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HIS DAUGHTER

DRAMA

By Tatyana Everstova

Production: Film Company «Khoro OyUluun production», Ltd.
Cast: Svetlana Portnyagina, Prokopiy Yakovlev, Varvara Novogodina

Little Tanya lives with her grandparents in a remote village in Yakutia. Tanya thinks that world is beautiful, and always will be so. She doesn't want any changes in the world around, but they are coming...

96′ 2016

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REDEMPTION

THRILLER / ART HOUSE

By Oleg Chervonyak
Cast: Arthur Musin, Innessa Migunova

Don't be insane! You are a happy man! And this is happening right now. If you are so blind not to notice your happiness, then I congratulate you, soon you will start looking for it. Only question is, when you find it, what will you do with it? After all, You haven't even got a clue what it is ... sincerely yours:

Leo - the hero of the film, lives a reclusive way of life, trying to create something unique. Consequently, he loses the boundary between reality and fiction. An improvised movie - Based on the thoughts of the authors on various topics: love, creative path, relationship with the surrounding world and the experiences associated with it.

65' 2017

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ONCE UPON

TRAGICOMEDY

by Eduard Parry

Cast: Fedor Dobronravov, Roman Madyanov, Irina Rozanova
Production: Fedor Dobronravov Production Center

In a dying village in the Russian middle of nowhere, three people have remained: two lonely seniors and a recent widow. One of the old men decides to put an end to his loneliness and propose to the widow, but the other one won't have it because he wants to stake his own claim. This means war between the two old timers.

90’ 2017

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MINDSIGHT

FILM INSTALLATION / ART

by Dmitry Sergin, Tatiana Voronetskaya
Cast: Dmitry Sergin, Irina Gorbachyova, Maria Guzeeva, Maria Boltneva, Aleksey Ilyin
Production: Rossfilm

Max was orphaned at a young age and after that he discovered that he had a rare gift: he couldn possess different people and study their minds. More than once Max dived into other people's conscience, but he had the most pleasant experience when he explored the mentality of a young beautiful painter Vera. She teaches the protagonist to see the harmony of nature and he unveils secrets of the human brain to her. Together they set on a journey which takes them far beyond the limits of ordinary people's perceptions.

95' 2015

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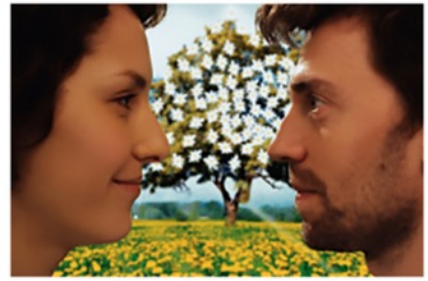

WANDERERS

FILM INSTALLATION / ART

by Anna Simakova
Cast: Urshula Malka, Vladimir Seleznyov, Ivan Ivanov, Sergey Ivanov
Russia-Italy

Tuscany. Spacious house on the hill. This is a lovely peaceful place away from the civilization. There is a neat chapel near the house. Probably, that's how paradise looks like. The car pulls up near the house - a couple, Sofiya and Platon, and their six- year-old blond son are sitting there. In the same house moves in the man, who breakes up this family...

85' 2016

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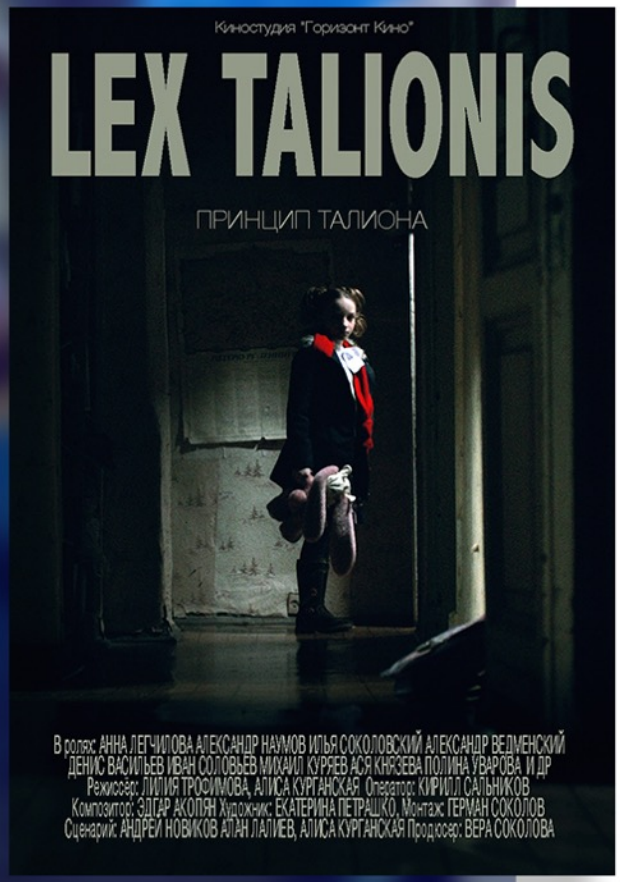

LEX TALIONIS

SOCIAL DRAMA

by Alisa Kurganskaya, Liliya Trofimova
Cast: Aleksandr Naumov, Anna Legchilova, Ivan Solovyov, Polina Uvarova etc.
Production: Film Company Gorizont

Do you know what the law of talion is?

