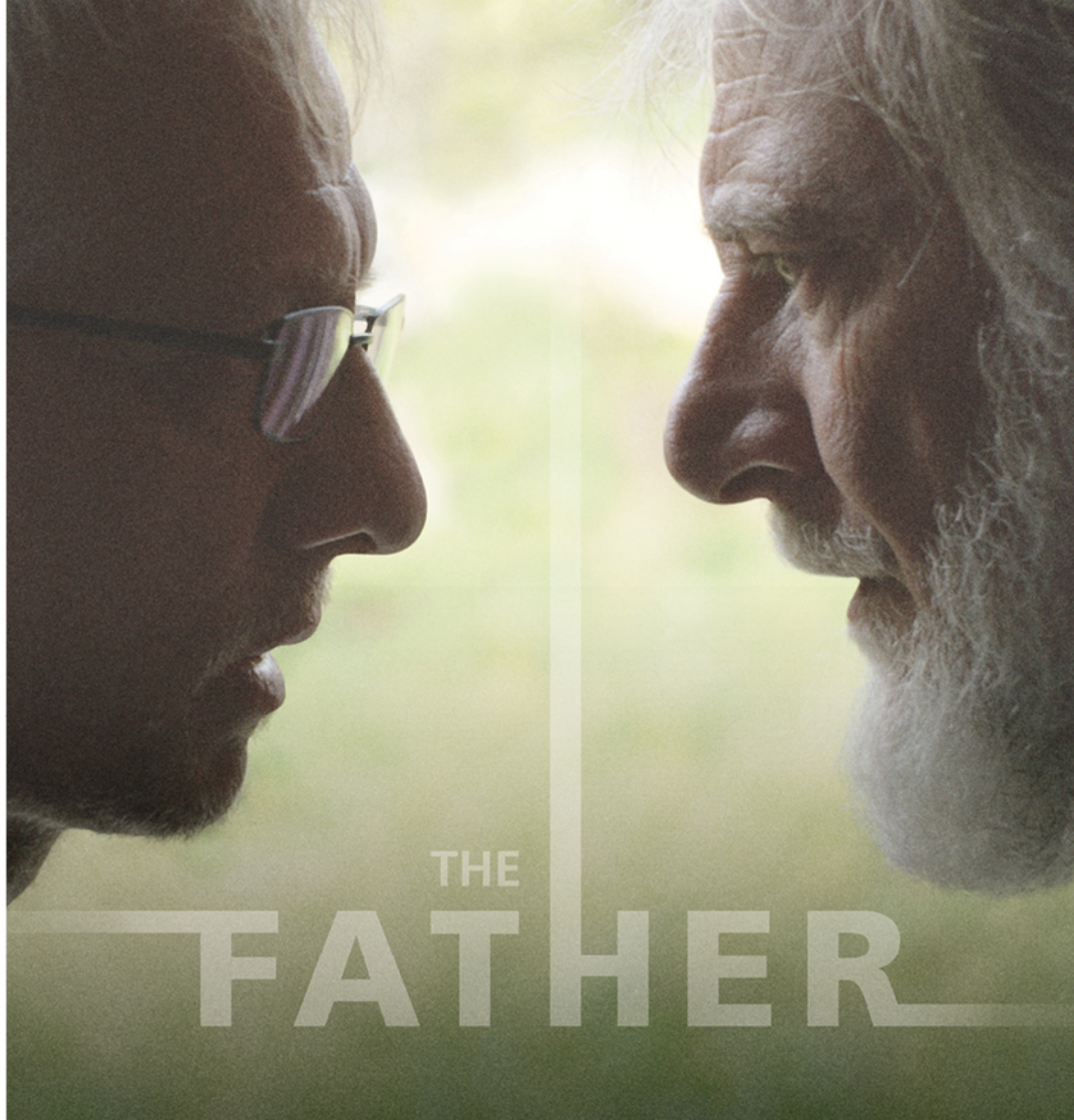




Karlovy Vary
International Film Festival
Official Selection – Competition

A Film By

PETAR VALCHANOV
&
KRISTINA GROZEVA



THE
FATHER

SYNOPSIS

Length • 87 minutes

Nationality • Bulgaria - Greece

Language • Bulgarian

Screen ratio • cinemascope 2.35:1

A day after Valentina's passing, her bereaved husband Vassil and son Pavel find out that she persistently keeps trying to call the neighbour on the phone. A sucker for the supernatural, Vassil sets out on a trip to meet a famous medium, forcing his estranged son Pavel to tag along and make sure his nutty old dad stays out of harm's way. The unhinged journey that follows will make them face the guilt they feel towards the one they lost and rediscover their relationship.



