IVAN SOLONE-VICH, who was one of the first to condemn the Soviet Union for its GULAG prison system and was therefore hunted by Soviet spies for most of his life. In the Soviet Union, his works and his very name were strictly forbidden. A rare combination of intellect, strength and vigour made this man a really dangerous adversary... or a perfect ally. Ivan Solonevich was a Russian thinker, statesman, writer, essayist and, at the same time, a great sportsman, the vice champion of the Russian Empire, one of the creators of the unarmed self-defense wrestling. To say it figuratively, he was a Diogenes, a James Bond and an Ostap Bender put together.





### **BRODSKY IS NOT A POET**

directed by Ilya Belov

## FIRST TIME WE CAN PEEP INTO THE POET'S AMERICAN ARCHIVE

This is the story of a man who imposed his own rules on the world. Leningrad boy who dreamed of becoming a world-famous poet and he did. How well established Brodsky became in the West. The poet Czeslaw Milosz compared Brodsky to an enormous feat of Baroque architecture. Fellow poets, excited ladies, the love of his life, Marina Basmanova, two psychiatric hospitals, KGB interrogations, a court, prison, exile, forced emigration. The biography, which was written for, in Акнматоva's words, "our redhead" reflects his transformation from a Soviet emigrant into a Nobel Prize writer and public figure of worldwide renown.

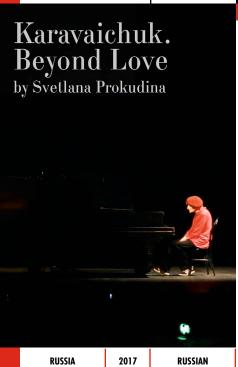


### KARAVAICHUK. BEYOND LOVE

directed and written by Svetlana Prokudina

#### MAN-RIDDLE. YOU CAN ADMIRE, YOU CAN'T SOLVE

OLEG KARAVAICHUK is a human myth who dissolved completely in his music, a pianist who started his career at seven playing for Joseph Stalin and passed his own improvisation for BACH at the exam in the Conservatoire, a composer who wrote an incredible quantity of brilliant film music for Kira Muratova, Sergei Paradzhanov, Vasily Shukshin, Ilya Averbakh. OLEG KARAVAICHUK was St. Petersburg hermit, sage and freak, existed in the nature as a symbol of the supernatural. Recognition came to KARAvaicник only in the 2000s. It is summer 2015 and OLEG KARAVAICHUK gives his Pure Music concert.





#### THEATER

86 min

# KARENINA & I

directed by Tommaso Mottola

#### 11 000 KM BY RAIL. LONG JOURNEY OF THE NORWEGIAN ANNA KARENNINA

*Karenina and I* – the film provides an unique insight into how an actor explores the boundaries between fiction and reality. The Norwegian actress Gørild Mauseth's quest takes her 11000 kilometers on the Trans Siberian Railway to the Gorky Drama Theatre in Vladivostok, where she is playing *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy in a language she never spoke and in the author's home country. She discover the real reasons why Tolstoy (Liam Neeson) wrote the novel. Along the way she visits theatres, film studios, opera houses, meets fellow artists, Tolstoy relatives and ordinary Russians.



NORWEGIAN, RUSSIAN





2016

ITALIAN

ITALY

### THE AMATEUR

directed by Maria Mauti

#### THE IRONIC SEDUCER USES AN AMATEUR FILM CAMERA FOR HIS DEEDS

The film *The Amateur* is a journey within the intimate folds of a well-known architect. Piero PORTALUPPI, who worked during the twenty years of Fascism, through the discovery of his work in the present and through his film journals; unreleased 16 mm archives shot and edited by the architect. A charming and powerful man, Portaluppi lived through this magnificent and tragic era with indifference and irony, without restraints and by creating beauty. In the meanwhile, history relentlessly marched on in step with the events of the times