The characters of the film suffer from misunderstanding and lack of parental love. Nikita has everything he wants, he is afraid of nothing, if anything happens, Dad will cover him. But he does not have a dream. Sasha, on the contrary, is ready to do anything to make money for his dream - an expensive car. Parents of either of them don't understand what their children lack. The law of world harmony, expressed in the notorious law of talion, rudely interferes with the fate of the characters, granting some with happiness and bringing others a lot of grief.

100'

2015

JUDAS

DRAMA

by Andrei Bogatyrev
Cast: Alexei Shevchenko, Ivan Dobronravov, Sergey Frolov, Andrew Barilo, Olga Stashkevich
Production: ABC Film Company
Based on Leonid Andreyev's novel Judas Iscariot.

Judas, a seasoned thief, finds himself in the market square where Christ is giving a sermon and his apostles are collecting alms. He follows them and steals their money, only to be caught red-handed. Nevertheless, the Teacher forgives him. What is more, He invites the thief to become one of His followers and offers him a position as the group's treasurer. Shocked by Christ's unexpected offer, Judas decides to join the apostles, if only to figure out what is going on. He gradually starts to comprehend Christ's message, but feels that the apostles are blindly following their teacher. Judas argues with them, and tries to defend his right to divine the truth of God. But when he fails to make them understand, he realizes that Christ's teachings may sink into oblivion without benefiting humanity. His solution is to betray Christ. "By killing a man, have I not saved a God?"

107'

2013

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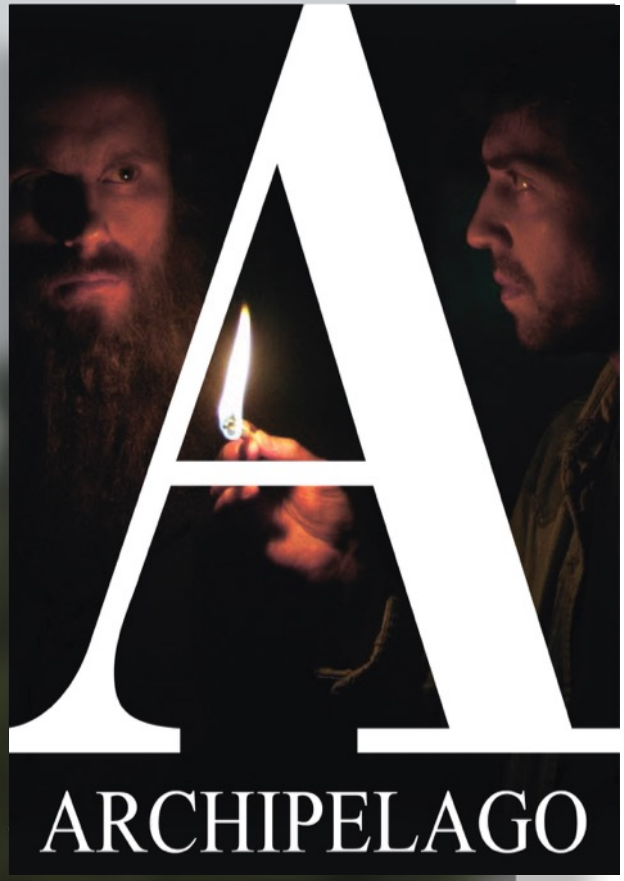

ARCHIPELAGO

SOCIAL TRAGIC COMEDY

by Tatiana Voronetskaya
Cast: Dmitry Sergin, Alexei Shevchenkov, Andrei Bogatyrev, Olga Stashkevich, Yury Gorin, Vladimir Snegurchenko, Garik Kharlamov, Olga Aksyonova
Production: Rossfilm

Balancing between things funny and great, the heroes of the tragic farce "Archipelago" seem to belong to some other dimension, somewhere out there. But all of them are just the right fellows for the one who wants to look into the very soul of the Russian nation - the source of a so sudden and so aptly described by Russian classics riot which begins for God knows what reason. So, is Russian mentality just a myth created by writers? Or maybe it is a real phenomenon they described in their books so masterfully?

