



Karlovy Vary
International Film Festival
East of the West – Competition

AFTER THE WINTER

a film by Ivan Bakrač





Synopsis

Five small town Montenegrin childhood friends still cherish their friendship, despite being scattered all across former Yugoslavia. Over the course of one year, after a series of life-defining events, they are forced to transform their careless, escapist youth into maturity. When the winter is over, each of them will have to build their own new world.

Film Information

Original title Poslije zime

English title After the Winter

Genre Drama

Countries Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia

Language Montenegrin, Serbian

Year 2021

Duration 101 min

Picture Color

Aspect ratio 1:85

Sound 5.1





Main cast

Ivona Kustudić as Jana

Ana Vučković as Marija

Momčilo Otašević as Mladen

Petar Burić as Danilo

Maja Šuša as Bubi

Crew

screenwriter and director Ivan Bakrač

director of photography Dušan Grubin

editor Nataša Pantić

original score Alen Sinkauz and Nenad Sinkauz

production design Dragana Baćović

costume design Milena Miljković

sound design Dario Domitrović, Tomislav Hleb

and Dušan Maksimovski

sound recordist Ivan Antić

hair and make-up Nataša Sevčnikar

producers Ivan Đurović and Snežana Nikčević

co-producers Nikolina Vučetić Zečević, Maja Ilić,

Damir Terešak and Guillaume de Seille

Director's statement

The driving force of my story is the motif of youth coming to an end, which I approach as something that comes suddenly, an occurrence which is both expected and a result of a conscious delay. The narrative is driven by a variety of events, social conditions and the environment surrounding the characters, whose growing up was postponed under the influence of their countries which are also “immature” and in constant transition. There is a lot of space left to create associations with the eternal questions about our own selves, about that thing that shapes, directs and ultimately defines life and creates a plan, a project out of it. This is a story of a vanishing world, a nostalgic and humorous ode to friendship and youth.





Director's biography

Ivan Bakrač (1987, Montenegro) graduated from the Faculty of Arts and Design in Belgrade (Serbia) with the MA degree in film directing. He has written and directed short and medium length films that participated in many international festivals and won awards. Ivan participated in various programs such as Berlinale Talents, Talents Sarajevo and Zurich FF Academy. Apart from filmmaking, he also works as a festival programmer. After the Winter is his debut feature film.

Films: Wars (2013, medium-length); Our skin is going to gray (2014, short); Malesh (2016, short); After the Winter (2021, feature).



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