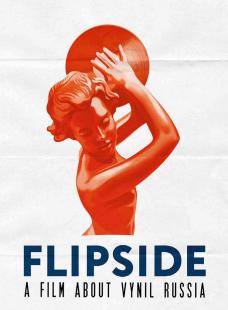


MUSIC

45 min

### **FLIPSIDE**

directed by Roman Naveskin & Stepan Polivanov



### WELL, VINYL, PUT THE END TO THE HI-END?

Find out why in the world of the modern digital technologies when you can find any music in two clicks, the analog format, seemingly forgotten in the XXth century, grows in popularity once again. It's the story of the legendary format, very popular in the USSR, undeservedly forgotten in the years of the Perestroika and raised from the ashes nowadays. Who are the people that collect, sell and buy wax records today, and why do they do this? Who are those that try their best to impede them? Why do DJ and musicians continue to idolize vinyl records? How did they make it back from garbage cans to the luxury Hi-End shops?

RUSSIA

2016

RUSSIAN



MUSIC 52 min

SING

### directed and written by Olga Korotkaya

# FAMILY OR SINGING? THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE

Everybody sings in Tuva, outlying republic in Siberia. But throat singing is a men-only activity. Women who decide to sing khoomei in the public face rejection of their families and friends. Czodura Tumat, the protagonist of the film, is the only woman who teaches khoomei. For the community members, the most eccentric aspect is the fact that Czodura has two female students. The girls must hide the fact they have music lessons as this kind of a breach of the Tuvan culture rule is punished with sanctions and associated with a variety of superstitions. The Tuvan tradition turns the story of two girls into a tale about choice between family and career. Which will prove more important?

RUSSIA

documentary

by Olga Korotkava

2018

RUSSIAN



### HYMN TO THE GREAT CITY

directed by Andrei Yefimov & Sergey Debizhev

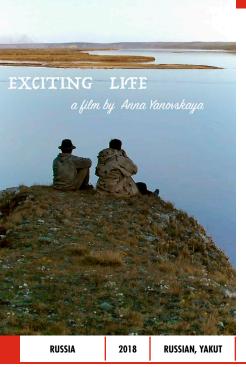
#### ONE FLEW OVER ST. PETERSBURG

The film is an integral artistic creation with internal drama, uniquely complicated shooting and use of latest achievements in the technology of representation – large-scale visualization. St. Petersburg is depicted vividly, powerfully and expressively. The spectators will appreciate the size of the city, its magnificence and unique elevations used during the shooting. It is a new view, absolutely unprecedented, allowing the spectators to see St. Petersburg in a new way. Unusual viewpoints, different states of nature and different lighting create an essentially new feeling of the space that used to be known.



### **EXITING LIFE**

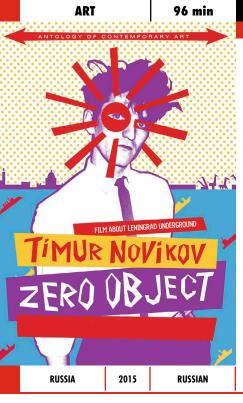
directed by Anna Yanovskaya



# NEW BOLLYWOOD IN SIBERIA. OR HOLLYWOOD?

Lots of films are being made in Yakutia. Its phenomenon is its incredible popularity among the local population. Neither American blockbusters nor Russian comedies are as popular here as the local Yakutian films. The film shows the mechanics of success of the Yakutian cinema via the history of the Moscow artist who went there to take part in next 'blockbuster'. The long voyage of our hero is a kind of road movie and gateway into the absolutely mysterious world of the Olonho culture, full of meetings with very different people - old wise men, shamans and even magic deers. We will find many adventures, discoveries, love, findings and losses.