DIRECTORS' BIO

Kristina Grozeva and Petar Valchanov are a writer-producer-director couple based in Sofia, Bulgaria. They first met at the National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts and have been working together ever since. In 2009 they cemented this collaboration into their very own production company Abraxas Film. Their goal – to produce shorts, features and documentaries with memorable characters and gripping storylines that are equal parts amusing, upsetting and touching.

Kristina and Petar's short film debut "Jump" (2012) became the first Bulgarian film ever nominated for the European Film Award. Their independent micro-budget feature debut "The Lesson" (2014) and its follow-up "Glory" (2016) won multiple awards at the festivals in San Sebastian, Tokyo, Locarno, Gothenburg, Warsaw, Edinburgh, Les Arcs, Gijon and many others, proving to be two of the most acclaimed Bulgarian films of the 21st century. The titles are parts of the directors' so-called Newspaper Clippings Trilogy of stories inspired by media sensations depicting the absurdity of life in post-communist Bulgaria. The final installment, "Triumph", is currently in development.



CAST

IVAN BARNEV

IVAN SAVOV

TANYA SHAHOVA

HRISTOFOR NEDKOV

NIKOLAY TODOROV

BOYAN DOYCHINOV

MARGITA GOSHEVA

IVANKA BRATOEVA

CREW

music by
HRISTO NAMLIEV

costume designer
IVELINA MINEVA

film editor
PETAR VALCHANOV

production designer
VANINA GELEVA

sound designer
IVAN ANDREEV

director of photography
KRUM RODRIGUEZ

executive producers
KRISTINA GROZEVA
POLI ANGELOVA
ELENA MOSHOLOVA

produced by
KRISTINA GROZEVA
PETAR VALCHANOV
KONSTANTINA STAVRIANOU
IRINI VOUGIOUKALOU

written and directed by
PETAR VALCHANOV & KRISTINA GROZEVA

PRODUCTION COMPANIES

ABRAXAS FILM

Founded on April 1, 2009, the company proved to be no joke with its catalog of Kristina Grozeva and Petar Valchanov's multi-award winning short and features, all of them with highly successful festival careers, including world premieres in Locarno, Toronto and San Sebastian, and official selections in Tokyo, Gothenburg, Warsaw, Edinburgh and many others. The company serves primarily as the production vehicle for Kristina and Petar's personal creative pursuits, though it did produce the short film "Dog" by up-and-coming Bulgarian director Vladimir Petev.

FILMOGRAPHY

THE FATHER (2019), comedy/drama
directed by Kristina Grozeva & Petar Valchanov

GLORY (2016), drama/dark comedy
directed by Kristina Grozeva & Petar Valchanov

DOG (2016), short
directed by Vladimir Petev

THE LESSON (2014), drama/comedy
directed by Kristina Grozeva & Petar Valchanov

JUMP (2012), short
directed by Kristina Grozeva & Petar Valchanov



GRAAL FILMS

Graal S.A. is a production and post-production facility founded in 1999 in Athens, Greece. Graal is focused on cinema and its involvement in the cinematic process varies from the early stages of development to providing post-production services for shorts, feature films and documentaries. Graal has produced three feature films and three documentaries to date, to international acclaim.

In 2003 the company started working on international co-productions, amassing a wide selection of projects over the following years. Its extensive track record includes films selected for Cannes, Venice, Berlinale and other international festivals. To date, the company has co-produced 55 films and has a portfolio of 390 titles. Since 2010, Graal Films has been the main sponsor of the Agora Film Market section of the Thessaloniki IFF, offering a complete image post-production award.

Graal Films has been a permanent co-production partner to Abraxas Film ever since their first feature "THE LESSON" (2014).

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

THE DELEGATION (2018), drama
directed by Bujar Alimani
Albania - France - Greece

WHAT COMES AROUND (2018), documentary
directed by Reem Saleh
Lebanon - Egypt - Greece - Qatar - Slovenia

SECRET INGREDIENT (2017), drama/fiction
directed by Gjorce Stavreski
Republic of Macedonia - Greece

JESUS (2016), drama
directed by Fernando Guzzoni
Chile - France - Germany - Greece - Colombia

SUNTAN (2016), drama/thriller
directed by Argiris Paradimitropoulos
Greece

ALBA (2016), drama/family
directed by Ana Cristina Barragán
Ecuador - Mexico - Greece

LA MEZZA STAGIONE (2014), drama
directed by Danilo Caputo
Italy - Romania - Greece

I AM NOT HIM (2013), drama
directed by Tayfun Pirselimoglu
Turkey - France - Greece



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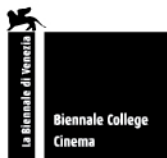
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