120′ 2015

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WHITE NIGHTS

MELODRAMA

by Tatiana Voronetskaya
Based on Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel

Cast: Dmitry Sergin, Olga Stashkevich, Andrei Bogatyrev, Vyacheslav Shikhaleev **Production:** Rossfilm

The 21st century… Petersburg… Four white nights… The two in love… Fyodor Dostoevsky…
The film is imbued with romanticism, love, passion and the aura of the nocturnal Petersburg. Every year this city lives through the miracle of white nights. It is the time when, it seems, everything holds its breath, the past, the present and the future flowing simultaneously. The two heroes meet each other on a bridge: he is a shy and lonely dreamer taking photos of the city all nights long. He feels for all strangers — and even houses — on his way. She is fragile, in love with someone else, her radiant face is wet from tears… Three white nights of sincerity and romanticism… of sadness and quiet joy… of kissing and embracing… But in the end there comes the morning…
In fact Petersburg plays one of the central roles in this film: during white nights it intensifies the magic of the events. Petersburg becomes a part of the heroes' inner world: their souls are entirely filled with it, and altogether they become one single whole. Through this film one can see that miracles do happen in people's life — something which will affect their future…

90′ 2017

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ABOUT WAR

ACTION

PRE-PRODUCTION

Production: ABC Film Company in collaboration with Rossfilm

The plot evolves around a minor episode of WWII. We know about ingenuously planned operations deciding the outcome of big military campaigns. And we also know about local hostilities which, by and large, do not decide anything. But such clashes, too, take someone's lives. Or – dozens of lives.

The focus is on the events of only one day during winter 1942. Wehrmacht soldiers run into Soviet partisans. None of these people were born heroes. But this engagement on the outskirts of world history turns people into killig machines. No one knows how it will be at the end of the day...

100'

2017

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LABELLED

DRAMA

By Violetta Moshkova
Cast: Aleksandr Yakimenko, Ekaterina Reshetnikova, Stanislav Oskolkov

Eric, an autistic boy, lives in a world that people are born into with labels mapping out their destinies. Hostages to their labels, people gradually lose human qualities, such as kindness, patience, compassion.

Eric's label is a blank. His subtle perceptions are walled in by misunderstanding and prejudices of the surrounding world. Is there a place in it for the likes of Eric?

24' 2017

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WITHOUT REHEARSALS

DRAMA

by Narkas Iskandarova
Cast: Sergey Bredyk, Mikhail Kalinichev, Marina Vorozhisheva, Boris Shilmansky

Recently, in a Moscow theater, a beloved, young actor named Sasha Platonov is behaving strangely. He's being rude to his director, forgetting his lines in the middle of plays, getting drunk, arriving late to rehearsals, and even started a fight at a banquet. Nobody understands what's happening to him, andthey are almost ready to ostracize him. But...

32' 2017

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CHERNOMOR

BLACK COMEDY

By Oleg Urazaykin
Production: Dmitriy Kupovih Studio «Svobodnoe kino»
Cast: Ignat Akrachkov, Pavel Sborshikov, Iliya Ermolov, Arshat Highrolla, Boris Repetur

“Chernomor” is a story of two friends: German and Danya, who work in illegal morgue, run by a mysterious figure, known as “The Boss”. Their task is to get rid of corpses, do not ask questions and most importantly to keep intact one of the deposit boxes, which “The Boss” refers to as “Chernomor”. Danya, who recently lost a big sum of money, due to gambling, discovers that “The Boss” keeps all his savings in “Chernomor”. German, by mistake, misleads Danya into thinking that he knows how to open “Chernomor”, and now Danya is ready to do anything to get the combination from German. Being distracted, German and Danya don’t realize that they are being watched, as they will very soon find out that they are not the only ones interested in “Chernomor”.

20’ 2017

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THE NEW BOY

FAMILY COMEDY

By Maria Sopova

Production: Dmitriy Kupovih Studio «Svobodnoe kino» (D. Kupovih Studio Ltd.), Film studio «KinoShkil»

Cast: Aleksandr Aleshkin, Elena Lyamina, Mikhail Novozheninm Dmitry Belozerkovsky, Tatyana Pletneva, Aleksey Demidov, Sergey Novozhenin, Darya Khitarova, Ksenia Golubeva, Nikita Lybimov

Comedian movie-fairytail about adopted child in a big family. As fallen-from-the moon the new boy behaves in a strange way: speaks incomprehensible jargon and doesn't obey parents...but also likes making cookies and dishwashing. How does the family handle with this "the new boy"?

30′ 2017

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AQUATHLON

DRAMA

By Aleksey Shabarov

Production: Andrei Konchalovsky Studios
Cast: Sergey Zamyatin, Danyl Lekomzev, Petr Tvorogov, Danila Artemenko, Oksana Sanykova, Yana Arshavskaya

The mother sent the teenager to learn how to swim with a good trainer. After the first classes, the boy staged a local revolution in the pool. It seemed more important to resist than to learn how to swim.