# TIMUR NOVIKOV. ZERO OBJECT

directed by Alexander Shein

# TIMUR NOVIKOV. RUSSIAN BOSS AT THE ANDY WARHOL FACTORY

After the fall of the Iron Curtain in the 80's. on the edge of the Soviet history gave birth to new artistic ideas and new aesthetic. Leningrad was in avant-garde, and Timur Novikov was the undoubted leader of Leningrad counterculture, philosopher, artist, art theorist and creator New Academy. The New Artists, New Theatre, the group New Composers, the band Kino, Pop-mechanic of SERGEI KURYOKHIN Were created that time YIIFIT made his Necrorealists film language. In the mid-80's ASSA gallery had the show New Voque, played the first electronic music and did the first performances with John Cage. Zero Object is the third film from the series *Anthology* of Contemporary Art.

TRAILER



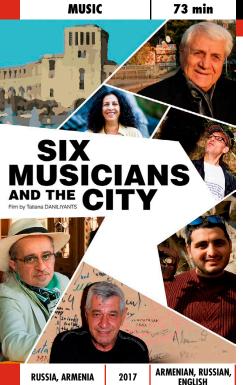
# OLEG KULIK: CHALLENGE AND PROVOCATION

directed and written by Evgeny Mitta

# THE ARTIST BITES THE DOG. CREATIVE ACT OF MODERN ART

The audience reaction to the Kulik's art is contradictory: from antagonism to admiration. His performances totally spit in the eye of society's idea of what is acceptable. Every single performance is a story filled with dramatic and ridiculous details. Kulik's projects were often very dangerous and he never knew what would be at the end. His most famous work is the Reservoir Dog. It is a series of performances shown at the largest European exhibitions. Some of them leaded to arrests and caused public shock. By the western critics' opinion, his Reservoir Dog is the best world's performance.





# SIX MUSICIANS AND THE CITY

directed and written by Tatiana Daniliyants

#### LISTEN TO THE SINGING HEART OF ARMENIA. **WORLD-CLASS PEOPLE & MUSIC**

What way are such things as the city, the music and the cinema alike? Between East and West. between strong traditions and today's innovations, between the nostalgic melodies of duduk and the beat of modern jazz, is Yerevan. The six participants of this film, including Grammy and World Music Award Laureate Arto Tuncboyaci-YAN and world-wide famous 'duduk-voice' JIVAN GASPARYAN, are the 'genius loci' of Yerevan. They personify its hidden pain and beauty. The film is an attentive eye for these musicians' own stories and their extraordinary music.



# ONE, TWO, THREE

directed and written by Arman Yeritsyan

# ONE, TWO,



ARMENIA

2015

ARMENIAN, RUSSIAN

#### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR AN ENCORE

The Chosen Ones, Armenia's only elderly dance troupe, practices for their latest performance. But, more than just learning the steps to a new dance, they are learning that you can never be too old to turn it all around; that even in the twilight of your life you can love, dream, and find wonder in the world! There are 15 of them. solitary, needy and neglected by society. There are two things that keep them together – dinners at the soup kitchen and their performances... They had never danced; they didn't think that they could ever dance. But, after two years of rehearsals, they perform in front of hundreds of people.



RAILER

2017

RUSSIAN, ENGLISH

RUSSIA

# LAKE VOSTOK. AT THE MOUNTAINS OF MADNESS

directed and written by Ekaterina Eremenko

#### THE LAST GREAT DISCOVERY ON EARTH

More than 100 years ago, explorers raced to discover the South Pole. Now scientists research a vast lake underneath the icy desert of Antarctica, Lake Vostok, untouched for 400000 years. After 40 years of drilling, Russian scientists broke through the ice. The film has two different narrative strands: the first tells the story of the evolution of life and climate, the story of four decades of exploration in the coldest place on Earth, and it accompanies the scientists in their final trip to the camp; while the second explores the legends about Antarctica - from H.P. LOVECRAFT to JAMES CAMERON: the 'Mountains of Madness' have lured many into their realm – not many left unscathed.

