



BORZAYA

a short film by

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Genre: Short / Drama
Year: 2021
Runtime: 19:33
Countries: Germany, Poland
Production: Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg GmbH
Languages: Russian, Polish, English
Subtitles: English, German
Formats: DCP, ProRes

SYNOPSIS

In the Ukrainian Carpathians, large Western companies threaten to destroy the existence of the forestry owned by Sylwia's family. In order to make some urgently needed money, Sylwia agrees to help to smuggle refugees across the nearby external EU border.



DIRECTORS NOTE

The story of BORZAYA is set in Ukraine. For many refugees on their getaway to Europe Ukraine is a transit country. At the same time it is a country that has been brutally exploited for years in the interest of Western-European companies. Our film tells how the supposedly stronger take the breath away from those who already suffer from the consequences of an increasingly cynical globalization - not only metaphorically, but concretely.

At a time when the European Union is becoming more and more selfcentred, I want to highlight the fates of those who receive the least attention, while at the same time being directly confronted with the consequences of our lifestyle.



DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

Simon Schneckenburger

Born in 1990 in Freiburg, Germany. 2017 B.A. in Media and Production at Hochschule Offenburg. His graduation film STARS AT DAY won the German Young Talent Film Award in 2017. Mentored by Max Leo from Augenschein Filmproduktion since 2017.

Currently he is studying Fiction Directing at the Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg in Ludwigsburg. BORZAYA is his second year film.

- 2021 • Borzaya | Short
- 2020 • I think we're headed for the End of the World | Essay short
- 2018 • Beyond the Noise | Short
- 2017 • Winter Solstice | Short
- 2016 • Stars at Day | Mid length
- 2015 • Rainy Days | Short





PRODUCTION

BORZAYA was an interdisciplinary project in the second year of studies at Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg. The development was accompanied by extensive research on-site as well as interviews with investigative journalists, NGOs and Interpol. For the film, we were able to assemble an international cast. Natalia Lange (Łągiewczyk), known from IDA by Paweł Pawlikowski, plays the leading role.

Shooting took place in Germany (Black Forest) and on the Polish-Ukrainian border (Bieszczady National Park) in the summer of 2020 in compliance with all Corona regulations.

BORZAYA was finally completed in March 2021. Currently, its world premiere is being planned.

CAST AND CREW

Starring: Natalia Lange, Harry Schäfer
Maciek Zera, Linda Ghandour

Director: Simon Schneckenburger

Written by: Mathis van den Berg, Simon Schneckenburger

Produced by: Leon Döhner, Julian Haisch

Cinematography: Nico Schrenk

Editor: Lukas Wengorz

Sound Design: Daniel Kling

Composer: Timo Klabunde

Location Sound: Julian Berg

Production Design: Jonas Golchini, Bartholomäus Kleppek

Costume Design: Christin-Marlen Freyler

Hair & Make-Up: Anna Poser

Casting: Juliane Voigtländer, Jessica Layher



LINKS

Film with English subtitles:

<https://vimeo.com/506849262>

Password: air

Film with German subtitles:

<https://vimeo.com/502734244>

Password: luft

Trailer:

<https://vimeo.com/553334037/538cd982d0>

Stills:

<https://degas.filmakademie.de/nextcloud/s/SgTBxnpLYmk7CtN>

Dialog list:

<https://degas.filmakademie.de/nextcloud/s/xzrFjTY9ns4BSn>

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