15′ 2017

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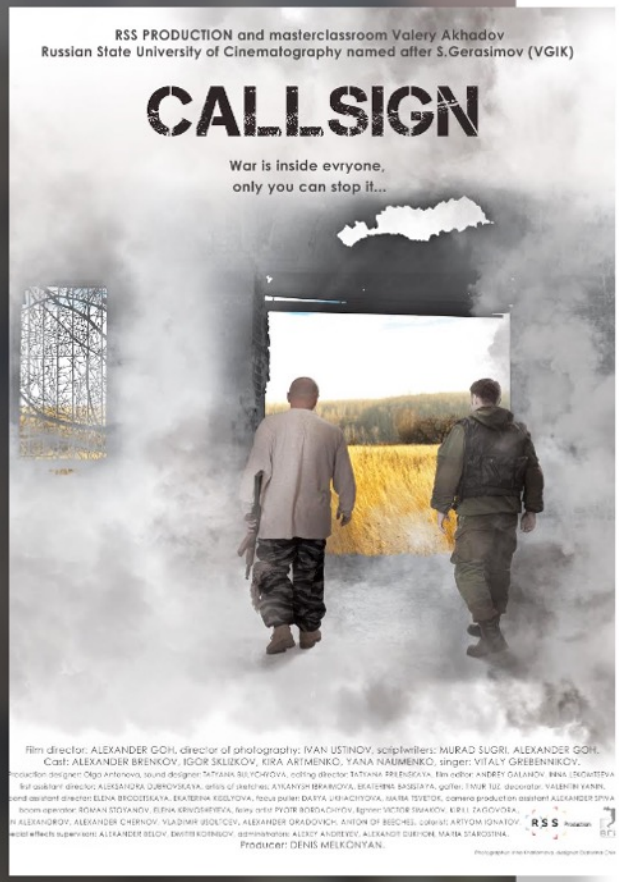

CALLSIGN

DRAMA

By Aleksandr Gogh
Cast: Igor Sklizkov, Aleksandr Brenkov
RSS Production

Only yesterday they were kicking the ball in the same street, chasing after the same girl, but today they are divided by WAR.
Ukraine, neutral territory, St. George's chapel turned into a hideout… It's crazy, painful, unexplainable. Why? What for? In what's name? Maybe it's not too late to try to forgive and stand together? Just keep on talking to each other.
How one night could change the fate of one, two or maybe all the soldiers- in the epic story "Callsign"

28' 2016

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LYUBA

DRAMA

by Yulia Melnikova
Cast: Alla Pokrovskaya, Tatiana Cherkasova, Polina Simacheva

Lyuba Is a shrill film about desperate aspiration to happiness, fear and pathological love of mother to her child. Three generations of women of one family live in a country house lost somewhere in the forest. Their world consists of countless details, juicy colors of a carpet on the wall, weightless dresses, kept in old granny-mother-daughter closet. Each family member is suffocating inside this house, each of the women wants freedom and their own happiness. Grandmother Nadia wants to save her daughter from disappointment and pain and even from the whole world no matter what. She interferes with the life of Lyuba, destroying any hope for happiness.

13’ 2017

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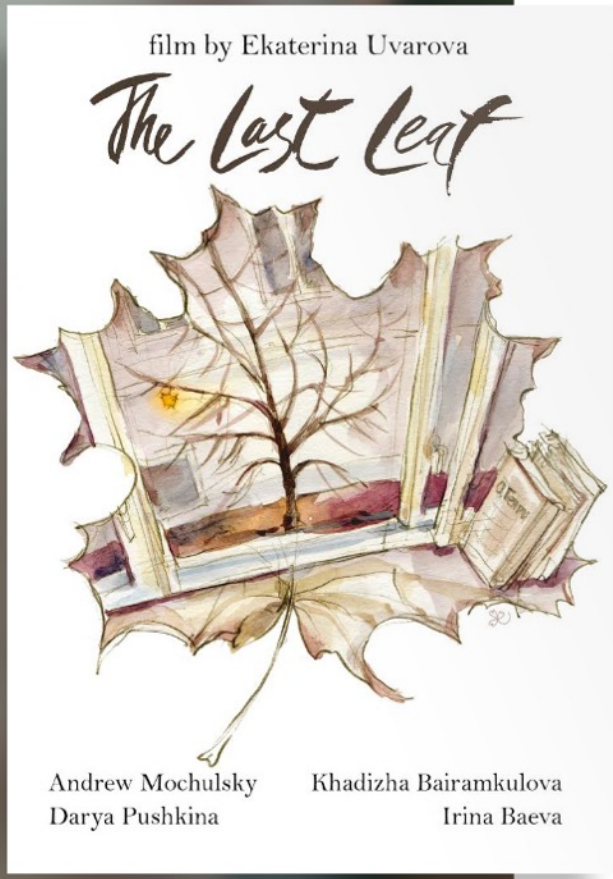