TRAILER :

**SCIENCE** 

64 min

## WEATHER FORECAST

directed and written by Ivan Tverdovsky

#### WHO AND HOW REALLY 'MAKES THE WEATHER'?

The weather forecast can be found in one click today. No one really cares how this information gets into gadgets, where and how the weather forecast appears. However, behind this simple action, there is hard work of people in snow-covered waters of the northern seas, in the permafrost. The old ship *Mikhail Somov* moves across the Northern Sea Route from Arkhangelsk to Wrangel Island. For the Russian polar explorers it is the only connection with the mainland. Once a year Mikhail Somov delivers food, fuel and equipment to the weather station.



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## GRUMANT. THE ISLAND OF COMMUNISM

directed and written by Ivan Tverdovsky

# THE ONLY PLACE ON EARTH WHERE COMMUNISM IS EXISTS. HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

Svalbard (formerly Spitsbergen) is the northernmost place in Europe to have a permanent population. The film shows how the Barentsburg coal miners live during the polar night. The weekdays are tough. During the week, there is just one day off. The main holidays are the New Year and the 'Welcoming the Sun' Day. For over six months, they do not see any sun there. That is why this holiday is so important. Barentsburg has the northernmost Lenin monument, the northernmost railway, the northernmost pig farm, etc. There is no money in Barentsburg. Its canteen and its shops use only cash-

less payments. Tourists who come to Barentsburg nicknamed it 'an Island of Communism'.



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**SCIENCE** 

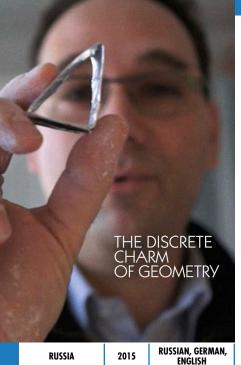
66 min

## THE DISCRETE CHARM OF GEOMETRY

directed and written by Ekaterina Eremenko

#### **GET A GLIMPSE OF MATHEMATIC RIDDLES**

A unique and unprecedented dive into the unknown world of mathematicians. A team of scientists is working together united by the idea of discretization: constructing continuous objects from basic building blocks. Akin to the scientists' search for the right discretization of continuum, this film itself is composed of fragments - individual characters of different ages, temperaments and scientific approaches – which form a single continuous melody. The question of where the boundaries lie between mathematics and the lives of those who are involved in it and how much they are willing to sacrifice is as important as the search for precise scientific answers.



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### MY HOMELAND TALES

directed by Sofia Gorlenko

#### WHO AM I AND WHY? PERCIEVING THE LAND OF ANCESTORS

It's a film about the resuscitated magic of the North where a human being stands the challenge: to believe in reality of unreal things and to preserve the islets of the old world. Water spirits, forest spirits, wandering icons, sorcerers live in their own world that parallels ours. The protagonist and his family doubt the truthfulness of their life, they feel lost in the contemporary, fast-changing world where the centenary traditions of their homeland vanish without a trace, and even their family home turned into a pile of stones. One can accept the situation as it is. However, one can also become a stubborn researcher and an interpreter of things past.





**ROAD-MOVIE** 

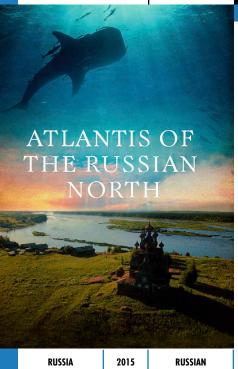
75 min

# ATLANTIS OF THE RUSSIAN NORTH

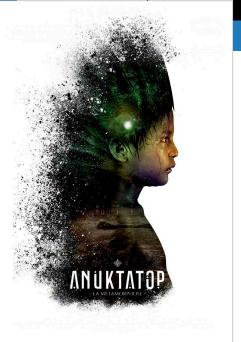
directed by Sofia Gorlenko

# THE SOUL, THE SPACE AND THE TIME. THREE INFINITIES OF THE RUSSIAN NORTH

The Russian North is one of the few places where we can become aware of the origins of our culture and spirit. Today the turning point of this land is the choice between existence and sinking into oblivion. Abandoned villages and wooden churches are burning and going under the ground. But a shadow of the free folk culture is a powerful incentive for the new generations of people coming from big cities - enthusiasts, believers, those who are ready to breathe new life into this land despite globalization and despite the state politics of urbanization. The film made it possible to feel the power and the beauty of the Russian North on a big screen for the first time.