THE LAST LEAF

DRAMA

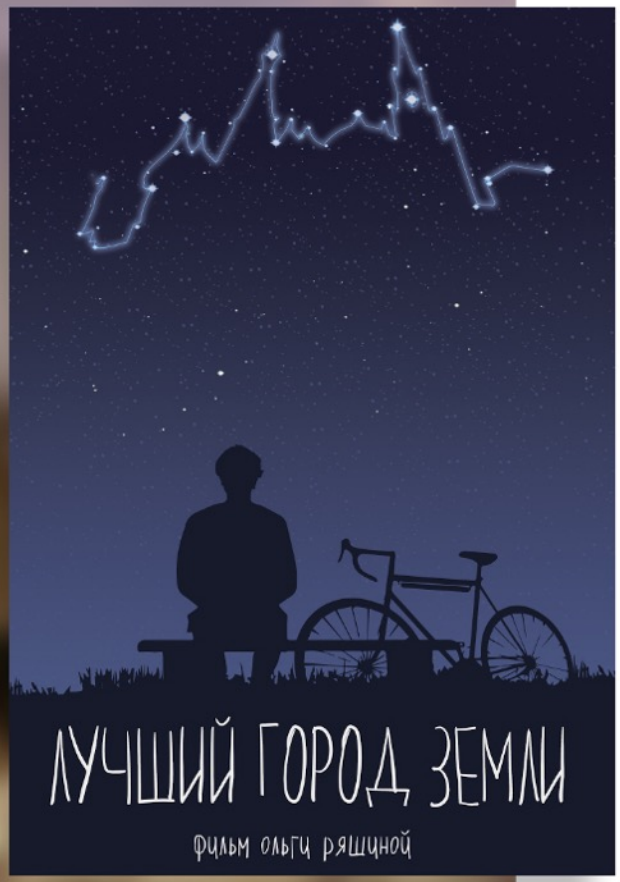
by Ekaterina Uvarova

Production: Moscow Institute of Television and Radio Broadcasting "Ostankino"

Cast: Irina Baeva, Alena Yakimova, Valery Krupenin, Vladislav Tsyndryn

What if your loved one loses his interest in life? How can you help him? How do you make him believe in himself again?
When Leila's grandmother, the woman who brought her up, dies she falls ill with pneumonia and a severe form of depression. Her friend Oksana asks an old artist who lives near the girls for help. Valentin Petrovich and Oksana are shocked, because Laila is waiting for her death, while the leaves are falling from the young maple in their yard.

25' 2017



ALLERGIC TO THE TRUTH

COMEDY

by Olga Riashyna
Production: «Gravity Partnership»

Cast: Sergey Sotserdotsky, Anna Tsukanov-Kott, Danila Yakushev, Danila Rassomahin, Pavel Rossomahin, Oleg Kassin, Vladimir Shiryaev

Ivan sneezes every time he hears the truth. His asthma makes this is a life threat. So he may only live where everybody lies. It's a tiny village, where the folk are willing to cooperate and lie to him all the time. That is, until some unexpected visitors show up. Ivan encounters a beautiful girl, deals with gangsters and whatnot - all in one day!

15' 2017

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FAY

DRAMA

Film by Margarita Volkova

Cast: Elena Vasileva, Sergey Alexandrovskiy, Svetlana Galkina, Margarita Volkova.

A brothel has a newcomer - a deaf and blind girl who was brought here. To everyone's surprise, she becomes the most desirable prostitute. While the others are being jealous of her success, puzzled by her overwhelming desire to have a child. Fay is surfing in her inner world full of hidden truth.
Production: Volki Film

32' 2017

THE LITTLE CLOUD AND THE WHALE

ANIMATION

Film by Tomilova Alyona

It's a naive and touching story, written by six years old boy. Its name was simply «The Little Cloud and the Whale».
The main hero - the small curious cloud. She is flying over the world looking for a soul mate. Finally the Cloud finds a Big Blue Whale. And even if they are so different outwardly, they fill very well together.
Suddenly, the whale gets in trouble, which can be the end of him...
The Little Cloud rescues the Whale at the cost of her own life.

3'30" 2016

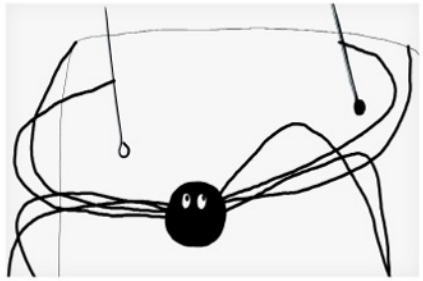
THE GOSSAMER

ANIMATION

Film by Chenysheva Natalia

The old lady is living in a small house. She is a lace-maker. She makes beautiful lace shawls-gossamers. Once a curious spider admired her lace-working. The lady noticed him, frightened, and tried to catch him with a vacuum cleaner. But after, she rescued him and taught him how to lace light magnificent gossamers.

4′ 2014



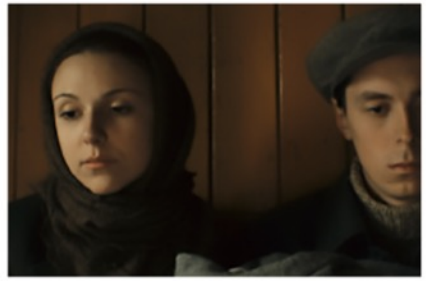
1937

HISTORICAL DRAMA

by Svetozar Golovlev

1937. A young couple is going to a village somewhere outside Moscow to baptize their child secretly. They see a train with convicts passing by the station they just arrived at. Suddenly a letter falls out of one of the cars. The main characters understand that it is a letter home. The follow-up boils down to painful struggle between their conscience and fear. They are well aware that helping the letter reach the addressee will be regarded as collaborationism, for which they may be prosecuted.

18′ 2011



THE DOCTOR

MILITARY DRAMA

by Anna Goroyan

Cast: Kirill Kyaro, Aleksandr Golubev, Arslan Murzabekov, Aleksandr Khoshabaev, David Mardyan

The film is based on the facts.

The First Chechen war. Civilians, both Russian and Chechen have fled from the city. Mikhail, a surgeon, is one of the few Russians who stayed in Grozny. Mikhail's friend, a Chechen, protects him from militants and keeps convincing him to go to his family - the doctor's wife and daughter, who left the city after the war burst out. Mikhail takes a decision to leave. But at night militants break into the doctor's house with a wounded man. And early in the morning a car with federals pulls in.

25' 2014

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COAT CHECK LADY

THRILLER

by Ekaterina Golubeva-Poldi
Cast: Galina Petrova, Igor Savochkin, Stasya Miloslavskaya

Who knows which demons may be awakened by insolence or blind love? As the old adage goes: the theater begins with the coat check. Galina Alexandrovna, a coat check lady at one of Moscow's most prestigious theaters, is fueled by a grand sense of purpose. All the world's a stage and the coat check lady is clearly a key player. But what will become of her coveted position if she abuses her power and mistreats a pair of latecomers – a polite father and his fiery teenage daughter?

30′ 2016

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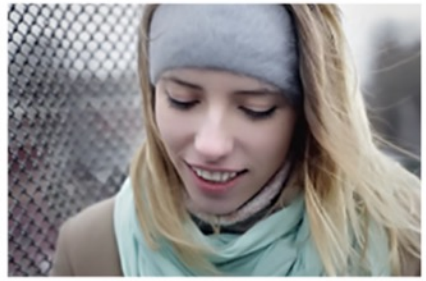
F5

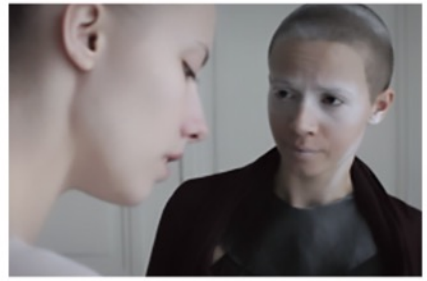
DANCE DRAMA

by Timo

Kate and Galya are two students of Chelyabinsk Institute of Culture. They are sent to an international festival with the choreographic performance. Girls believe that their modernistic dance will impress the audience and the jury. That means they will win a tour, and the world of high art ...

33' 2013





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AMBITIOUS

COMEDY

by Ainur Askar
More than 40 awards

The main event in this village is a weekly film show at the local recreation center. The main character is a passionate fan of Indian films. But it's not that easy to get through to the screening of your favorite film.

22' 2012

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CLOVER BLOSSOM

MELODRAMA

by Pavel Seplayrskiy
Cast: Anna Potebnya, Nikolay Gallyamov

A he and a she, a bridge and the summer that happens only once in one's life. 11 minutes about the most beautiful and stealing age.