ANUKTATOP: THE METAMORPHOSIS

directed and written by Nicolas Pradal & Pierre Selvini

# FROM BOW TO COSMODROME. THE LIFE OF A TRIBE LOST IN THE WILDERNESS

Little Derreck, a native of the Wayana tribe on the river Maroni in French Guyana, brings us into his world. We follow his dreams and reality in the context of cultural, social and identity crisis. Grand-mother Malilou's memories show us her youth in the fifties. Young Sylvana's dreams idealize her boyfriend from another tribe. Young Stéphane's fantasies take place in Kourou in the European Space Port. Anuktatop, meaning metamorphosis in Wayana, displays the universe where Times mingle between memories of the Elderly and future perspectives of the Young in this remote territory in the French Amazonian Forest.

FRANCE, FRENCH GUIANA

2016

FRENCH, WAYANA

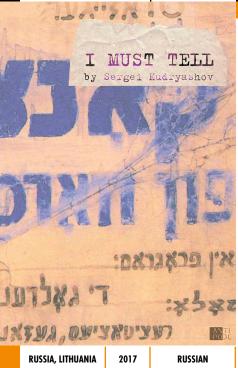


# PRIDE AND PAIN. THE GIFT OF AN ENDANGERED PEOPLE

Nestled in the hills of Transcaucasia, and entirely preserved in time, there are several villages founded by the Molokans - a Russian sect of Christians. They were exiled to the mountain Azerbaijani region of Kabristan by Czar NICHOLAS Lin the 1830s. The Molokans now have all but become extinct. The remaining settlers now lack a succeeding generation to whom they could pass on their original traditions, and the film intends to make it possible for the local Molokans to reproduce their history for their descendants sprawled across the world. The film discovers the traces of hidden life left in Kabristan, while simultaneously unveiling the present-day lives of the locals.

### A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF 'POETRY OF IMPOSSIBLE'

Masha Rolnikaite (1927–2016) – a Holocaust survivor and the author of the book I Must Tell. These three words became her motto and gave her life meaning. Her voice has come through the decades, bearing witness for millions of victims. One voice out of six million has reached us. She is the only person in the world, a woman, an adolescent back then, almost a child, whose book about the life in hell was written inside this hell: not following the events, not after everything was over but during the events. A child's voice, but it has great power of sincerity, humanity, and talent



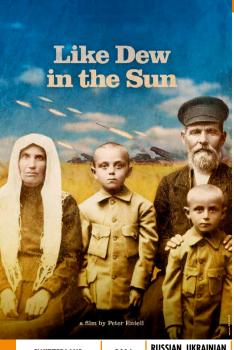


### LIKE DEW IN THE SUN

directed by Peter Entell

# THE PAST IS NEVER DEAD. IT'S NOT EVEN THE PAST

A century ago, the grandparents of the film director Peter Entell had to flee Ukraine, a land torn apart by war and massacres. One hundred years later, Entell faces the same destructive nationalism. People continue to kill in the name of their mother country, flag, culture, religion. Crossing checkpoints, Peter Entell takes us from the loyalist Ukrainians to the pro-Russian separatists. In the midst of this senseless violence, Like Dew in the Sun transcends cultural, religious and national differences to uncover the deepest bonds that unite us all. The director brings us a personal yet sincere portrayal of a terribly deep-rooted tragedy.