11′ 2016

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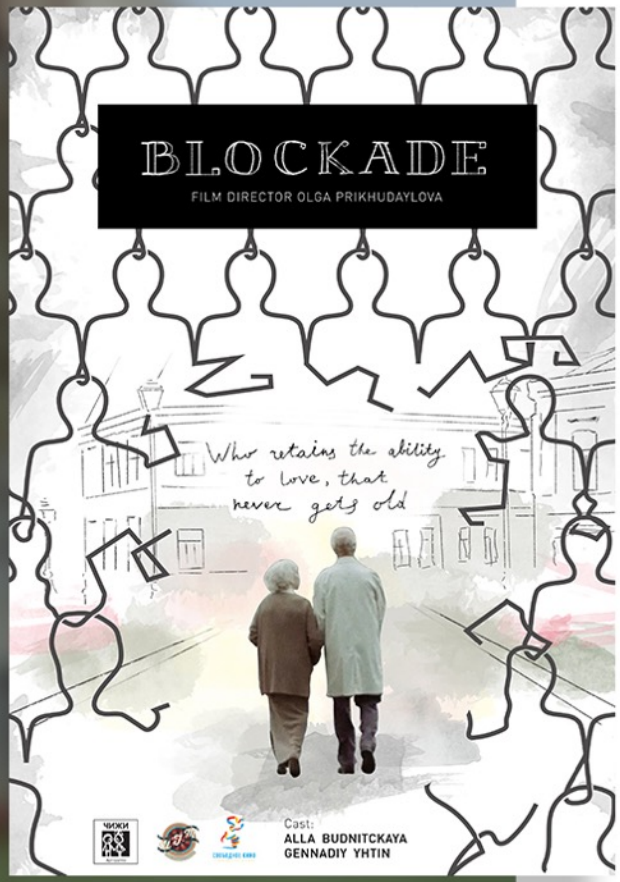


BLOCKADE

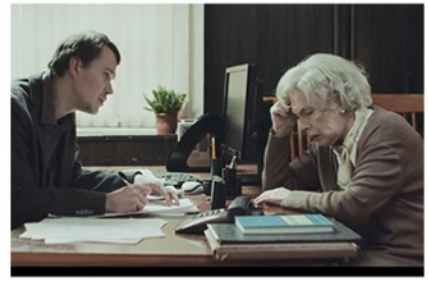
SOCIAL DRAMA

by Olga Prikhudaylova
Cast: Alla Budnitckaya, Gennadiy Yhtin

Old ages should be in trend!

The story is about human's choice, finding your own way and what results it may bring. Each of us are writing our life's story and we may change it's scenario any time. But the most important thing for human being is whether the story will have happy end or not, but it always depends on person and his or her own choice.

20′ 2016



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CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

DRAMA

by Nataliya Belyauskene
Cast: Timophey Tribuntsev, Daniil Izotov

When you're six and a half years old and you see the world through a piece of coloured glass - everything is simple. It's the time of miracles and discoveries. Kolya Pykhtin comes to Moscow for the violin contest, but runs away from his teacher to meet his father.
They get to spend some time together and realise how close they really are.

38' 2015

MOM

DRAMA

by Kirill Pletnev

Cast: Svetlana Khodchenkova, Valery Barinov, Olga Sirina, Olga Lapshina, Stefania Lebedeva

In the center of the story - the relationship of a young mother with her 14-year-old daughter, who actually believes his mother's older sister and his grandmother and grandfather - real parents. This is a film that mistakes made in their youth, may cripple all his life, and that is very important for our children to these errors are not repeated.

23' 2016

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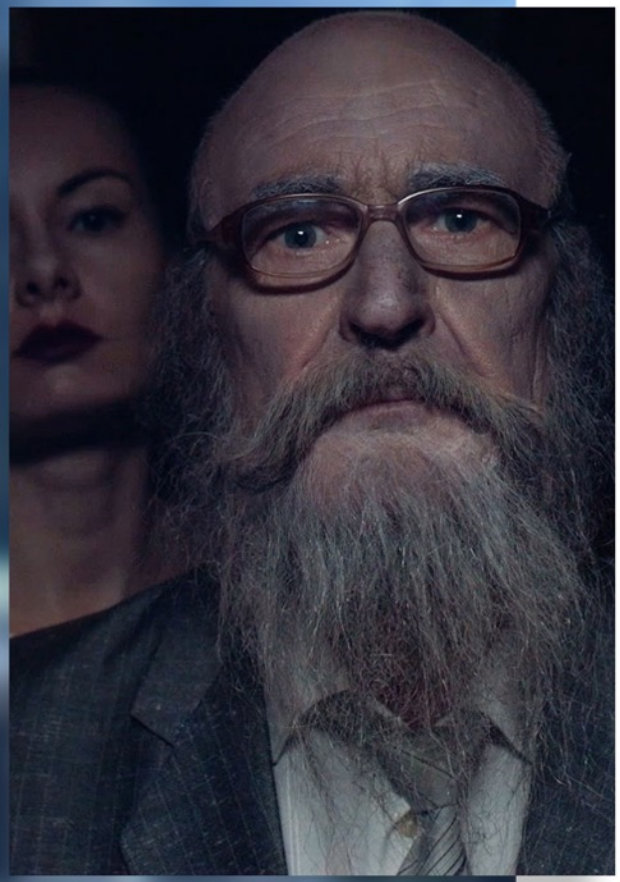

FREE DAY

MYSTICAL DRAMA

by Natalia Bochkareva
Cast: Vladislav Shklayev, Olga Red'ko, Valeriy Eremenko

"Free Day" - a day when you need to stop, think about your life and about themselves. Because the life cycle of the bustle in the eternal pursuit of money, and the pursuit of a comfortable life, we sometimes forget that all this can end in one second, and the way back anymore.