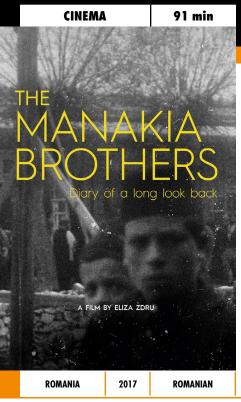


SWITZERLAND

2016

RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, ENGLISH





# THE MANAKIA BROTHERS. DIARY OF A LONG LOOK BACK

directed and written by Eliza Zdru

#### **MANAKIA BROTHERS - THE BALKAN LUMIERES**

Filled with unique archive footage, the film is a serendipitous road movie, a voyage through time, across the history of the Balkans and their cultural landscapes. A mysterious photograph of the director's great grandparents taken in the 1920's somewhere in the Balkans reminds her of the two Aromanian photographers famous in the region at that time - MILTON and IANAKI Manakia. Trying to verify the assumption that her great grandparents, also of Aromanian origin, were indeed photographed by the two brothers, she embarks on a journey through Romania-Bulgaria-Macedonia-Greece trying to trace the life story of the two people who became the very first filmmakers in the region.

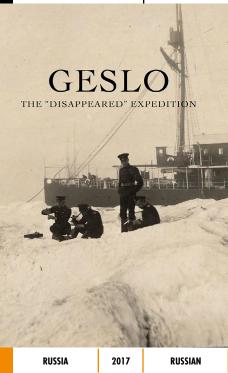
### GESLO. THE "DISAPPEARED" EXPEDITION

directed by Vladimir Nepevny

# THE STRIKING POLAR EXPEDITION WAS ERASED FROM HISTORY

The Arctic Ocean Hydrographic Expedition, accomplished in the beginning of the XXth century resulted in the last great geographical discovery in history - the discovery of the Severnaya Zemlya (back then the Emperor Nicholas II Land) and was the first to accomplish the passage from East to West by the Northern Sea Route, from Vladivostok to Arkhangelsk, having passed the winter near the Cape Chelyuskin. Unfortunately, there was no cameraman among the expedition crew and it left no footage, however, a real archive treasury is found: a collection of several thousands of photos. The voiceover narrating the story of the explorers combined with 'live' photography is the main visual motive

of the film.

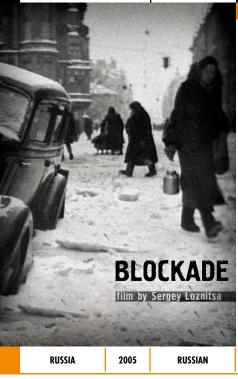


## **BLOKADE**

directed and written by Sergey Loznitsa

# 900 DAYS OF A DYING CITY. SO SIMPLE. SO SCARY

This is a documentary chronicle and an absorbing account of the 900-day siege of Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) during WWII. The film does not have any words or music - only the images and sounds of the dying city and the intolerable suffering of people. For the first time, all the video recordings shot in 1941-1944 about Leningrad were assembled, processed and combined with the restored original audio of this period. It is important that almost all the cameramen were named. Told without voiceover, explanatory subtitles or any other material that would clarify the context, Blockade looks unlikely to show up on the History Channel as it stands now.





REVOLUTION

52 min

THE GREAT UTOPIA

directed and written by Fotos Lamprinos

# SHOCKING TESTIMONIES FROM THOSE WHO LIVED IN THE SOVIET UTOPIA

1917–2017 One century passed after the October Revolution. The big dream, the vision shared by millions of people over the world left an indelible mark on the history of the XXth century. It was a utopian dream, and this documentary tries to describe and interpret it. The Great Utopia emulates the aesthetics, the rhythm, the editing and the form of the classic Soviet cinema. The narration is focused on the contrast between the people who believed in the dream and the harsh reality, on the conflict between those who fought for a classless society and those who resisted it in order to salvage their work, traditions, religion and national identity (like in Ukraine) - their life, so to speak.