21' 2016

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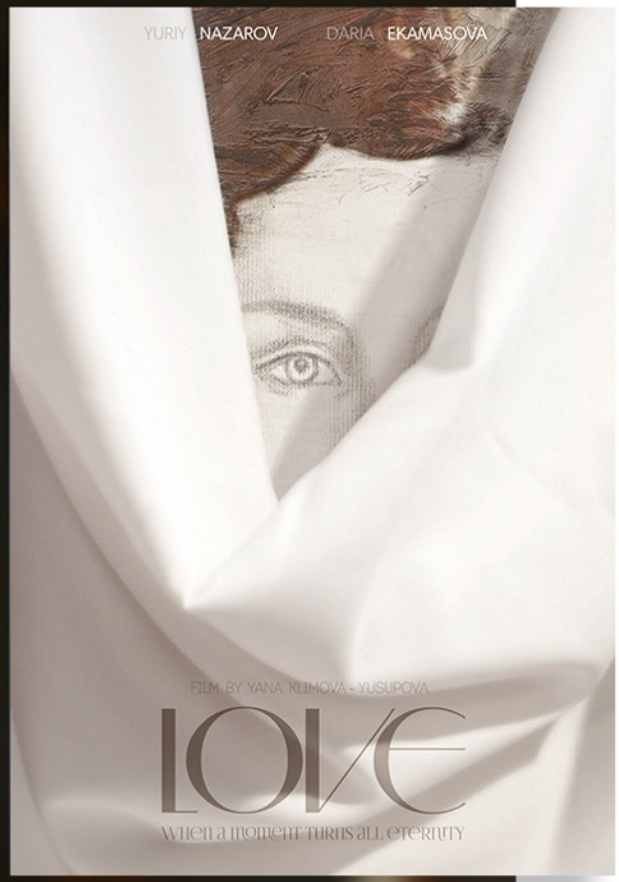

LOVE

DRAMA

by Yana Klimova-Yusupova
Cast: Yuriy Nazarov, Daria Ekamasova

When a moment turns all eternity...

An old teacher suffers from loneliness and insomnia. Long days are passing by, and there is no one who could support and help him. Incidentally, in an online advert of a brothel, he sees a girl's face, that makes his heart beat faster... A lost young woman and a lonely old man meet to change the course of their difficult destinies forever...

30' 2015

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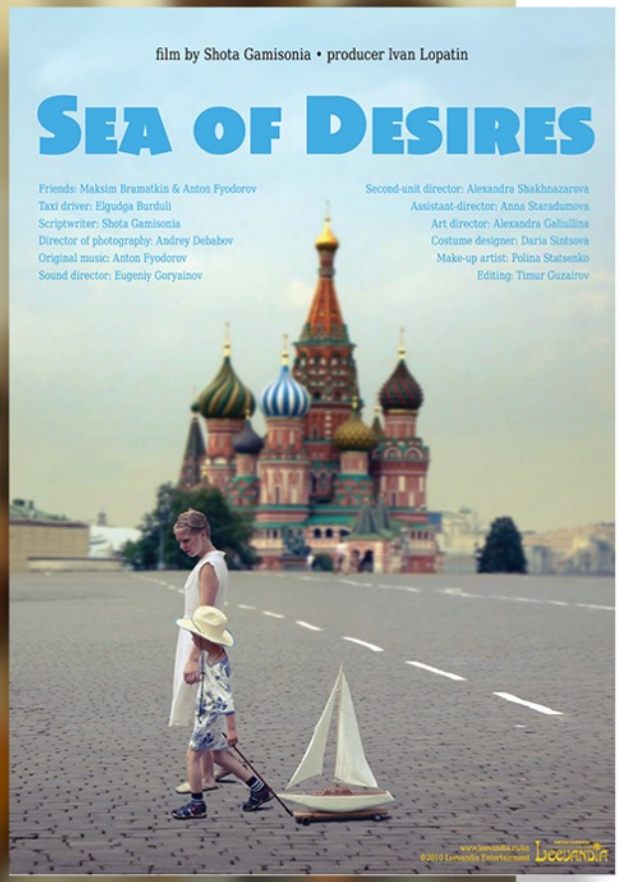

SEA OF DESIRES

PARABLE

by Shota Gamisonia

It is one day in the life of two friends Moscovites. Their Moscow has got a real sea, the southern sun and home-made wine.

28′ 2010

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